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Project 51 encompasses the entire Cook County.
The Village of Alsip has been awarded funds to conduct a pedestrian planning study with the goal of modernizing the Village’s existing bike and pedestrian network. This initiative will allow Alsip to increase access to public transit, schools, parks, and businesses while improving ADA accessibility and the overall safety of neighborhoods. The study will identify sidewalk gaps and other opportunities to improve mobility, in addition to prioritizing planning and funding needs for future projects. This work aligns with CMAP’s goal of Walkable Communities outlined in their ON TO 2050 Comprehensive Regional Plan and supports implementation of Alsip’s 2013 Comprehensive Plan.
43 SOUTH STREET SIDEWALK/ADA IMPROVEMENTS

The Village of Barrington has been awarded construction funds to improve sidewalk connectivity on a heavily utilized pedestrian thoroughfare that connects many Barrington residents from their homes to their assigned public school. South Street does not have a sidewalk which creates a gap in the sidewalk network and hinders the ability for children and families to get to school – forcing residents to walk along the street. In addition, South Street is very narrow with a steep roadway profile and needs proper ADA improvements. The funds awarded to the Village of Barrington will allow the village to design and install a new sidewalk along South Street that is safe and accessible for all.

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BARRINGTON TOWNSHIP STORM SEWER AND ROAD RESURFACING

Project No: IIC42

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Barrington Township has been awarded construction funds for the College Street Road Improvement project. These roads are in poor condition because of past unavailability of maintenance funds. The township will resurface roads and repair culverts within the unincorporated College Street Subdivision in Barrington Township, and work to alleviate flooding on Prairie Avenue and Harvard Avenue.

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Maintains and modernizes existing infrastructure
The Village of Bellwood has been awarded construction funds to improve Maywood Drive from 25th Avenue to the eastern village limits, an industrial corridor shared with the neighboring Village of Maywood. Improvements will begin at the intersection of 25th Avenue, a local collector route that includes Pace Bus Route 317. Work will include roadway resurfacing, curb and gutter improvements as needed, ADA-compliant pedestrian mobility enhancements, and construction of a new bike path connector.

**PROJECT TYPE**  
Roadway

**PROJECT PHASE**  
Construction

**IIC AWARD**  
$651,910

Promotes equal access to opportunities

Supports the region’s role as a freight center

Increases investments in transportation
The Village of Berkeley has been awarded preliminary engineering funds to support the Taft Avenue Improvement project, a joint effort with the Village of Hillside to maintain and modernize Taft Avenue from the Berkeley UP-W Metra station to Butterfield Drive. The project will improve 1.4 miles of deteriorated roadway while implementing ADA compliant pedestrian infrastructure and bicycle facilities. The project will also include streetscape improvements, traffic calming measures, and lighting work to improve pedestrian safety. The project supports economic development by enhancing a corridor between the Villages and is part of Berkeley’s ongoing effort to improve its street and pedestrian networks.
The City of Berwyn has been awarded design engineering funds for the ongoing 16th Street Improvement Project. The project aims to improve roadway and pedestrian infrastructure along 16th street from Harlem Avenue to Lombard Avenue. The project will include improved crosswalks, roadway resurfacing, and the addition of green infrastructure elements to address area flooding. This project aligns with the City of Berwyn Active Transportation and Comprehensive Plans as well as its adopted Complete Streets Policy which encourages active transportation modes and pedestrian improvements.
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Village of Brookfield has been awarded design engineering and construction funds to improve multi-modal connections to the Congress Park Metra Station. The proposed enhancements support the ongoing effort to comprehensively improve the Congress Park station area. Project work will include pathway widening, new area lighting, pedestrian safety and traffic control improvements, pedestrian benches, and way-finding signage. The project will also connect the underpass tunnel at the station to the established pedestrian pathway on Morton Avenue that extends south from Southview Avenue.

**PROJECT NO: IIC60**

**PROJECT TYPE**

- Pedestrian

**PROJECT PHASE**

- Design Engineering + Construction

**IIC AWARD**

- $208,845

**LIMITS**

- BNSF Railway and Sweetener Supply Campus to the Intersection of Morton Avenue and Southview Avenue

**SUPPORTING ICONS**

- **Prioritizes transit and other transportation alternatives**
- **Maintains and modernizes existing infrastructure**
- **Promotes equal access to opportunities**
The City of Calumet City has been awarded design engineering funds for modernization and reconstruction of Dolton Road and State Street, supporting the Dolton Road/State Street Industrial Region (DSIR). An important area for the region's economic development, this project aims to increase property taxes, bring additional jobs, facilitate truck traffic, and overall revitalize the historic industrial area. Other project work will include enhancements for pedestrians and bicyclists and support Pace Route 350 Sibley within the DSIR area.
09 ADA RAMP ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The Village of Chicago Ridge has been awarded construction funds to reconstruct sidewalk ramps and curb cuts throughout the village, increasing pedestrian mobility for all users. The project will upgrade 16 non-compliant ADA sidewalk ramps along 103rd Street, Marshall Avenue, 110th Street, 109th Place, 109th Street, 108th Place, and 107th Place. The locations selected for this project are densely populated residential areas, and are in close proximity to the Village’s public parks and recreational areas, schools, and businesses.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**PROJECT APPLICANT**
Chicago Ridge

**COMMISSIONER DISTRICT(S)**
6

**LIMITS**
Various locations

**PROJECT TYPE**
Pedestrian

**PROJECT PHASE**
Construction

**IIC AWARD**
$270,000

- Prioritizes transit and other transportation alternatives
- Maintains and modernizes existing infrastructure
- Promotes equal access to opportunities
**BP PIPELINE SHARED-USE PATH**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**
The City of Country Club Hills has been awarded design engineering funds to support the BP Pipeline Shared-Use Path. This project aims to construct a new multi-use path within unused BP Pipelines (North America) Inc. right-of-way from Flossmoor Road to 175th Street, terminating at Community Park. The trail will provide a safe, continuous connection between 175th Street and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County’s existing 1.25 mile Tinley Creek Trail, located south of Flossmoor Road.

**PROJECT TYPE**
- Pedestrian

**PROJECT PHASE**
- Design Engineering

**IIC AWARD**
- $200,000

**PROJECT APPLICANT**
- Country Club Hills

**COMMISSIONER DISTRICT(S)**
- 5

**LIMITS**
- Flossmoor Road (Tinley Creek Trail) to 175th Street (Community Park)

**PROJECT TYPE**
- Bike & Pedestrian
- Roadway
- Transit
- Freight

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**Promotes equal access to opportunities**

**Prioritizes transit and other transportation alternatives**
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) has been awarded funds to support the agency’s Bus Priority Corridor Planning Study which will advance planning for key bus corridors in Chicago identified by the forthcoming Better Streets for Buses Plan (BSB). The CTA together with the Chicago Department of Transportation and other key stakeholders will select three corridors identified in the BSB Plan to advance to the next step of analysis needed to identify appropriate bus priority treatments. The analysis will include high level mapping of roadway geometry, analysis of bus speeds to identify bus slow zones, and identification of ridership patterns. Then, at least one corridor will be advanced to in depth study, concept design, and stakeholder outreach.

**PROJECT APPLICANT**

CTA

**COMMISSIONER DISTRICT(S)**

1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16

**LIMITS**

Various locations

**PROJECT TYPE**

Transit

**PROJECT PHASE**

Planning

**IIC AWARD**

$575,000
The City of Des Plaines has been awarded preliminary engineering funds to create the Devon Avenue Multi-Use Path, to be located on the north side of Devon Avenue between Stillwell Drive and Des Plaines River Road. Gaps in sidewalk connectivity and lack of a dedicated bicycle facility are barriers to non-motorized travel in this area and negatively impact pedestrian safety. The project involves constructing a multi-use bicycle/pedestrian 10’ path as well as ADA compliant crosswalks and pedestrian signal upgrades at all key crossings.
The Village of East Hazel Crest has been awarded preliminary and design engineering funds for the 172nd Street Multi-Use Path. This project aims to create a multi-use path along 172nd Street right-of-way between Ashland Avenue to Lathrop Avenue, in a residential area that does not currently have sidewalks. The proposed 0.75-mile-long multi-use paved path will be part of the Village’s ongoing effort to modernize infrastructure while creating pedestrian and bike facilities.
The Village of Flossmoor has been awarded design engineering funds for improvements within Flossmoor’s Central Business District. This project includes improvements to the roadway and pedestrian networks as well as streetscape elements. These improvements aim to create a welcoming and user-friendly downtown area, attract new riders to the Flossmoor Metra Station, prioritize safety for pedestrians and bicycle users, and promote opportunities for new businesses in the Central Business District and other locations within the Village.
The Village of Franklin Park has been awarded preliminary engineering funds for intersection improvements at Wolf Road, Addison Avenue, and Frontage Road, where several key industrial and logistics companies are located in the Village. The proposed improvements are supportive of the ongoing regional Western O’Hare Industrial Corridor Access project. The project will likely include widening and signalizing the intersection to increase capacity and better accommodate truck turning movements, realigning the east and west Frontage Roads, relocating bus stops, and adding bicycle infrastructure enhancements.
**GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT CENTRAL STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

![](image)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Glenview Park District has been awarded construction funds for the Central Street Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project. The pedestrian bridge is located between Central Road and Raleigh Road, over the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River. Constructed in 1963 with minimal maintenance, this bridge serves about 1,300 residents and is the only location that provides a pedestrian and bicycle friendly crossing within 0.5-miles of their home. The bridge needs to be replaced due to normal lifespan deterioration.

**PROJECT APPLICANT**

Glenview Park District

**COMMISSIONER DISTRICT(S)**

13, 14

**LIMITS**

Raleigh Road to Central Parkway (over the West Fork of the Chicago River, North Branch)

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**PROJECT TYPE**  
- Bike & Pedestrian
- Roadway
- Transit
- Freight

Prioritizes transit and other transportation alternatives

Maintains and modernizes existing infrastructure
The Village of Hanover Park has been awarded funds to conduct a planning study with the goal of improving pedestrian and bicycle access throughout the village. The plan aims to improve access to existing regional trails and facilities by assessing current pedestrian and bicycle facilities in and around Hanover Park. The project would target connecting proposed new routes to existing regional trails and public transit lines, determine any barriers for pedestrians or bicycles, assess the sidewalk network for ADA compliance, and evaluate access the equity of park access. Following the assessment, a plan would be created to connect, improve, and expand pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

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**PROJECT TYPE**

- Bike
- Transit
- Roadway
- Freight
- Bike & Pedestrian
12 BROADWAY AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS

The City of Harvey has been awarded design engineering funds to support the Broadway Avenue Complete Street Project, aligned with the City’s 2022 Transit Oriented Development Plan. Broadway Avenue is an important north-south corridor that connects 147th Street / Sibley Boulevard to Park Avenue in downtown Harvey. New pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure will be implemented, including construction of a new pedestrian plaza and ADA-compliant sidewalk and intersection improvements. Other work will increase transit access, such as way improved wayfinding signage, enhanced bus shelters, and passenger waiting area improvements at the Metra Station.
HAZEL CREST ROADWAY AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS

The Village of Hazel Crest has been awarded design engineering funds for roadway and pedestrian infrastructure improvements. This project includes resurfacing of deteriorated pavement and replacing sidewalks to meet ADA compliance to accommodate safe passage for residents. The project will address hazardous roadway conditions with a focus on high need areas of the village. The proposed streets have been prioritized by pavement condition and are in need of ADA compliant crosswalks at select intersections. Enhanced roadways will decrease the wear and tear on vehicles, which can cause financial hardship for low-income residents.
The Village of Justice has been awarded construction funds for the Northside Walkway ADA Improvement Project. This project will improve ADA accessibility and pedestrian safety for a total of 48 corners on the northside of the Village by adding or improving curb ramps and detectable warnings at intersections. The selected corners are located between 71st Street and Frontage Road (north-south) and Archer Road between Garden Lane and 86th Avenue (west-east). The project also includes installing a permanent speed bump at a crossing used by students and staff at Brodnicki School.
The Village of La Grange has been awarded construction funds for the Shawmut Avenue and Brainard Avenue Resurfacing Project, necessary roadway and pedestrian improvements to area infrastructure. This project aims to resurface streets and improve sewer infrastructure in two areas of La Grange. Proposed improvements also include ADA compliant sidewalk reconstruction where repairs are needed and closing a sidewalk gap along Shawmut Avenue, connecting residents to Gordon Park.
The City of Markham has been awarded design engineering and construction funds for roadway resurfacing and installing ADA compliant pedestrian facilities within the City. Pedestrian infrastructure improvements will include replacing curbs and sidewalks in need of repair, improved crossings, and other pedestrian safety measures.
The Village of Matteson has been awarded preliminary engineering funds for intersection improvements at Vollmer Road & Treehouse Road. Improvements will include adding a traffic signal at the intersection of Vollmer Road and Treehouse Road to facilitate safe pedestrian passage. This project will also close a gap in the regional bike network by creating an extension of the Preservation Path from its current dead end at Treehouse Road to the Vollmer Road Grove Forest Preserve Parking Lot.
The Village of Merrionette Park has been awarded construction funds for the resurfacing of Harry J Rogowski Drive, Troy Drive, and Palisades Drive. This project will resurface and rehabilitate residential streets that link to adjacent municipalities via logical western and northern termini on Illinois State Routes, Kedzie Avenue, and 115th Street. This project will also include the repair of sidewalks in the project area and the addition of ADA compliant crosswalks. The project will benefit the community by enhancing infrastructure quality, ensuring road safety, and meeting planning program objectives.
The Village of Niles has been awarded design engineering funds for improvements to Shermer Road between Waukegan Road and Dempster Street. The proposed work is aligned with recommendations from the Village’s 2022 bicycle and pedestrian plan update. This section of Shermer Road was identified as a high priority by Village Staff, stakeholders, and the Village’s Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Group (BPAG). By improving this stretch of Shermer Road, the Village hopes to reduce vehicle crashes and work towards safer streets for pedestrians and bicyclists.
Pace Suburban Bus has been awarded funds to support design engineering for the ongoing implementation of the Pace Pulse Halsted Line, a bus rapid transit (BRT) project proposed on 8.5-miles of South Halsted Street between the CTA Red Line 95th St Station and the Pace Harvey Transportation Center. The project will construct 14 intermediate Pulse stations, queue jump lanes, bus-only lane segments, and curb extensions and implement traffic signal optimization. This project will also reconstruct and add pedestrian amenities at Pulse-station intersections to improve intersection safety and create fully accessible bus stops and pedestrian connections where currently missing.

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44 ELMHURST ROAD SIDEWALK CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

The City of Prospect Heights has been awarded preliminary engineering funds for the Elmhurst Road Sidewalk Connectivity Project. This project will install sidewalks on the east side of Camp McDonald Road, from Hintz Road to 1113 Elmhurst Road and from 1117 Elmhurst Road to Forums Court. This will connect residents and students to local businesses and Wheeling High School. These sidewalks will link to existing sidewalks maintained by neighboring Village of Wheeling and create a connected sidewalk system that will afford area commuters, residents, and students the ability to travel comfortably, safely, and expeditiously.

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![Map of Elmhurst Road Sidewalk Connectivity Project]
The Village of River Forest has received construction funds to upgrade several sidewalks and crosswalks throughout the Village to ensure ADA compliance and safe pedestrian passage. Village engineering staff have recently identified locations throughout the Village which are not compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations and prioritized them for upgrades. Planned improvements include Vine Street and Thatcher Avenue, North Avenue and Bonnie Brae, and others.
The Shared-Use Mobility Center (SUMC) of Cook County has been awarded funding for a planning effort to develop Cook County’s first Mobility Hub Network Framework. RTA will be providing matching funds to the County investment, bringing the total award to $350,000. A fully realized mobility framework would complement the existing road network with improved transit and enhanced options for other modes such as walking, biking, car sharing, and ride sharing.
The Village of Skokie has been awarded ROW Acquisition funds for the ongoing Skokie Valley Trail improvement project. The Village has been working to close a one-mile gap in the planned Skokie Valley Trail within the Village limits between Dempster Street (northern terminal for the CTA Yellow Line) and Golf Road. The project involves ROW acquisition of four parcels within the project limits. The Invest in Cook funds will help the Village and CMAP to close a critical gap that also will significantly improve access to transit within the Village.
The Village of Streamwood has been awarded construction funds for the IL 59 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overpass project. This project includes construction of a multi-use trail, boardwalks, and a bridge over IL 59, just north of Poplar Creek that will provide a safer non-motorized route for residential areas on both sides of IL 59. The purpose of the project is to provide a safe, dedicated overpass connecting residential areas, commercial areas, and park district facilities located on both sides of IL 59 promoting non-motorized travel.
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Village of Western Springs has been awarded design engineering funds for the Gilbert Avenue Street Resurfacing project. In addition to roadway resurfacing the Village will be implementing ADA sidewalk improvements to 72 sidewalk ramps along Gilbert Avenue from Ogden Avenue to 47th Street. This stretch of Gilbert Avenue serves as a key north south arterial roadway serving the Villages of Western Springs and LaGrange, forming a key commercial corridor.

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**PROJECT APPLICANT**

Western Springs  

**COMMISSIONER DISTRICT(S)**

17

**LIMITS**

47th Street to Ogden Avenue

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**PROJECT TYPE**

Roadway

**PROJECT PHASE**

Design Engineering

**IIC AWARD**

$55,000
The Village of Wheeling has been awarded design engineering funds for the rehabilitation of Wheeling Road. The project will include roadway reconstruction and resurfacing, pedestrian and traffic safety improvements, in addition to other project work. The project will improve access to public transit by closing sidewalk gaps and addition of a multi-use path. This will allow the safe transportation of bicycle and foot traffic from the residential sector south of Hintz Road to Pace and Metra service stations, as well as to the multitude of businesses along the project corridor.
Wheeling Township has been awarded construction funds for the Township-wide Road Safety Markings project. New pavement markings, signs, and reflectors will be implemented on township jurisdiction roadways. This will help make these roads safer for drivers and pedestrians.
The Village of Wilmette received preliminary engineering funds for Wilmette Avenue/Glenview Road and Ridge Road Bicycle infrastructure improvements. This project will improve bicycle infrastructure by dedicating lanes for bicyclists to prioritize safety and reduce the risk of crashes. Dedicated bike facilities will be implemented on Wilmette Avenue/Glenview Road (from Laramie Avenue to Ridge Road) and shared bike lanes on Ridge Road from Isabella Street to Elmwood Avenue. Pedestrian improvements are also planned along these corridors to ensure safe mobility for all.
35 NORTH SHORE CHANNEL TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Wilmette Park District has been awarded funds to support the North Shore Channel Trail Feasibility Study, an effort to identify how to fill an existing 1.5 mile gap between key off-street trails in North Cook County. This gap between the Village of Wilmette and City of Evanston effectively splits the local trail network into northern and southern halves, and there is no connection between them that does not involve traveling along or across wide and stressful roadways. The study will identify a preferred off-street trail location, cost estimate, and implementation strategy.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**PROJECT APPLICANT**
Wilmette Park District

**COMMISSIONER DISTRICT(S)**
13, 14

**LIMITS**
Green Bay Road to Sheridan Road

**PROJECT TYPE**
Bike

**PROJECT PHASE**
Planning

**IIC AWARD**
$40,000
The Village of Worth was awarded preliminary engineering funds for Path Improvements on Ridgeland Avenue. This project will complete an engineering study to evaluate alternative routes to connect the Village of Worth's existing trail along the north side of the Cal-Sag Channel to future pedestrian and bicycle improvements proposed in RTA's Community Planning Ridgeland Avenue Corridor Plan. Adding a connection from Worth’s trail to the Ridgeland Avenue Corridor will extend access from Moraine Valley to the Ridgeland Avenue Corridor Communities.