



Memorandum

Date: January 14, 2022
To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Kelley Gandurski, Interim City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Office Weekly Report for
January 10-14, 2022

Staff Reports by Department

There will be no 311 report this week

City Manager's Office

Weekly Bids Advertised
City Council Agenda Schedule

Community Development

Weekly Zoning Report
Weekly Inspection Report

Health Department - Ike

Weekly Food Establishment Application Report

Law Department - Nick

Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Legislative Reading

NWMC Weekly Briefing

<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>2:00 PM</p> <p>Design and Project Review Committee (DAPR)</p> <p>4:00 PM</p> <p>Reimagining Public Safety Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM</p> <p>Housing & Community Development Committee - VIRTUAL</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00 PM</p> <p>Rules Committee (Virtual)</p> <p>6:00 PM</p> <p>MWEBE Development Committee - CANCELED</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 PM</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Board</p> <p>7:00 PM</p> <p>Social Services Committee - VIRTUAL</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:00 AM</p> <p>Liquor Control Review Board</p> <p>4:30 PM</p> <p>Administration & Public Works Committee</p> <p>5:15 PM</p> <p>Planning & Development Committee</p> <p>6:00 PM</p> <p>City Council</p>	<p>25</p> <p>2:00 PM</p> <p>Design and Project Review Committee (DAPR)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM</p> <p>Land Use Commission</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:30 PM</p> <p>Emergency Telephone System Board Meeting</p>

City Council Agenda Items

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- Nicholas Cummings:** Resolution 8-R-22 adopting Mandatory COVID-19 Vax policy applicable to elected officials
 - Council Action: SPB
 - Action: For Action
 - iCompass Status: Not Entered in System
 - Department: Law
 - Council or Committee: CC

- Nicholas Cummings:** Special Order of Bus-discussion on hazard pay for grocery stores due Jan 18, 2022
 - Council Action: SPB
 - Action: For Discussion
 - iCompass Status: Not Entered in System
 - Department: Law
 - Council or Committee: APW

- Hitesh Desai:** Approval of Bills list and payroll
 - Council Action: Bus
 - Action: For Action
 - Department: CMO
 - Council or Committee: APW

- Luke Stowe:** Tyler Technologies New World ERP sole source renewal
 - Department: Admin Serv
 - Council Action: Bus
 - Action: For Action
 - iCompass Status: Not Entered in System
 - MWEBE Memo: No
 - Council or Committee: APW

- Luke Stowe:** Resolution xx-R-22, Approval of Skidata Agmt - Parking Access and Revenue Control Systems
 - Council or Committee: APW
 - Council Action: Res
 - Action: For Action
 - iCompass Status: Not Entered in System
 - Department: Admin Serv
 - MWEBE Memo: No

APT is going under so we need to transfer operations to Skidata asap.

- Lara Biggs:** Approval of Change Order 1 with Thermosystems/ Daikan for Water Plant HVAC
 - Council Action: Bus
 - Action: For Action
 - Department: Public Works
 - iCompass Status: Entered
 - MWEBE Memo: No
 - Council or Committee: APW

- Darrell King:** Approval of a One-Year Time Extension to the Contract with Backflow Solutions Incorporated for Cross-Connection Control Management Program Services
 - Council Action: Bus
 - Action: For Action
 - iCompass Status: Pending Approval
 - Department: Public Works

MWEBE Memo: Yes
Council or Committee: APW

Darrell King: Approval of Northwest Water Commission Annual Quantity Rate True-Up

Council Action: Bus
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Pending Approval
Department: Public Works
MWEBE Memo: No
Council or Committee: APW

ecano: Approval of Contract Award with Ozinga Ready Mix for Single-Source Purchase of Concrete

Council Action: Bus
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Pending Approval
Department: Public Works
MWEBE Memo: Yes
Council or Committee: APW

Darrell King: FY 2022 Estimated Annual User Charge with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) for Disposal of Sludge Generated as Part of the Water Treatment Process

CMO Review/Final Agenda: Yes
Council Action: Bus
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Approved
Department: Public Works
Council or Committee: APW

David Stoneback: Resolution 5-R-22, Authorizing Extension of a License to Comcast, Allowing Maintenance of a Building and Fence in the Public Right-of-Way of Mulford Street and Park Land in James Park

Council Action: Res
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Pending Approval
Department: Public Works
MWEBE Memo: No
Council or Committee: APW

Darrell King: Ordinance 1-O-22, Amending Title 7 of the City Code Concerning City Waterworks System

Council Action: Ord
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Approved
Department: Public Works
MWEBE Memo: No
CMO Review/Final Agenda: Yes
Council or Committee: APW

Nicholas Cummings: Ordinance 8-O-22 Amending City Code Section 3-4-6(O) Regarding Allowed Hours of Alcohol Sales

Council or Committee: APW
Council Action: Ord
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Approved
Department: Law
CMO Review/Final Agenda: Yes

Johanna Nyden: Farmhouse Sidewalk Cafe

Council Action: Ord
Action: For Introduction

iCompass Status: Pending Approval
Department: Community Dev
Council or Committee: PD

Johanna Nyden: Property Standards Process

Council Action: Disc
Action: For Discussion
Department: Community Dev
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System
Council or Committee: PD

Johanna Nyden: Update and Seeking Direction re: Housing and Landlord Issues

Council Action: Disc
Action: For Discussion
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System
Department: Community Dev
Council or Committee: PD

Nicholas Cummings: Resolution 6-R-22 Approval of Contract with Dan Lauber to consult the P&D due Jan 18, 2022
Subcommittee

Council Action: Res
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Pending Approval
Department: Law
Council or Committee: PD

Johanna Nyden: IHDA Support Letter - HODC Project

Council Action: Bus
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System
Department: Community Dev
Council or Committee: HCDC

Sarah Flax: Approval of Renewal Contract for Landlord-Tenant Services with Metropolitan Tenants Organization and Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing

Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System
Department: Community Dev
Council or Committee: HCDC
Council Action: Bus

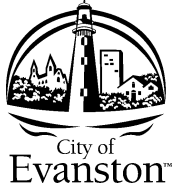
Sarah Flax: Approval of Renewal Contract to Administer the Inclusionary Housing Waitlist Management with Community Partners for Affordable Housing

Council Action: Bus
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System
Department: Community Dev
Council or Committee: HCDC

Kimberly Richardson: Appointments BCCs

Council Action: Res
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Pending Approval
Department: Mayor's Office
Council or Committee: Mayor's Office

February 14, 2022



Memorandum

To: Kelley Gandurski, Interim City Manager

From: Hitesh Desai, CFO/ City Treasurer
Tammi Nunez, Purchasing Manager

Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week of January 10, 2022

Date: January 14, 2022

The following is a list of projects that have been advertised and the anticipated date each will be presented to Council or Library Board.

Bids/RFPs/RFQs sent during the Week of January 10, 2022

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number/Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
RFQ 22-02 Fountain Square	City Manager's Office	The City of Evanston's Arts Council is seeking proposals from experienced professional artists and artist teams for the creation of a permanent, large-scale outdoor public art piece at the south end of Fountain Square that honors the Black roots of Evanston and the experience of Evanston's Black residents.	\$85,000	3/8	3/28



Memorandum

To: Kelley Gandurski, Interim City Manager

From: Angelique Schnur, Interim Building and Inspection Services Manager

Subject: Weekly Inspection Report

Date: January 14, 2022

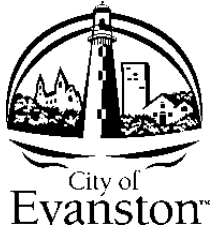
Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections under special monitoring. The report, organized by ward, includes the property address, the type of inspection, inspector notes, date received and current status.

Please contact me at 847-448-8035 or aschnur@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Cases Received, January 14, 2022

Field Reports

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1215 Church Street (YWCA)	Renovation of Existing Center/New Domestic Violence Shelter	The project is nearly complete. The contractor is finalizing site and lighting requirements.	1/13/2022
4	1555 Ridge Avenue	Multi-Family Building	The construction fence and site are in good shape. Interior unit and common area buildout continues.	1/13/2022
8	1011 Howard Street (Evergreen Senior Housing)	Senior Living Facility	The construction fence and site are in good shape. Interior unit and common area buildout continues. The project is nearing the TCO inspection stage.	1/13/2022
8	100 Chicago Avenue (Gateway)	Mixed-Use Retail/Residential	The construction fence and site are in good order. The second floor rough framing of exterior and interior wood walls is underway. Graffiti was reported on the fencing and the site manager was advised to have it removed.	1/13/2022



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Johanna Nyden, Community Development Director
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: January 14, 2022

Enclosed is the weekly report of zoning applications received and pending. The report, organized by ward, includes the property address, zoning district, the type of application submitted, a description of the project, date received, and current status.

Please contact me at (847) 448-8014 or jnyden@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Cases Received and Pending, January 7 - January 12, 2022

Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 15

Volume (number of cases pending staff review): 16

Zoning Reviews

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1631 Chicago Avenue	D4	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development for new 13-story building with 141 dwelling units, 37 parking spaces, and 6,759 square feet of ground floor retail	05/20/21	pending revisions from the applicant
1	2300 Noyes Court	R5	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development for new 6-story 61-unit multi-family dwelling, all affordable dwelling units (Walchirk Apartments)	08/23/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
1	824 Emerson Street	C1	Zoning Analysis	Construct 2 story parking garage with 96 parking spaces exclusively for Sherman Gardens	10/27/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
1	816 Garnett Place	R5	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development for new 9 story tower connected to Link with 200 dwelling units and 71 parking spaces	11/05/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
1	1743 Sherman Avenue	D2	Building Permit	Interior remodel for a restaurant (Olive Mediterranean Grill)	12/09/21	pending Administrative Review Use review
1	809 Davis Street	D3	Building Permit	Renovation of an existing tenant space for a new carry out restaurant	12/21/21	pending additional information, Administrative Review Use review
2	2322 Nathaniel Place	R2	Building Permit	Remove front walk and stoop, replace with pavers	04/09/21	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1566 Dewey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Brick and pea gravel patio	06/01/21	non-compliant, pending revisions and/or minor variation application from the applicant
2	1133 Fowler Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Concrete patio	09/28/21	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1706 Crain Street	R3	Building Permit	Remove 2nd story and side porch, construct 2-story addition	10/06/21	pending revisions from the applicant
2	1515 Greenwood Street	R3	Building Permit	2nd story addition	10/20/21	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1621 Fowler Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Detached garage with 2nd story office	01/07/22	pending staff review
2	1608 Dempster Street	R2	Building Permit	Demo and reconstruct enclosed front porch	01/08/22	pending staff review
2	2409 Main Street	C1	Zoning Analysis	Determination of use for food prep and cooking for off-site consumption	01/10/22	pending staff review
3	822 Hinman Avenue	R6	Building Permit	Remove and replace parking lot, striping	10/26/21	pending additional information from the applicant
3	639 Forest Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Replace decking, handrail, and skirting on existing deck	12/06/21	pending additional information from the applicant
3	999 Michigan Avenue	R5	Zoning Analysis	Rooftop stair and deck to multi-family dwelling	12/16/21	pending additional information from the applicant
3	834 Judson Avenue	R5	Zoning Analysis	Zoning Verification Letter	12/21/21	pending staff review
3	741 Sheridan Road	R1	Building Permit	Deck	01/03/22	pending staff review
3	809 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Zoning Analysis	Medical Office - COVID testing facility	01/06/22	pending staff review
4	1138 Elmwood Avenue	R3	Building Permit	New patio	08/15/21	on hold per the applicant

4	943 Ashland Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Garage, 20'x20'	09/12/21	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1031 Maple Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage	11/10/21	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1122 Maple Avenue	R5	Building Permit	Paver driveway and paths	11/16/21	pending additional information from the applicant
4	718 Main Street	B2/oDM	Building Permit	New 5-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail and 120 dwellings (Vogue site)	12/28/21	pending staff review
5	2044 Wesley Avenue, 2019 Jackson Avenue, and 2024-26 Green Bay Road	R4 & R5/oWE	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development for new 21 townhomes in 6 buildings and a 12-unit multi-family dwelling, including new private street	01/13/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant and/or planned development application
5	1807 Grey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Deck	04/10/21	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2046 Dodge Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Addition	09/28/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
5	2127 Wesley Avenue	R3	Building Permit	New 2-car garage	10/07/21	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2117 Darrow Avenue	R4	Building Permit	New paver patio, 368 sf	10/14/21	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2114 Wesley Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Replace gravel walk and parking pad with pavers	10/16/21	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1717 Simpson Street	B1	Building Permit	Garage	10/28/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
5	1717 Simpson Street	B1	Building Permit	Shed	11/01/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
5	1701 Simpson Street	B1	Building Permit	First and 2nd story addition to existing commercial building	12/20/21	pending staff review
5	1832 Hovland Court	R3	Zoning Analysis	New 2-flat with open parking	12/23/21	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
5	1729 Brown Avenue	R3	Zoning Analysis	New 3-unit multi-family dwelling with detached garage with ADU	01/04/22	non-compliant, pending additional information and revisions from the applicant
5	1001 Emerson Street	R6	Zoning Analysis	Zoning Verification Letter	01/12/22	pending staff review
6	2149 Bennett Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Paver patio	05/27/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2504 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Addition and patio expansion	07/07/21	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2402 Pioneer Road	R1	Building Permit	Patio, pergola, and walks	08/31/21	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2828 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Deck and patio	09/02/21	pending additional information from the applicant
6	3434 Central Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	Demolish existing improvements, construct new 2-story, 20,000 sf Daycare Center-Child (Kensington School)	10/06/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant and/or planned development application
6	3031 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Shed	11/15/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2662 Lawndale Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New single-family residence	11/23/21	pending revisions from the applicant
6	3321 Colfax Place	R1	Building Permit	Replace steps	11/24/21	pending additional information from the applicant

6	2125 Bennett Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage	12/07/21	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2635 Crawford Avenue	R2	Zoning Analysis	Subdivide vacant lot into 2 lots	12/21/21	pending staff review
6	3226 Thayer Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	1-story addition	12/27/21	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2767 Crawford Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Roof mounted solar panels	01/05/22	pending staff review
6	2536 Gross Point Road	R2	Zoning Analysis	Generator for existing cell equipment on City water tower	01/07/22	pending staff review
6	2305 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached 2-car garage	01/10/22	pending staff review
6	2664 Hillside Lane	R2	Building Permit	Interior remodel	01/11/22	pending staff review
7	1927 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Rebuild patio and walks, outdoor kitchen	03/11/21	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2020 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Replace deck	04/05/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	2353 Colfax Terrace	R1	Building Permit	1-story screened porch	05/28/21	non-compliant, pending revisions and/or major variation application
7	1030 Central Street	OS	Zoning Analysis	Post 42 Patio determination of use for American Legion/Canal Shores Golf Course	06/29/21	on hold per Law
7	1225 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Remove and replace deck	07/17/21	pending revisions from the applicant
7	2305 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	Demolish existing attached garage, construct 2-story addition	09/12/21	pending minor variation from the applicant
7	2211 Pioneer Road	R1	Building Permit	Garage, 20'x20'	10/27/21	pending revisions per approved minor variation application
7	1620 Jenks Street	R1	Building Permit	Shed	11/09/21	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2333 Ridge Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Garage, 14x20	11/17/21	non-compliant, pending additional information and revisions from the applicant
7	1114 Grant Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	1-story addition	12/09/21	pending revisions from the applicant
7	2030 Harrison Street	R3	Building Permit	Convert 2-flat into a single-family dwelling, deck	12/16/21	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2736 Broadway	R1	Building Permit	New story ADU	12/20/21	pending staff review
8	324 Florence Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Garage, 20'x20'	12/01/21	non-compliant, pending revisions/minor variation application from the applicant
8	1321 Brummel Street	R4	Zoning Analysis	New curb cut and shared driveway to open parking in the rear of two multi-family dwellings, 1317-1321 Brummel St	12/21/21	pending additional information from the applicant
8	1209 Mulford Street, 1E	R3	Building Permit	Interior remodel	01/11/22	pending staff review
9	1718 Cleveland Street	R2	Building Permit	Demolish back stairs, remove walk and driveway, pour cement area and front walk	11/12/21	pending additional information from the applicant

Pending building permit and zoning analysis reviews older than 6 months where there has not been activity are periodically removed from the zoning report.

Miscellaneous Zoning Cases

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1740 Orrington Avenue	D2	Planned Development	New 10-story office/lab building with 35 parking spaces (Burger King site)	11/09/21	pending LUC 01/26/22

1	518 Davis Street	D4	Special Use	Special use for a Convenience Store	11/09/21	pending P&D, CC
1	1710-1716 Sherman Avenue	D2	Major Variation	Reduce required parking for interior remodel for 35 dwelling units and 1 ground floor commercial use to existing 4-story building (former Varsity Theater)	11/23/21	pending DAPR 02/01/22, LUC 02/23/22
3	736 Forest Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Rear yard setback to addition to an existing detached garage	12/29/21	determination after 01/31/22
4	1000 Grove Street	R6	Major Variation	Building lot coverage and rear yard setback for additiion (YMCA)	12/01/21	pending DAPR 02/01/22, LUC 02/09/22
6	2650 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Minor Variation	Building lot and impervious surface coverage for a front porch	11/18/21	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2612 Prospect Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Rear yard setback to addition at 2nd story	12/27/21	withdrawn 01/11/22
8	2424 Oakton Street	C1/oRD	Special Use	Special use for Resale Establishment, Salvation Army	11/08/21	pending DAPR 01/18/22, LUC 02/23/22
9	1224 Washington Street	R3	Major Variation	Lot size and impervious surface lot coverage for subdividing the zoning lot into 2 lots	12/07/21	pending LUC 02/23/22



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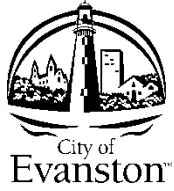
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Ike Ogbo, Director, Department of Health & Human Services

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: January 14, 2022

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
6	2901 Central St	The Place	12/28/2021	Pending Building Permit Issuance
1	809 Davis St	5411 Empanadas	12/21/2021	Pending Building Permit Issuance
1	1743 Sherman Ave	Olive Mediterranean Grill	12/10/2021	Pending Building Permit Issuance
1	724 Clark St	Shinto Ramen	11/19/2021	Pending Building Permit Issuance
2	1806 Dempster St	Dempster Snack Shop	10/14/2021	Pending Inspections
8	329 Howard St	LOADaSPUD	10/12/2021	Pending Building Issued – Pending Inspections
7	1921 Central St	Central Street Diner	10/7/2021	Pending Permit Application
1	719 Church St	Elephant + Vine	10/5/2021	Pending Building Issued – Pending Inspections
4	1619 Chicago Ave	Picnic	9/14/2021	Pending Building Issued – Pending Inspections
3	528 Dempster St	Evanston Pour	9/14/2021	Pending Building Issued – Pending Inspections
1	1601 Sherman Ave	Sweetgreen	9/13/2021	Pending Building Permit Issuance
1	1726 Sherman Ave	Tomo Japanese Street Food	7/13/2021	Pending Building Permit Issuance
3	525 Main St	Wild Fork Foods	4/6/2021	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
7	1945 Central St	DeSalvo's Pizza	4/5/2021	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
4	1508 Sherman Ave	Dollop Coffee	2/11/2021	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
2	1813 Dempster St	Zentli	8/27/2020	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
8	633 Howard St	Estacion	2/4/2020	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
5	1905 Church St	Spice	12/13/2018	License Issued



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: January 14, 2022

Enclosed is the weekly report of liquor applications received and pending. The report, organized by ward, includes the business address, the type and description of license requested, date received and current status.

Please contact me at (847) 448-8097 or bgeorge@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Liquor Licensing Weekly Report

Liquor Applications Received and Pending for week of January 14, 2022

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES	STATUS
4	Dollop General Store and Cafe	1508 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201	Class C	Restaurant	11 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Wed); 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Thurs-Sat); 10 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun) 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving	Application submitted for 1/24 Liquor Board Meeting



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING JANUARY 14, 2022

Editor's Note

The NWMC offices will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

NWMC Board Approves 2022 Legislative Program

Thank you to the twenty-three NWMC members who attended Wednesday night's board meeting. The board unanimously approved the 2022 NWMC Legislative Program, which will be rolled out virtually to legislators over the coming weeks. Members also received a presentation from Frank Ventrella of Granite Government Solutions on the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative's new telecommunications program, which launched last month.

The board discussed action expected during the spring session of the General Assembly and various bills affecting local governments. Staff previewed the upcoming call for projects for both the North Shore and Northwest Councils of Mayors, which begins on Monday (see article below). Finally, the board unanimously approved updates to the organization's financial policies and procedures documents which will be used to prepare the FY2022-2023 budget.

Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury

Granite to Host POTS Replacement Webinar

On Friday, January 21, Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Telecommunications Vendor Granite Government Solutions (Contract #205) will host a webinar on Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS) replacement solutions. Given significant cost increases recently imposed to continue servicing POTS lines and as more and more carriers move to abandon these legacy copper phone lines, it makes sense to examine how to save money on replacement solutions. This free webinar will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be led by Granite Senior Sales Executive Frank Ventrella.

Invitations were sent to NWMC Assistant Managers, Finance Directors, IT Directors and Purchasing Agents. If someone else in your agency would like to attend, please have them contact NWMC Purchasing Director Ellen Dayan, edayan@nwmc-cog.org for a Microsoft Teams Meeting invitation. For more information on the webinar or to review the complete lineup of services offered by Granite, please contact Frank Ventrella, 630-649-0823 or fventrella@granitenet.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

STP-L Calls for Projects Open Monday

The North Shore and Northwest Councils of Mayors will open their biennial calls for local Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) funding on Monday, January 17. Eligible projects must be sponsored by communities belonging to one of the two Councils of Mayors staffed by NWMC and must be located on a federally eligible route. Selected projects will be incorporated into a five year program covering federal fiscal years 2023–2027. NWMC transportation staff hosted a [virtual workshop](#) on January 6 to communicate important information on the calls for projects. The workshop provided a brief overview of STP-L funding and requirements, a timeline of events and deadlines, specific application requirements for each council and tips for successful project management.

Application materials should be submitted via email to northshorepl@nwmc-cog.org for North Shore Council projects and northwestpl@nwmc-cog.org for Northwest Council projects by Friday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, including each council's methodology and application materials, please visit the [North Shore](#) and [Northwest](#) Council websites. *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota*

IDOT Accepting Applications for Six Highway Safety Programs

The Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering has posted six Highway Safety Program Notice of Funding Opportunities for federal fiscal year 2023. Details on each program's application period and submission processes are as follows:

Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)

- Application Deadline - Monday, February 14 at 4:00 p.m.
- Application Submission – VIA email to DOT.TSGRANTS@illinois.gov.

Non-Enforcement Safety Program, Motorcycle Awareness Program, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program, Racial Profiling Program, and the Traffic Records Program

- Application Deadline - Friday, February 18 at midnight
- Application Submission – VIA AmpliFund

For more information on all six programs, please visit IDOT’s [Illinois Traffic Safety Grants website](#). *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota*

Cook County Opens Application Period for Invest in Cook and CDBG Programs

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) is now accepting applications for the [Invest in Cook](#) grant program, which assists communities with transportation infrastructure improvements. The Cook County Bureau of Economic Development (BED) is also accepting applications for the [Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\)](#) program, which supports economic development activities throughout the county. Both programs’ application periods will close on Wednesday, March 16 at 5:00 p.m. The DoTH and BED are hosting a virtual workshop on Wednesday, January 26 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to provide further information on the programs and application processes. Please [click here](#) to register for the workshop. For more information on the Invest in Cook program, please email InvestinCook.CC@cookcountyil.gov and for the CDBG program, please email info.edev@cookcountyil.gov. *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota,*

IDOT Hosting Virtual Public Hearing for Illinois Rail Study

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has opened a virtual public hearing that will run until January 21 as part of an ongoing study to assess the state’s rail system. The study intends to identify potential improvements and solutions for issues with the system, and the virtual hearing will provide participants with an update on input collected thus far on current conditions, capacity concerns and safety challenges. Information gathered from the hearing will be used in developing a statewide rail plan and will inform IDOT’s Illinois Long-Range Transportation Plan. To participate in the virtual public hearing, please visit www.illinoisrailneeds.org. *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota*

Meetings and Events

NWMC Legislative Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 19 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee will meet on Thursday, January 20 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, January 27 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

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