



## Memorandum

**Date:** March 4, 2022  
**To:** Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Kelley Gandurski, Interim City Manager  
**Subject:** City Manager's Office Weekly Report for  
February 28 - March 4, 2022

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Weekly Bids Advertised

#### **Community Development**

Weekly Zoning Report

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7:00pm: [Preservation Commission](#) (Canceled)

### **Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

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### **Thursday, March 10, 2022**

6:30pm: [Environment Board](#)

7:00pm: [Social Services Committee](#) (Virtual)

### **Friday, March 11, 2022**

7:15am: [Utilities Commission](#) (Virtual)

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# 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 February 28, 2022

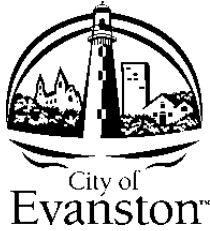
Date: March 4, 2022

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 February 28, 2022**

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number/Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Bid 22-21 Parks Mowing Contract	Public Works	Work on this project includes: The primary objective of this scope of services is to provide scheduled mowing, line trimming, edging and litter control for areas throughout the specified areas of the City of Evanston.	\$30,000	3/22	4/11
RFP 22-22 Evanston Downtown and Neighborhood Retail Strategy Implementation	City Manager's Office	Seeking proposals from experienced firms for: the development of a business district strategy and implementation plan.	TBD	3/23	5/9
RFQ 22-24 Administrative Hearing Officers	City Manager's Office	Seeking responses to this request for qualifications from diverse, experienced attorneys for the purpose of presiding as the City of Evanston's Adjudication Hearing Officers. The City	\$120,000	3/24	4/11

		of Evanston is considering three (3) qualified candidates for this position.			
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## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Johanna Nyden, Community Development Director  
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report  
Date: March 4, 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](mailto:jnyden@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

**Cases Received and Pending, February 24, 2022 - March 2, 2022**

**Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 18**

**Volume (number of cases pending staff review): 12**

**Zoning Reviews**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
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	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
2	1133 Fowler Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Concrete patio	09/28/21	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1611 Church Street	WE1	Zoning Analysis	Convert existing industrial building into 7 DUs, add 2 accessory structures towards the front yard	11/02/21	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	1826 Dempster Street	C1	Zoning Analysis	Determination of use for convenience/liquor/grocery/tobacco retail store	02/04/22	pending staff review
2	2321 Bradley Place	R2	Building Permit	Walk and pad	02/09/22	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1127 Dewey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	New 2-story ADU	02/27/22	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	1032 Michigan Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Deck and concrete stairs	01/28/22	pending additional information from the applicant
3	903-913 Michigan Avenue	R5	Building Permit	Remove and replace 3 existing rear wood porches and stairs	02/06/22	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1138 Elmwood Avenue	R3	Building Permit	New patio	08/15/21	on hold per the applicant
4	1122 Maple Avenue	R5	Building Permit	Paver driveway and paths	11/16/21	pending revisions 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	<b>pending revisions from the applicant, DAPR</b>
4	1410 Asbury Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Roof mounted solar panels	02/26/22	pending staff review
4	1214 Maple Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Subdivide zoning lot into 2 lots	02/28/22	pending staff review
4	1566 Oak Avenue	R6	Zoning Analysis	Determination of use for a Rooming House - Margarita Inn	02/21/22	pending staff review
5	2046 Dodge Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Addition	09/28/21	non-compliant, pending revisions 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	<b>non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant, DAPR review</b>
5	1805-1815 Church Street	B2/oWE	Zoning Analysis	Construct 2 story religious institution for Mt. Pisgah and 44 DU multifamily building (primarily affordable)	01/25/22	non-compliant; pending revisions from the applicant
5	2115 Ridge Avenue	R4a	Building Permit	Driveway	02/23/22	pending staff review
5	1239 Leon Place	R4	Building Permit	New single-family dwelling	02/24/22	pending staff review
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	3031 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Shed	11/15/21	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
6	3321 Colfax Place	R1	Building Permit	Replace steps	11/24/21	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2421 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	2-story detached ADU	01/30/22	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2303 Park Place	R1	Building Permit	1st and 2nd story additions, interior and exterior renovation, detached garage	01/30/22	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2650 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Building Permit	Patio	02/05/22	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2516 Ridgeway Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Addition	02/08/22	pending additional information from the applicant
6	3250 Central Street	R4/oCS	Building Permit	Interior remodel and replace windows	02/27/22	pending staff review
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	2333 Ridge Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Garage, 14x20	11/17/21	non-compliant, pending additional information and revisions from the applicant
7	1801 Central Street	B1a/oCS	Building Permit	Remodel 1st floor and 2-story addition above (fitness studio on ground floor)	01/13/22	<b>pending revisions from the applicant, DAPR</b>
7	2631 Prairie Avenue	R4	Building Permit	New attached garage, addition, and interior remodel	01/28/22	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2687 Stewart Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Interior remodel and addition	02/21/22	pending revisions from the applicant
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
9	822 Wesley Avenue	R3	Zoning Analysis	Install rooftop wireless co-location	02/28/22	pending staff review

9	1613 South Boulevard	R2	Building Permit	Install sliding door, replace existing door with window, egress window, and deck	03/01/22	pending staff review
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**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	<b>pending CC</b>
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	<b>pending P&amp;D 03/14/22, CC</b>
2	1047 Darrow Avenue	R3	Minor Variation	Street side setback, front setback, and porch depth for a 2-story addition and to reconstruct an open front porch	02/16/22	determination after 03/07/22
2	1001 Dewey Avenue	R3	Minor Variation	Deck located in interior side yard, interior side yard setback to deck, front yard fence	02/18/22	determination after 03/22/22
3	1217 Michigan Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Building lot coverage for new garage attached via a covered extension	02/23/22	determination after 03/15/22
5	2044 Wesley Avenue	R4/R5/oWE	Planned Development	New construction of 19 townhomes, a 12-unit multi-family dwelling, new private driveway/alley to access townhomes, new pedestrian path connecting Green Bay Road, Wesley and Jackson Avenues, removal of railroad infrastructure and environmental clean-up of site	02/03/22	<b>pending staff review, DAPR, LUC</b>
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	3434 Central Street	R2	Planned Development	New 2-story, 24,916 sf building for a Daycare center - Child (Kensington School)	02/10/22	<b>pending staff review, DAPR, LUC</b>
6	2635 Crawford Avenue	R2	Minor Variation	Lot width to subdivide lot into 2 lots	02/11/22	<b>determination after 03/02/22</b>
8	2424 Oakton Street	C1/oRD	Special Use	Special use for Resale Establishment, Salvation Army	11/08/21	<b>pending LUC 03/09/22</b>





# Memorandum

To: Kelley Gandurski, Interim City Manager

From: Angelique Schnur, Interim Building and Inspection Services Manager

Subject: Weekly Inspection Report

Date: March 4, 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](mailto:aschnur@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

**Cases Received, March 4, 2022**

**Field Reports**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Construction Type</b>	<b>Inspector Notes</b>	<b>Received</b>
2	1101 Church Street	Multi-Family Building	Construction fence and site are in good order.	3/3/2022
2	2030 Greenwood	Multi-Family Building	Construction fence and permit placards are in place, no activity on site at this time. The building permit has been issued and work should begin soon.	3/3/2022

4	1555 Ridge Avenue	Multi-Family Building	The construction fence and site are in good order. Final interior inspections are underway.	3/3/2022
8	1011 Howard Street (Evergreen Senior Housing)	Senior Living Facility	The construction site is in good order. Final inspections of new building almost complete. Interior and exterior remodel of existing building is underway.	3/3/2022
8	100 Chicago Avenue (Gateway)	Mixed-Use Retail/Residential	The construction fence and site are in good order. The second floor walls are up, progress continues to be slow.	3/3/2022



# Memorandum

To: Kelley Gandurski, Interim City Manager

From: Angelique Schnur, Interim Building and Inspection Services Manager

Subject: Monthly Construction Valuation and Permit Fee Report

Date: March 4, 2022

Enclosed is the monthly construction valuation and permit fee report. The report compares current month and year-to-date totals with those from 2020.

Please contact me at 847-448-8035 or [aschnur@cityofevanston.org](mailto:aschnur@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.



DATE: March 4, 2022

TO: Kelley Gandurski, Interim City Manager

FROM: Angelique Schnur, Interim Building and Inspection Services Division Manager

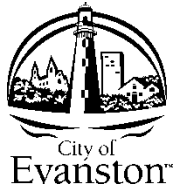
SUBJECT: Building Permit & Construction Value Financial Report for February 2022

**BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

Total Permit Fees Collected for the Month of February 2022	\$253,152
Total Permit Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2022	\$520,101
Total Permit fees Collected for the Month of February 2021	\$634,226
Total Permit Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2021	\$ 792,156

**CONSTRUCTION VALUES**

<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FOR FEBRUARY 2022</b>	\$ 11,099,046
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FISCAL YEAR 2022</b>	\$ 24,725,105
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FOR FEBRUARY 2021</b>	\$ 9,210,210
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FISCAL YEAR 2021</b>	\$ 16,896,548



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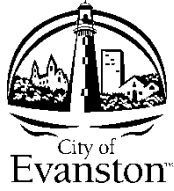
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: March 4, 2022

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
4	1590 Sherman Ave	Moge Tee Shop	1/21/2022	Pending Building Permit Issuance
7	2002 Central St	Blended HSB Evanston	1/20/2022	Pending Building Issued – Pending Inspections
1	809 Davis St	5411 Empanadas	12/21/2021	Pending Building Issued – Pending Inspections
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
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
1	1601 Sherman Ave	Sweetgreen	9/13/2021	Pending Building Issued – Pending Inspections
1	1726 Sherman Ave	Tomo Japanese Street Food	7/13/2021	Pending Building 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



# Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: March 4, 2022

There are no pending liquor license applications to report for this week.

Please contact me at (847) 866-2937 or [bgeorge@cityofevanston.org](mailto:bgeorge@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.



# DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



**WEEK ENDING MARCH 4, 2022**

## ***NWMC Gala Returns May 18 – Mark Your Calendars!!***

We are pleased to report that, after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Northwest Municipal Gala will be held on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. at Ravinia Festival in *Highland Park*! On Thursday, *NWMC President and Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering* and staff toured the historic music venue to begin planning for a night to remember!

Please mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you at Ravinia. Registration and sponsorship information will be sent over the coming week, but in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact NWMC Executive Assistant Marina Durso, 847-296-9200, ext. 122 or [mdurso@nwmc-cog.org](mailto:mdurso@nwmc-cog.org) with any questions. *Staff contact: Marina Durso*

## ***Submit Your Nominations for FY 2022-2023 NWMC Officers***

The annual process to identify future Conference leadership has begun. The NWMC Officer Nomination Form was emailed last week to Mayors, Presidents and Supervisors. Members are encouraged to submit the names of those active members to fulfill the roles of NWMC President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. The cover letter to the form contains more information regarding eligibility and the selection process. Nomination forms are to be returned by Wednesday, March 16 via email to Executive Director Mark Fowler, [mfowler@nwmc-cog.org](mailto:mfowler@nwmc-cog.org).

The Nominating Committee will review the nominations and present its recommended slate at the April 14 NWMC Membership Meeting. According to the NWMC By-Laws, other nominations may be made at the April membership meeting or by mail if received prior to that meeting date. Election shall be by a majority of those present and voting at the May 11 membership meeting. Officers will be sworn in at the NWMC Gala on May 18. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

## ***Granite to Host SIP Solution Webinar***

On Friday, March 18, Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Telecommunications Vendor Granite Government Solutions (Contract #205) will host a webinar on SIP Solutions. This free webinar will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be led by Granite Senior Sales Executive Frank Ventrella.

SIP is a signaling protocol used for initiating, maintaining, modifying and terminating real-time sessions that involve voice communications applications and services between two or more endpoints on IP networks. It allows customers to route calls to the PSTN using IP infrastructure, overcoming scalability limitations of traditional voice infrastructure, such as PRI and POTS.

Invitations will be 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](mailto:edayan@nwmc-cog.org). 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](mailto:fventrella@granitenet.com). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

## ***Join Lincolnshire at the April 19 Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction***

The next NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction is scheduled for noon on Tuesday April 19, at America's Auto Auction in Crestwood. Thank you to the *Village of Lincolnshire* for being the first to sign up! America's AA offers a wide variety of convenient services to prep your vehicles and garner the highest possible price, and as previously noted, prices for used cars are up 40% year-to-year due to chip shortages and high demand.

Please note that vehicles and equipment can be listed for disposal at the NWMC auction right up to the morning of the auction day. Sell them now to get a fresh start and please keep in mind that a portion of the proceeds help support

the operations of the organization. If you can't make the April Auction, live auctions will also be held on July 19 and October 18. In addition, America's Auto Auction hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Berry Ellis, 312-371-5993 or [berry.ellis@americasautoauction.com](mailto:berry.ellis@americasautoauction.com). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

### ***Cook County Requests Re-Submittal of Invest in Cook and CDBG Applications***

Due to technical issues within the Invest in Cook and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application submission forms, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways this week requested all applicants to resubmit their application materials if submitted prior to March 1. All issues have been resolved and applicants should use the following links to resubmit their applications by Wednesday, March 16:

- [Invest in Cook](#)
- [CDBG](#)

For more information, please contact [InvestinCook@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:InvestinCook@cookcountyil.gov) for the Invest in Cook program or [info.edev@cookcounty.gov](mailto:info.edev@cookcounty.gov) for the CDBG program. *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota*

### ***IML, EIU to Offer Free Public Safety Pension Fund Trustee Training***

*From the desk of Illinois Municipal League Executive Director Brad Cole:*

The Illinois Municipal League (IML) has launched a free education platform for all Article 3 (police) and Article 4 (firefighters) pension fund trustees. The platform, available online at [iml.org/pensiontrustees](http://iml.org/pensiontrustees), provides the statutorily-required training certification for all trustees, at no cost.

[IML's fact sheet on the new training program is available via this link.](#)

[IML's press release announcing the launch of the free educational platform is available via this link.](#)

The online curriculum includes seminars on the following topics and much more:

- Articles 3 and 4 Pension Disability Pension Overview
- Duties and Ethical Obligations of a Pension Fund Fiduciary
- Board Oversight of Cyber Risk: Before a Breach
- Illinois Public Employee Disability Act and Public Safety Employee Benefits Act
- Developments and Potential Changes in Federal and Illinois Labor and Employment Laws
- Qualified Domestic Relations Order
- Pension Plan Funding 101
- Pension Plan Assumptions 101
- Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act
- Cyber Security Best Practices
- Managing Generational Differences and Unconscious Bias in the Workplace
- How to Identify, Address and Prevent Sexual Harassment and Discrimination
- Let Me Ask You a Question

The trustee training program is provided completely online, at no cost to the user and is available 24 hours a day, in partnership with Eastern Illinois University's School of Extended Learning. The training program is available at [iml.org/pensiontrustees](http://iml.org/pensiontrustees). Questions about the platform may be directed to IML by email at [pensiontrustees@iml.org](mailto:pensiontrustees@iml.org). *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

### ***IEMA Reopens Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding Opportunity***

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) announced that it is reopening the application period for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding. Entities that have already submitted applications do not need to resubmit. Projects should help mitigate damage from future disasters and can include stormwater management projects. IEMA will also prioritize buyouts of flood-prone properties. Applicants are invited to email a [pre-application](#) to [ema.mitigation@illinois.gov](mailto:ema.mitigation@illinois.gov) by Saturday, April 30.



IEMA will review the pre-applications and invite selected entities to submit full applications, which are to include a benefit-cost analysis. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago suggests including administrative costs in the proposed budgets which can reimburse application development costs. For more information, please visit [IEMA's website](#) or contact Sam Al-Basha, [sam.m.al-basha@illinois.gov](mailto:sam.m.al-basha@illinois.gov). *Staff contact: Kendra Johnson*

### ***IDOT Issues NOFO for Statewide Planning and Research Funding***

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) program. This program awards federal funds for planning and research activities that identify transportation investment decisions and carry out transportation research activities throughout the state. For fiscal year 2023, approximately \$10 million is available, for which a 20 percent local match is required except in certain circumstances for disadvantaged or economically distressed communities.

Projects will be evaluated based on connections to studying or implementing a goal, strategy or objective included in the state's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) or one of its associated plans, implementing performance-based program development or asset management, or benefiting a disadvantaged or economically distressed community. An informational webinar will be held on Wednesday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m. and applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30. More information is available in [Circular Letter 2022-05](#) or by contacting Michael Vanderhoof, [Michael.vanderhoof@illinois.gov](mailto:Michael.vanderhoof@illinois.gov). *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota*

### ***Meetings and Events***

*NWMC Finance Committee* will meet Wednesday, March 9 at noon via videoconference.

*NWMC Board of Directors* will meet Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. via videoconference.

*NWMC Legislative Committee* will meet Wednesday, March 16 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

### ***NWMC Staff***

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