

Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: March 1, 2024

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for February 26, 2024 – March 1, 2024

City Manager's Office
Weekly Bids Advertised

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, March 4, 2024

5:15 PM: [Human Services Committee](#)

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

No meetings

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

No meetings

Thursday, March 7, 2024

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

Friday, March 8, 2024

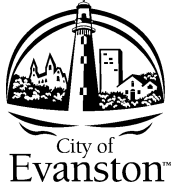
7:15 AM: [Utilities Commission](#)

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City of Evanston Committee Webpage:

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Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

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

Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week February 26, 2024

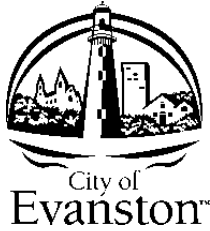
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The following is a list of projects that have been advertised and the anticipated date each will be presented to the Council or Library Board.

Bids/RFPs/RFQs sent during the Week of February 26, 2024

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number/Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
2024 Inspection Services	Community Development	The City of Evanston's Community Development and Fire Department are seeking proposals from experienced firms to provide independent contractors to supplement City staff for plan review and inspection services.	\$150,000	4/9	4/22
Robert Crown Maintenance	Parks and Rec.	The City of Evanston's Parks and Recreation of the Evanston Department is seeking proposals from experienced firms for: Maintenance of the Robert Crown Community Center's HVAC system.	\$165,000	4/2	4/22

<p>2024 Water Main Improvements</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	<p>Work on this project includes the installation of ductile iron water main pipe ranging from 6-inch to 10-inch diameter in size, installation of combined and storm sewer ranging from 8-inch to 10-inch diameter in size, partial and full lead water service pipe replacements, partial water service replacements (not lead) to accommodate the work, related appurtenances, concrete curb and sidewalk repairs, pavement patching, parkway restoration, private side restoration (full lead water service pipe replacements only), and all materials, labor, equipment, and incidental work. Bidders must be prequalified by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and present an IDOT issued "Certificate of Eligibility" with the bid proposal.</p>	<p>\$3,430,000</p>	<p>4/2</p>	<p>4/22</p>
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Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: February 29, 2024

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, February 22, 2024 - February 28, 2024

Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 7

Volume (number of cases pending staff review): 16

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
1	2121 Orrington Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Enlarge lower deck and repair upper deck	12/08/23	pending additional information from the applicant
1	2170 Campus Drive	U3	Building Permit	Interior remodel	02/23/24	pending staff review
1	1999 Campus Drive	U3	Building Permit	Foundation only (Norris Center)	02/26/24	pending staff review
1	825 Clark Street	D4	Zoning Analysis	Determination of Use for a Retail Service Establishment with accessory Religious Institution	02/25/24	pending staff review
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	1500 Crain Street	R3	Zoning Analysis	Convert detached garage to an ADU	12/06/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	911 Church Street	RP	Building Permit	Wall sign	02/15/24	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1611 Church Street	WE1	Zoning Analysis	Adaptive Reuse of warehouse building to convert to 8 DUs	02/26/24	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1615 Thelin Court	R3	Building Permit	Replace driveway and walks	02/28/24	pending staff review
3	713 Sheridan Road	R1	Building Permit	Paver walkway	02/22/24	pending staff review
3	825 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Zoning Analysis	Determination of Use for cannabis lab testing	02/27/24	pending additional information from the applicant
3	1245 Chicago Avenue	B1	Building Permit	Addition to existing commercial building (Space)	02/23/24	pending staff review (revisions)
3	1232 Judson Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Demo deck and walkway; add paver patio, stairs, outdoor kitchen, pergola	02/26/24	pending staff review
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	1400 Greenleaf Street	B1	Zoning Analysis	Rebuild potential after fire	02/26/24	pending staff review
5	910 Simpson Street	R4a	Building Permit	Interior and exterior renovation of 3-flat, demolish garage and establish open parking, add patio and porches	02/22/24	non-compliant revisions, pending revisions and/or major variation application 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	pending revisions and 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	2125 Darrow Avenue	R4	Building Permit	2-car garage	12/04/23	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	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	2942 Central Street	B1a	Building Permit	wall and window signs	02/16/24	pending additional information from the 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	2714 Reese Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Change front walk	02/28/24	pending staff review
6	2820 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage	01/05/24	non-compliant, pending revisions and/or minor variation application from the applicant
6	2137 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Detached garage.	01/10/24	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2227 Harrison Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio	02/21/24	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2310 Isabella Street	R1	Building Permit	New single-family dwelling and detached garage with an ADU	02/20/24	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	2744 Asbury Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Interior remodel and addition	02/26/24	pending staff review (revisions)
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	2744 Asbury Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Addition and interior remodel	12/29/23	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Building Permit	Foundation only for new football stadium (Ryan Field, NU)	02/23/24	pending staff review (revisions)
7	1995 Campus Drive	U3	Zoning Analysis	Improvements to outdoor space at Norris University center, including constructing a separate building for a Type-2 Restaurant and a covered open-air platform for lectures, performances, and ceremonies (NU)	02/19/24	pending staff review

8	141 Dodge Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Detached garage	11/17/23	pending additional information from the applicant
8	344 Ashland Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Front stoop, steps and walk	02/22/24	pending staff review
9	711 Custer Avenue	MXE	Building Permit	Interior remodel and addition	02/27/24	pending staff review
9	1212 Cleveland Street	R2	Building Permit	Rear addition	02/26/24	pending staff review

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 P&D 03/11/24
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
2	1579 Dewey Avenue	R3	Minor Variation	North interior side yard setback to additional bulk at 2nd story over an existing 1st story to a single-family dwelling	02/22/24	determination after 03/12/24
3	530 Kedzie Street	C1a	Special Use	Special Use for a Tattoo Establishment	02/16/24	pending LUC 03/27/24
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	2620 Bennett Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Building lot coverage, street side yard setback, and distance between detached accessory building and principal building for the construction of a 1-story addition, converting an existing screened un-enclosed area to habitable space, and a 2-car detached garage	02/14/24	determination after 03/07/24
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 P&D 03/11/24



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report
Date: March, 1 2024

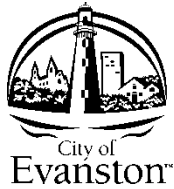
Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections for construction projects under special monitoring. The report includes the ward, property address, type of construction, inspector notes, and date received.

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

Weekly Field Inspection Report

Friday, March 1, 2024

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1101 Church Street	Multi-Family Building	No changes. Interior construction continues on building B. Sidewalk remains closed with proper signage in place.	2/29/2024
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	No changes. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time.	2/29/2024
1	1710 Sherman Avenue	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	No changes. Rough inspections and interior work continues.	2/29/2024
4	718 Main Street	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	No changes. All sidewalks and alleyways are clean and clear.	2/29/2024
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1	710 Clark Street	Office Building	No changes. Construction fence remains in place and is in good condition. Roadways are clean and clear surrounding site.	2/29/2024
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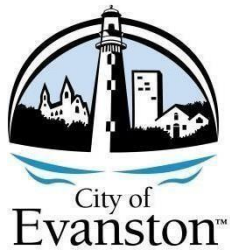
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: January 5, 2024

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
3	503 Main St	Paragon	12/27/2023	Pending Inspections (Change of Ownership)
4	618 ½ Church St	Ume Tea	12/21/2023	Pending Inspections
3	827 Chicago Ave	Lefty's Righteous Bagels	12/13/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
4	1608 Chicago Ave	Mensch's Deli	11/29/2023	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	Building Permit Issued – 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
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: March 1, 2024

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 March 1, 2024

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS for LIQUORSALES	STATUS
4	Museum Inn & Suites	1555 Oak Ave. 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
8	TOCA Training Centers	2454 Oakton St. Evanston, IL 60202	W	Commercial Recreation Facility	12 p.m.—9 p.m. (Mon-Fri); 11:30 a.m.—10 p.m. (Sat-Sun)	Application pending



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING MARCH 1, 2024

Time to Submit Nominations for FY 2024-2025 NWMC Officers

The annual process to identify future Conference leadership has begun. The NWMC Officer Nomination Form was emailed on Thursday to the Conference's Chief Elected Officials, seeking names of 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 to mfowler@nwmc-cog.org by Wednesday, March 20.

The Nominating Committee will review the nominations and present its recommended slate at the April 10 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 8 membership meeting. Officers will be sworn in at the NWMC Annual Gala on June 12. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

Join Lincolnshire at the April 23 NWMC Live Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction

The spring NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at Americas Auto Auction (America's AA) in Crestwood. Thank you to *Lincolnshire* and Tinley Park, who registered this week to participate in the sale! America's AA offers a wide variety of convenient services to prep vehicles and garner the highest possible price. 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 helps support the operations of the organization.

The remaining live auctions for the year will be held on July 23 and October 22. In addition, America's AA hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions. For more information, please contact staff or America's AA Account Executive Berry Ellis, 312-371-5993 or berry.ellis@americasautoauction.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Mark Your Calendars for the 2024 SPC Vendor Showcase

The 2024 Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Vendor Showcase will be held on Wednesday, July 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Oakton College, 1600 E. Golf Road in *Des Plaines*. The Showcase will be held in Rooms 1608 and 1610 with parking available in Lot C.

The SPC Vendor Showcase presents a unique opportunity for local government officials from the SPC's participating councils of government and others to meet one-on-one with SPC vendors at one time. Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC), DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC), South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) and Will County Governmental League (WCGL) members and staff will be onsite to learn about the products, services and solutions offered by the SPC to help you better serve your communities. Vendors will have individual display areas where you can discuss all your joint purchasing needs.

Last year's event had 22 vendors and with nearly 100 participants and we hope to host an even bigger and better event this year! Additional information will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars in the interim and contact staff for additional information. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Learn How to Improve Accessibility in the Region – Register Today for Upcoming Webinars

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has released the schedule of free Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) training sessions, which cover ADA and Title II requirements, completing a self-evaluation, the role of an ADA coordinator and developing a transition plan. Registration is now open for the [spring 2024 ADA training sessions](#), which will cover the following topics:

Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)

Tuesday, March 5, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (PROWAG I)

Wednesday, March 6, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (PROWAG II)

The ADA and Title II of the ADA

Tuesday, March 12, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADA self-evaluation and design standards

Monday, April 15, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADA transition plans

Tuesday April 16, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)

Wednesday, May 1, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (PROWAG I), 1:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (PROGWAG II)

Illinois Accessibility Code

Thursday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Recordings and training slides from [previous sessions](#), along with additional information, is available by visiting CMAP's [accessibility website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Last Call to Register for Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program Webinars

As a reminder, the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program](#) is open for applications. Over \$1.2 billion is available this fiscal year for planning activities and demonstration projects with direct awards to the local jurisdiction. Application deadlines vary from April 4 to August 29, depending on the grant being pursued. To learn what kinds of projects are eligible, please visit the [USDOT SS4A website](#), or read more from [Transportation for America](#).

The USDOT also announced a series of webinars on various parts of the SS4A process as follows:

- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program - Action Plans
General overview of the SS4A program and the grant application process, with a particular focus on applying for grants to develop an Action Plan.
Thursday, March 7, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
[Register to attend the March 7 webinar.](#)
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program - Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Activities
General overview of the SS4A program and the grant application process, with a particular focus on applying for funding for supplemental planning and demonstration activities.
Friday, March 8, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
[Register to attend the March 8 webinar.](#)
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program - Implementation Grants
General overview of the SS4A program and the grant application process, with a particular focus on applying for Implementation Grants.
Wednesday, March 13, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
[Register to attend the March 13 webinar.](#)

NWMC Program Associate for Transportation Brian Larson previously served as a volunteer for one of these demonstration projects, so please contact him with questions. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

CMAP Local Technical Assistance Applications Now Open

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program's 2024 Call for Projects opened on Monday and will close at noon on Friday, March 22. This program "supports communities by

offering planning and implementation assistance, providing interagency expertise, leveraging the region's transit network, and building local government capacity.” To learn more about the program and to find out how to apply, please visit the [LTA program website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

RTA Reflects on First Anniversary of Transit is the Answer Campaign

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) recently marked the one-year anniversary of its [Transit is the Answer campaign](#), the regional transit system strategic plan. To further the plan's agenda of advocacy and action, RTA formed the Transit is the Answer Coalition, bringing together groups that recognize the value transit brings to the Chicago region. Coalition initiatives to date include the [Access Pilot Program](#), developed with Metra and Cook County and a Regional Transit Economic Impact Analysis that will quantify the economic and climate impacts of two scenarios: a significantly reduced regional system that remains absent a sustainable funding solution; and, a transformed system with investment beyond the projected shortfall. In addition, the RTA continues to [invest in and support](#) communities' efforts around transit stations and stops. Please visit the RTA's website to learn more about the [campaign's accomplishments](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

IDOT Opens Call for Projects for Statewide Planning and Research Funds

Local community projects are now eligible for the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Planning and Research Funds to study or implement a goal, strategy or objective of IDOT's [Long-Range Transportation Plan](#) or one of the agency's multimodal plans, such as the transit, rail, bike, freight and highway safety plans. Eligible activities include planning studies, data collection and analysis, research and program development, performance management, and outreach efforts.

On Wednesday, March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, IDOT will host an [informational webinar](#) about the program. Applications are due on Sunday, April 14, with awards announced this summer. For more information and how to apply, please visit the [IDOT planning website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

FHWA Announces Call to Apply to the Vision Zero Community Pairing Program

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is accepting applications for the next cycle of the [Vision Zero Community Pairing Program](#). The two-year program provides a platform for communities to share information and noteworthy practices, assess strategies and actions and develop learning relationships. Partnerships take two forms: mentor-mentee pairs, where experienced communities guide those less experienced; and, peer partnerships, where communities at similar stages collaborate. Vision Zero communities interested in applying as a mentor, mentee, or peer organization can learn more about previous program participants, activities, and application process via the [program website](#). Applications are due by Friday, March 15. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Newsy Items of the Week

Capitol Fax: [Pritzker says 'I'm not willing to reconsider' grocery tax elimination proposal \(Updated\)](#)

Daily Herald: ['We regret it deeply': Ventra app's creators accept blame as Metra questions fare collection meltdown](#)

Crain's Chicago Business: [Old Orchard mall owner taps local developer for 400-unit apartment and lifestyle project](#)

Route 50: [New toll transponders cut costs for agencies and drivers](#)

Streetsblog Chicago: [Metra orders battery-powered trains, gets funding for new bilevel passenger cars](#)

Chicago Tribune: [The Central Tri-State Tollway is getting smarter with addition of digital messaging](#)

Smart Growth America: [How strong is your Complete Streets policy? Use our Policy Evaluation tool to find out](#)

Meetings and Events

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

NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

NWMC Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

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

NWMC Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 20 at noon via videoconference.

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