



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: December 1, 2023

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for November 27, 2023 – December 1, 2023

City Manager's Office

No Weekly Bids

Community Development

Weekly Zoning Report

Weekly Inspection Report

Health Department

Weekly Food Establishment Application Report

Law Department

Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Legislative Reading

NWMC Weekly Briefing

**STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL &
MAYORAL APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

Monday, December 4, 2023

5:00 PM: [Rules Committee](#)

6:00 PM: [Human Services Meeting - CANCELED](#)

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

7:00 PM: [Housing & Community Development Committee - CANCELED](#)

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

6:00 PM: [Economic Development Committee](#)

6:30 PM: [Citizen Police Review Commission](#)

Thursday, December 7, 2023

9:00 AM: [Reparations Committee Meeting](#)

6:00 PM: [Northwestern University-City Committee Meeting](#)

Friday, December 8, 2023

7:15 AM: [Utilities Commission](#)

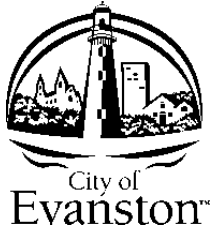
1:00 PM: [Liquor Control Review Board](#)

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[City of Evanston - Calendar](#)

City of Evanston Committee Webpage:

[City of Evanston – Boards, Commissions and Committees](#)



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: December 1, 2023

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 (224) 296-4489 or ewilliams@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Cases Received and Pending, November 21, 2023 - November 29, 2023

Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 2

Volume (number of cases pending staff review): 6

Zoning Reviews

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	733 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio	08/29/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
2	1326 Hartrey Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Asphalt driveway	09/08/22	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1800 Greenwood Street	R3	Building Permit	New 3-car garage/coach house	11/21/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
2	1324 Pitner Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Shed	04/06/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	653 Dodge Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Patio	06/13/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1139 Fowler Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Patio and parking pad (work done without a permit)	07/10/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1553 Dewey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Remove concrete patio, walks, and pad, install paver patio and walk	09/19/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
2	1829 Dempster Street	C2	Zoning Analysis	Modify existing drive-thru to add a 2nd lane, minor site repairs (Burger King)	09/27/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1815 Washington Street	R3	Building Permit	Garage and patio	10/04/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1715 Church Street	MXE	Building Permit	Convert portion of office building to live/work and dwelling units	11/06/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1579 Dewey Avenue	R3	Zoning Analysis	Repair and enlarge front porch	11/20/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1024 Darrow Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Garage	11/28/23	pending additional information from the applicant
3	819 Judson Avenue	R5	Building Permit	New 9-unit multi-family dwelling	07/08/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
3	1245 Chicago Avenue	B1	Building Permit	Addition to existing commercial building (Space)	11/20/23	pending additional information from the applicant
4	901 Maple Avenue	R5	Building Permit	Rooftop canopy	10/26/22	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1015 Dempster Street	R5	Building Permit	Patio, steppers, and bluechip area	01/30/23	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1552 Wesley Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Driveway	06/22/23	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1118 Elmwood Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Awning	07/31/23	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1113 Sherman Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Accessory structure for storage	08/02/23	pending additional information and revisions from the applicant
4	410 Asbury Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Replace back landing and stairs	10/30/23	pending additional information from the applicant

4	1500 Sherman Avenue	D4	Building Permit	Commercial tenant space build out for fitness studio	11/28/23	pending staff review
4	1590 Elmwood Avenue	D3	Zoning Analysis	Eliminate portion of existing ground floor commercial space and construct 2 dwelling units within an existing mixed-use building	11/29/23	pending staff review
5	1820 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Install pavers and shed	10/25/22	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1740 Hovland Court	R3	Building Permit	Pavers	12/30/22	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2124 Foster Street	R3	Building Permit	Shed	04/04/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1833 Hovland Court	R3	Building Permit	Carport next to garage	05/20/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1935 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Concrete slab	06/20/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2020 Dodge Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Replace front steps, construct new landing at side of residence	07/03/23	non-compliant, pending revisions and/or minor variation application from the applicant
5	1820 Laurel Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Concrete slab	07/11/23	non-compliant, pending revisions/minor variation application from the applicant
5	1811 Church Street	B2/oWE	Building Permit	New 4-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail and 33 dwelling units (HODC)	08/18/23	staff review on hold pending injunction, plat of subdivision recording, and Preservation review of demolition details for existing structure
5	801 Simpson Street	R5	Zoning Analysis	Make remodeled garden level dwelling unit legal	09/19/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2011 Darrow Avenue	R4	Zoning Analysis	Remodel existing 3-dwelling unit building and add an ADU to garage	10/05/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2019 Ashland Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Convert single-family dwelling to a 2 dwelling units plus ADU	10/30/23	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
5	1818 Darrow Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Reinforce stairs and handrails, remove mounted side structure	11/27/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1601 Simpson Street	B1	Zoning Analysis	Administrative Review Use for a Type-2 restaurant (Shanghai Kosher)	11/27/23	pending staff review
6	2639 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Install generator	11/07/22	non-compliant, pending revision from the applicant
6	2632 Gross Point Road	B1a/oCS	Building Permit	Concrete patio (Skarkis)	11/17/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2801 Central Street	B1a/oCS	Building Permit	Replace gravel with concrete to expand driveway	02/20/23	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2010 Bennett Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Shed	04/13/23	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2415 McDaniel Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Detached 2-car garage	06/05/23	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2767 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Driveway and retaining wall extension	06/26/23	pending additional information from the applicant

6	2107 Crawford Avenue	C1	Building Permit	Interior remodel to expand (Fox Animal Hospital)	08/02/23	pending special use application submittal by the applicant
6	2421 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Remove existing asphalt and concrete, replace with permeable patio and sidewalk	08/23/23	non-compliant, pending revisions or major variation application from applicant
6	2324 Prospect Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1-story and 2nd story addition	08/25/23	non-compliant, pending minor variation application from applicant
6	3605 Central Street	R2	Building Permit	Paver driveway and walk	09/25/23	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
6	2300 Park Place	R1	Building Permit	2nd story addition to a garage for an ADU	11/01/23	pending revisions from the applicant
7	2636 Green Bay Road	C2/oCSC, R4	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development, new 5-story multi-family dwelling with 51 dwellings, parking and 3 new 4-story townhomes along Prairie Avenue	10/18/22	pending additional information from the applicant
7	12 Milburn Park	R1	Building Permit	Expand sport court, new terraces	02/21/23	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2747 Broadway Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Remove portion of existing paver patio, install new patio and seatwall	05/12/23	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	1126 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Paver walk and landing	08/22/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
7	1017 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	2-story addition	10/04/23	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	2133 Harrison Street	R3	Building Permit	Patio and grill island	11/10/23	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2741 Woodbine Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage	11/20/23	pending revisions from the applicant
7	2759 Ridge Avenue	R1	Building Permit	2nd story addition	11/21/23	non-compliant, pending submittal of a minor variation application from the applicant
8	2021 Autobarn Place, Unit C	I2	Building Permit	Interior remodel for new offices and food production (Whole and Free Foods)	11/16/22	pending revisions from the applicant
8	141 Dodge Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Detached garage	11/17/23	pending additional information from the applicant
9	1224 Washington Street	R3	Building Permit	Replace brick patio with pavers	10/07/22	pending additional information and revisions from the applicant
9	822 South Boulevard	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage	03/07/23	pending additional information from the applicant
9	1222 Washington Street	R3	Zoning Analysis	New single-family dwelling and detached ADU	05/01/23	pending additional information from the applicant
9	709 Asbury Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Detached garage	08/29/23	non-compliant, pending additional information and minor variation submittal by 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	1630 Orrington Avenue	D3	Special Use	Special Use for a Resale Establishment	11/28/23	pending LUC 01/10/24

2	1611 Church Street	WE1/oWE	Map Amendment and Major variations	Remove zoning lot from oWE Overlay District and rezone from WE1 to R4 and Major Variations for construction of 7 COOP dwellings including townhome orientation and detached accessory structure located between principal building and front property line.	06/27/23	pending additional information from the applicant; pending LUC
6	3434 Central Street	R2	Planned Development	New 2-story, 19,952 sf building for a Daycare center - Child (Kensington School)	02/10/22	pending P&D
6	2105-2107 Crawford Avenue	C1	Special Use	Special Use for expansion of an existing animal hospital (Blue River/Fox Animal Hospital)	08/22/23	pending P&D & CC12/11/23 (intro & action)
6	2310 Isabella Street	R1	Minor variation	Building lot and impervious surface coverage for a new 2-story single-family dwelling and 2-car detached garage with ADU	11/10/23	determination after 12/06/23
6	2324 Prospect Avenue	R1	Minor variation	Building lot coverage for a n 87 sf 1-story addition	11/09/23	determination after 12/06/23
6	2649 Crawford Avenue	R2	Appeal	Appeal of Zoning Administrator's determination denying a minor variation application for a proposed detached garage located within a front yard	11/28/23	pending LUC 01/10/24
7	1915-1917 Grant Street	R3	Special Use & Text Amendment	Special Use for 10 micro homes and 3 micro homes above parking structure	06/28/23	pending additional information from the applicant, LUC 12/13/23
7	2505 McCormick Boulevard	R1	Major Variation	Parking/storing a RV camper in the front yard on the driveway	11/03/23	pending LUC 12/13/23
8	2424 Oakton Street	C1/oRD	Sign Variation	Wall sign not facing a public thoroughfare and sign height for a separate wall sign (Salvation Army)	11/17/23	determination after 12/13/23



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report
Date: December, 1 2023

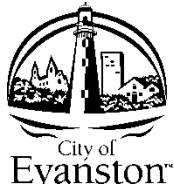
Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections for construction projects under special monitoring. The report includes the ward, property address, type of construction, inspector notes, and date received.

Please contact me at davidwilson@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Weekly Field Inspection Report

Friday, December 1, 2023

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1101 Church Street	Multi-Family Building	No changes. Sidewalk remains closed and properly blocked. Construction fence is in good condition.	11/30/2023
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	Temporary fence installation continues at the west alleyway. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time.	11/30/2023
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4	718 Main Street	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	No changes. Construction fence on Main Street has been removed with the construction fence remaining on Sherman Avenue.	11/30/2023
2	1840 Oak Avenue	Demolition	No changes. Demolition continues with proper signage and traffic control in place. Construction fence is in good condition.	11/30/2023
1	710 Clark Street	Office Building	No changes. Construction fence remains in place and is in good condition.	11/30/2023
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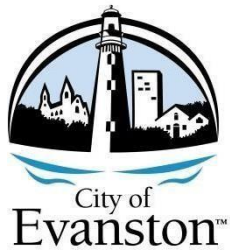
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: December 1, 2023

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
4	1608 Chicago Ave	Mensch's Deli	11/29/23	Pending Permit Issuance
1	726 Clark St	Ran Ran Boba Milk Tea	11/28/2023	Pending Inspections (formerly Kung Fu Tea)
5	1601 Simpson St	Shanghai Kosher	11/21/2023	Pending Inspections
1	1611 Sherman Ave	Cold Stone Creamery	11/20/2023	Pending Inspections – Change of Ownership
4	810 Dempster St	Village Farmstand	11/20/2023	Pending Inspections – Change of Ownership
7	2614 Green Bay Rd	Jilly's Cafe	11/7/2023	Pending Inspections – Change of Ownership
4	1629 Orrington Ave	Dos Bros	10/10/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
1	703 Church St	Evanston Corner Bistro	10/9/2023	Pending Inspections
1	704 Clark St	Etta Evanston	10/5/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
1	1737 Sherman Ave	Taco Bell	10/5/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
4	1557 Sherman Ave	Reza's Restaurant	9/6/2023	Pending Inspections – Change of Ownership
1	521 Davis St	La Cocinita (Relocating)	7/11/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
2	921 Church St	Devil Dawgs	4/28/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
5	831 Foster St	Foster Food & Deli	4/3/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
8	100 Chicago Ave	West Town Bakery – Evanston	3/27/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
2	1808 Dempster St	Windy City Flavors	8/22/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
2	1711 Maple Ave	Sky Zone/Circus Trix	7/13/2022	Pending CO
1	1743 Sherman Ave	Olive Mediterranean Grill	12/10/2021	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: December 1, 2023

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, and current status.

Please contact me at liquorlicense@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Liquor Licensing Weekly Report

Liquor Applications Received and Pending for week of December 1, 2023

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES	STATUS
1	Evanston Corner Bistro	703 Church St. Evanston, IL 60201	D	Restaurant	11 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thurs); 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri-Sat); 10 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Application pending review at the next Liquor Review Board 12.8.23
4	Big Wig	950 Church St. Evanston, IL 60201	D	Restaurant	11 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thurs); 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri- Sat); 10 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Application pending review at the next Liquor Review Board 12.8.23
7	Jilly's Café	2614 Greenbay Rd, Evanston, IL 60201	D	Restaurant	11 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thurs); 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri- Sat); 10 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Application pending review at the next Liquor Review Board 12.8.23



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 1, 2023

Today's the Day to RSVP for the NWMC Holiday Celebration

The NWMC Holiday Celebration will be held on Wednesday, December 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz, 9100 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Niles. We look forward to welcoming NWMC members, legislators and guests so please RSVP your attendance to Marina Durso, 847-296-9200, ext. 122 or mdurso@nwmc-cog.org by **TODAY, Friday, December 1**. We look forward to seeing you there! *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Marina Durso*

Good News – SPC Extends Contracts on Ford Interceptor Utility & Transit Van!

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Governing Board is pleased to announce approval of the first of three possible, one-year contract extensions on the following Ford vehicle contracts with Currie Motors:

- 2025 Ford Interceptor Utility (Contract #204) with all standard equipment, conventional gas: \$44,954.00
 - Optional Hybrid (limited supply): \$47,615.00
- 2024 Ford Transit Full Size Van (Contract #207) with all standard equipment and standard wheelbase: \$44,671.00
 - Electric 1 ton van: \$53,590.00

The contracts are valid through November 15, 2024. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Tom Sullivan, 815-464-9200, ext. 201, or tsullivan@curriemotors.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

SPC Extends Liquid Calcium Chloride Contract with No Price Increases!

In time for winter, the SPC Governing Board has agreed to extend the 2023-24 Liquid Calcium Chloride Contract (#213) to Sicalco Ltd. from December 5, 2023 through December 4, 2024 with no price increases! The SPC reserves the right to extend the contract for up to three (3) additional, one-year terms upon mutual agreement of both the vendor and the SPC on a negotiated basis.

Liquid Calcium Chloride is used as a winter maintenance application to melt ice economically and effectively. Orders are placed directly through Sicalco and billing is performed by the vendor at the following prices:

Price per Gallon	Delivery per Gallon	Total Delivered Price
\$0.52	\$0.19	\$0.71

For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Frank Sibr, 630-371-2655 or fsibr@sicalco.net. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

SPC Extends Granite Telecommunications Contract – More Services, Same Price!

The SPC is pleased to announce renewal of the contract with Granite Telecommunications (Contract #205) from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024 with two (2) additional, one-year terms upon mutual agreement of both the vendor and the SPC on a negotiated basis. Please note that prices remain the same with the following services added to the Granite lineup:

- Faster, dedicated Internet Speeds – now up to 10 Gig
- 5G Wireless Back Up Service
- Disaster Readiness Kit for remote deployment
- Microsoft TEAMS service
- EdgeBoot – Leading edge technology to reboot systems remotely

Granite Sr. Sales Executive for Illinois Government & Education Frank Ventrella will contact members this month to discuss the SPC Telecommunications Program and the program's added services. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Frank, 630-649-0823 or FVentrella@granitenet.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

STP-L 2025-2029 Program Call for Projects Closes Soon

As a reminder, the Surface Transportation Program - Local (STP-L) Call for Projects (CFP) is now open to member communities in the North Shore and Northwest Council of Mayors. The CFP will run until December 15 for the Northwest Council of Mayors and until December 29 for the North Shore Council of Mayors. Projects submitted during this CFP will be eligible for funding during the FFY2025-2029 period.

On October 31, the NWMC hosted a workshop on the CFP process and how to apply. [A recording of the session is available online](#). The workshop also covered changes in, and unique aspects of, the Councils' methodologies, managing STP-L projects, and the different funds that may be used. To obtain a copy of the presentation slides, please contact staff. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Two Weeks Left to Apply for RTA's Access to Transit Program

As a reminder, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has opened its Access to Transit program Call for Projects (CFP). The Access to Transit program is open to municipalities, counties, and the Service Boards (CTA, Metra, and Pace) that have completed, or are in the process of completing, a planning study that specifically recommends bicycle and/or pedestrian access improvements to transit.

The RTA is seeking applications to fund Phase II Engineering and Construction of small-scale bike and pedestrian infrastructure improvements resulting from these planning studies. Programs resulting from the RTA's Community Planning or CMAP Technical Assistance programs are prioritized, including those where a municipality has served as a project partner in a corridor study. To learn more about Access to Transit and how to apply, please visit the [Access to Transit webpage](#). The CFP closes on Friday, December 15. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

FHWA Updates Bicycle & Pedestrian Funding Opportunities Table

The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) [Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities Table](#) has been updated to include new funding sources implemented since the 2022 update. Newly added programs include: [Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program](#); [SMART Programs](#); and, [Neighborhood Access and Equity Program](#) eligibility under [Reconnecting Communities](#). Electric bicycle and scooter charging, education programs and technical assistance activities have also been added to the list. Please contact staff to learn more about these programs. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

IDOT to Host Long-Range Transportation Plan Advisory Group Webinars

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) invites participation in a Virtual Advisory Group webinar for Move Illinois: the 2024 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This group's input will help shape the plan's strategic goals, objectives, and strategies, influencing Illinois' diverse transportation network for the next 20 to 30 years. Please join on one of the following dates:

Monday, December 11, 2023, Noon – 1:00 p.m. via [Webex](#)

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. via [Webex](#)

Please register through the links above by Wednesday, December 6 to confirm your attendance. Both webinars will present the same information. More information can be found by visiting www.moveillinois2024.com. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Engage in RTA's December Events

This month, the Regional Transportation Agency (RTA) is hosting a series of engagement events for the regional transit system. On Tuesday, December 5, from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., the RTA will host its quarterly [Transit is the Answer coalition meeting](#) at their offices, 175 West Jackson Boulevard, 22nd Floor in Chicago. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about the latest implementation updates and give input on upcoming projects including the [2024 Regional Transit Budget](#) and [2024 State Legislative Agenda](#).

On Thursday December 7, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., the RTA will host a virtual public hearing on [the 2024 proposed regional transit operating budget, two-year financial plan, and five-year capital program](#). Register [here](#) to receive the hearing link. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

USDOT's Benefit-Cost Analysis Tool Webinar is Next Week

As a reminder, on Tuesday, December 5 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is hosting a webinar to spotlight a new Benefit-Cost Analysis Tool and updated Rural Grant Application Toolkit. These tools and resources are available through the [USDOT Navigator website](#), which is “a resource to help communities understand how to apply for grants, and plan for an deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services.” Please visit the [webinar site](#) for more information and to register. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

IDOT Releases Innovative Transportation Project NOFOs – Act Now!

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recently released a [Circular Letter](#) introducing a Federal Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) for two grant programs aimed at supporting transportation infrastructure through innovation. The first program is the [Accelerate Innovation Deployment \(AID\) Demonstration](#), which provides funding incentives for eligible entities to speed up the implementation and adoption of innovation in highway transportation. The AID Demonstration award is determined based on the cost of the innovation in a project, not the total project cost. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has published a multiyear NOFO to [Grants.gov](#) for the AID Demonstration covering Fiscal Years (FY) 2023–2026, with up to \$10 million available in FY 2023 and up to \$12.5 million in each of FYs 2024–2026. FHWA requires all interested applicants to confirm their intent to submit an application for FY 2023 by submitting a notice of intent no later than Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Formal applications through [Grants.gov](#) are due by January 23, 2024. The FY 2024 application period will commence in late February.

The second program is the [Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation \(ATTAIN\)](#) Program, formerly known as the Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovation Mobility Deployment Program (ATTIMD). This program provides grants to deploy, install, and operate advanced transportation technologies, aiming to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity, and infrastructure return on investment. Additional information, including a [Webinar scheduled for Wednesday, December 6](#) and a list of frequently asked questions, can be found in the NOFO package on [Grants.gov](#). Interested applicants are encouraged to email ATTAIN@dot.gov with their name, state of the project, approximate total project cost, amount of the ATTAIN grant request, and a brief project description. The ATTAIN application should be submitted through [Grants.gov](#) and is due February 2, 2024.

For further details, please refer to the [Circular Letter](#). To request letters of support from IDOT, contact Tim McMahon, Bureau Chief of Federal Affairs, Timothy.McMahon@illinois.gov, at least two weeks before each program’s application deadline. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Newsy Items of the Week

Route 50: [Apprenticeship programs are growing as the public sector faces workforce shortages](#)

Capitol News Illinois: [State high court skeptical municipal police and fire pension consolidation hurt retirees' voting rights](#)

Daily Herald: [Former Mount Prospect Mayor Farley dies at 92](#)

Chicago Tribune: [Former Glencoe Village Manager Robert Morris dies at 101](#)

Daily Herald: [Schaumburg building owners hoping bees create back-to-office buzz](#)

Patch: [Paved Paradise: Skokie's Sculpture Park Path Smoother Than Ever](#)

Transport Topics: [FHWA Says Highway Construction Costs Continue to Soar](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, December 6 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Holiday Celebration will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz, 9100 Milwaukee Avenue in Niles.

NWMC Legislative Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 20 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

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