



# Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council  
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update  
Date: December 8, 2023

## **STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT**

Weekly Report for December 4, 2023 – December 8, 2023

### **City Manager's Office**

Weekly Bids Advertised

### **Community Development**

Weekly Zoning Report

Weekly Inspection Report

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NWMC Weekly Briefing

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

**Monday, December 11, 2023**

5:00 PM: [Administration & Public Works](#)

5:30 PM: [Planning & Development Committee](#)

5:45 PM: [City Council](#)

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

3:00 PM: [Dementia Friendly Committee](#)

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

7:00 PM: [Preservation Commission](#)

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

2:30 PM [Board of Local Improvements](#)

7:00 PM [Land Use Commission](#)

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**

3:00 PM [Commission on Aging and Disabilities](#)

6:30 PM [Environment Board](#)

7:00 PM [Social Services Committee](#)

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To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

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

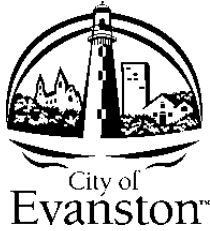
Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week December 4, 2023

Date: December 8, 2023

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

## **Bids/RFPs/RFQs sent during the Week of December 4, 2023**

<b>Bid/RFP/RFQ Number/Name</b>	<b>Requesting Dept.</b>	<b>Description of Project</b>	<b>Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date</b>	<b>Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date</b>
Towing Services	Administrative Services	The City of Evanston's Parking Services Division of the Evanston Department is seeking proposals from experienced firms for: Towing Services	\$30,000	1/4	2/22



## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager  
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report  
Date: December 8, 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](mailto:ewilliams@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

**Cases Received and Pending, November 30, 2023 - December 6, 2023**

**Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 5**

**Volume (number of cases pending staff review): 6**

**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	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	1024 Darrow Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Garage	11/28/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1500 Crain Street	R3	Zoning Analysis	Convert detached garage to an ADU	12/06/23	pending staff review
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
3	130 Main Street	R5	Building Permit	Interior remodel of 6 dwelling units and basement	11/30/23	pending additional information from the applicant
3	827 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Building Permit	Interior build out for a bagel shop/cafe	12/06/23	pending staff review
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	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
4	912 Ridge Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Demolish attached garage, construct 1-story addition, deck, and addition to existing detached garage	11/30/23	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 minor variation application submittal by the applicant
5	2125 Darrow Avenue	R4	Building Permit	2-car garage	12/04/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2100 Green Bay Road	C2	Zoning Analysis	Subdivide zoning lot, separate Walgreens from other portion of shopping center	12/05/23	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	2300 Park Place	R1	Building Permit	2nd story addition to a garage for an ADU	11/01/23	pending revisions from the applicant
6	3233 Central Street	R4/oCSC	Zoning Analysis	New 9 townhomes with detached garages	12/05/23	pending staff review
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	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
7	2759 Ridge Avenue	R1	Building Permit	2nd story addition	11/21/23	non-compliant, pending 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	<b>pending additional information from the applicant; pending LUC</b>
3	1021 Forest Avenue	R1	Minor variation	Building lot and impervious surface coverage, and setbacks to the rear and south interior side property lines for a 2-story and 2nd story addition to an existing 1-story detached garage, addition for an ADU	12/05/23	determination after 12/26/23
6	3434 Central Street	R2	Planned Development	New 2-story, 19,952 sf building for a Daycare center - Child (Kensington School)	02/10/22	<b>pending P&amp;D</b>
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	<b>pending P&amp;D &amp; CC12/11/23 (intro &amp; action)</b>
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	<b>pending LUC 01/10/24</b>
6	2800 Harrison Street	R1	Minor variation	Street side yard setback for new detached garage	12/01/23	determination after 12/22/23
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	<b>pending LUC 12/13/23</b>
7	2505 McCormick Boulevard	R1	Major Variation	Parking/storing a RV camper in the front yard on the driveway	11/03/23	<b>pending LUC 12/13/23</b>
7	2759 Ridge Avenue	R1	Minor variation	Rear yard setback at 2nd story addition	12/04/23	determination after 12/22/23
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, 8 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](mailto: davidwilson@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

# Weekly Field Inspection Report

Friday, December 8, 2023

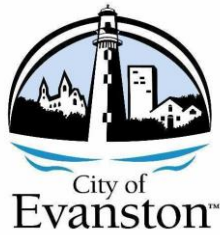
Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1101 Church Street	Multi-Family Building	No changes. Sidewalk remains closed and properly blocked. Construction fence is in good condition.	12/7/2023
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	No changes. Temporary fence installation continues at the west alleyway. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time.	12/7/2023
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4	718 Main Street	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	Appliance delivery was in process at time of inspection. Construction fence remains on Sherman Avenue.	12/7/2023
2	1840 Oak Avenue	Demolition	Building has been completely demolished. Proper cleanup continues with proper signage and traffic control in place. Construction fence is in good condition.	12/7/2023
1	710 Clark Street	Office Building	No changes. Construction fence remains in place and is in good condition.	12/7/2023
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To: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor  
Subject: Monthly Construction Valuation and Permit Fee Report  
Date: December 8th, 2023

Enclosed is the monthly construction valuation and permit fee report. The report compares current month and year-to-date totals with those from 2022.

Please contact me at [abutler@cityofevanston.org](mailto:abutler@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.



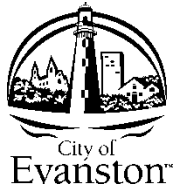
DATE: December 8, 2023  
 TO: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
 FROM: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor  
 SUBJECT: Construction Valuation and Permit Fee Report for November, 2023

**BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

Total Permit Fees Collected for the Month of November 2023	\$335,387
Total Permit Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2023	\$3,925,164
Total Permit fees Collected for the Month of November 2022	\$1,735,299.26
Total Permit Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2022	\$6,237,245.28

**CONSTRUCTION VALUES**

<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FOR November 2023</b>	\$12,533,425
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FISCAL YEAR 2023</b>	\$188,745,301
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FOR November 2022</b>	\$88,184,571
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FISCAL YEAR 2022</b>	\$329,439,330



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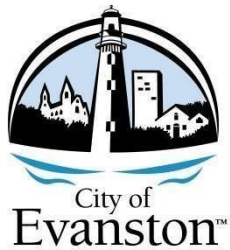
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: December 8, 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	License Issued
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 Evanston	7/13/2022	License Issued
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 8, 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](mailto: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 8, 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 approved by the Liquor Review Board & will go to City Council for approval
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 approved by the Liquor Review Board & will go to City Council for approval
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 approved by the Liquor Review Board & will go to City Council for approval



# DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



**WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 8, 2023**

## ***HAPPY HANUKKAH!***

### ***RSVP TODAY for the NWMC Holiday Celebration – Will We See You There?***

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 for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, so please RSVP your attendance to Marina Durso, 847-296-9200, ext. 122 or [mdurso@nwmc-cog.org](mailto:mdurso@nwmc-cog.org) by **TODAY, Friday, December 8**. We have a great crowd coming and we look forward to seeing you there! *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Marina Durso*

### ***NW Council STP-L Call for Projects Closes Next Week***

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*

### ***Time to Look at Granite?***

As reported last week, the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) has renewed 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](mailto:FVentrella@granitenet.com). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

### ***How to Salt Smart***

This time of year, road salt is incredibly beneficial for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers; however, using too much is detrimental to the environment. To address this issue, the Northwest Water Planning Alliance has partnered with the Conservation Foundation to create a [best practices manual for parking lots and sidewalks](#), along with the [Salt Smart Certified training and certification program](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***Last Call 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*

### ***US EPA Issues Climate Reduction Grant NOFO***

The US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has issued [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) for Climate Pollution Reduction Grants](#) for eligible projects represented in a Priority Climate Action Plan. Between \$2 million and \$500 million will be available to state and local governments to implement these emissions reduction measures.

The Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus (MMC), Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission are developing the Priority Climate Action Plan for the Chicagoland area. Large-scale projects and coalitions of applicants are strongly encouraged. CMAP is currently requesting project idea contributions so it can connect similar efforts for a strong, coordinated application for the region. Interested stakeholders are requested to complete the [project idea form](#) by Wednesday, December 20. In addition, CMAP, MMC and the Illinois EPA will host a [virtual town hall on the funding opportunity](#) on Monday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***Reminder for IDOT 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](http://www.moveillinois2024.com). *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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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: [Want to attract Gen Z workers? Up your marketing game](#)

Daily Herald: ['A step in the right direction': Libertyville has new tool to battle electric vehicle battery fires](#)

Route 50: [EPA proposes all lead pipes be replaced within 10 years](#)

ABC 7: [Illinois Supreme Court ruling could solve insurance legal struggles for pedestrians hit by vehicles](#)

Daily Herald: [No more free parking: O'Hare travelers who leave cars on Des Plaines streets now face fines](#)

Route 50: [\\$1.5 billion now available in federal transportation grants](#)

Daily Herald: [A 'laboratory of democracies' approach: Rolling Meadows thinking local in fighting climate change](#)

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

*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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