



MEMORANDUM

To: UWP Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: October 2, 2025

Subject: FY 2027 - 2031 UWP Competitive Program

Action Requested: Discussion

On August 8, 2025, CMAP staff issued a call for fiscal year (FY) 2027 - 2031 Unified Work Program (UWP) Competitive program funding proposals in accordance with the [Unified Work Program Development Methodology](#) approved by the UWP Committee on July 9, 2025. Four proposals were received from four agencies. One request was for preliminary (phase 1) engineering funding for a trail project in Palos Heights, which is not an eligible project scope for Metropolitan Planning funds. The three eligible proposals are described below, followed by a staff recommendation for funding, and next steps. More detailed summaries that include schedule, scoring, and budget information for the eligible projects are also attached.

CTA: Chicago Transit Authority's South Lakefront Transit Access Study

The South Lakefront Transit Access Study will evaluate numerous alternatives for improving transit connectivity along Chicago's south lakefront. This study is proposed in recognition of the unique transit needs of the south lakefront area, including three new major activity centers being developed including the Barack Obama Presidential Center (OPC), the PsiQuantum campus and the new Advocate Hospital. These developments will introduce robust levels of visitor and employee traffic to and from the Jackson Park and South Works areas, respectively, and the need to explore improved connections with the rest of the city's transit network as well as address shifting mobility patterns for residents traveling to and from the area.

RTA: Moving Together: RTA, Pace, and IDOT Partnership for Transit Priority Corridors

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is partnering with Pace Suburban Bus (Pace) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to develop a framework and action plan for implementing transit supportive infrastructure on Pace's top 20 most traveled corridors in an effort to streamline delivery of transit improvements on state-owned roadways in suburban communities. The goals for these corridors include but are not limited to:

- speeding-up project delivery for bus improvements

- increasing bus speeds via signal priority and dedicated lanes
- safety upgrades to the pedestrian environment and streetscape enhancements
- accessibility and mobility improvements
- creating greater access to transit and intermodal connectivity
- better connecting suburban communities to the broader region

The deliverables of this planning project will include a policy framework for transit supportive infrastructure on state-owned roadways and an action plan for prioritizing investments in specific corridors.

Kane County: Public ROW ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan

This project will update the Kane County Division of Transportation's (KDOT's) existing 2016 ADA Self Evaluation and Transition plan focusing on the public right-of-way alongside KDOT routes. The existing plan is in need of updating to be compliant with PROWAG standards for facilities in the public right-of-way including curb ramps, sidewalks, shared-use paths, pedestrian traffic equipment, and Pace bus stops/shelters. The project will include improving KDOT's GIS database for these facilities and updating the County's existing inspection sheets.

These eligible projects were scored by staff according to the methodology, resulting in the preliminary total scores in Table 1 below. Committee members will be requested to provide emerging issues scores during the public comment period for the recommended program.

Table 1. FY 2027-2031 UWP Competitive Application preliminary scores

	CTA: Transit Access	RTA: Transit Priority Corridors	Kane County: ADA Plan
Aligns with the 2026 RTP emerging priorities (0, 3, or 8 points)	8	8	3
Address federal planning factors (0-6 points)	6	6	4
Influences or implements statewide planning efforts (0-6 points)	6	4	6
Deliverables/outcomes will be used by others (0, 2, 4, or 6 points)	6	4	6
Past performance (0-6 points)	4	4	6
Project administration (0, 1, 2, or 4 points)	1	1	1
Regional cooperation and efficiency (0 or 4 points)	4	4	4
Emerging issues (to be scored by committee members; 1-3 points)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Continuation of past projects (0 or 2 points)	2	0	2
Preliminary Total Score	37	31	32

The UWP methodology calls for giving priority to competitive projects that will help the region meet federal requirements to dedicate at least 2.5% of the federal metropolitan planning funds to increasing safe and accessible transportation options. All of the eligible project proposals submitted for competitive funding consideration address these types of activities, therefore the funding recommendations in Table 2 below are based on the preliminary total scores in Table 1, the costs and schedule included in each application, and consideration of expected available funding levels.

Table 2. Staff recommended FY 27-31 UWP Competitive Program for final scoring and public comment

Sponsor	Project	Recommended by FY				
		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
CTA	South Lakefront Transit Access Study	\$400,000	\$100,000	---	---	---
Kane County	Public ROW ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan	---	\$182,712	\$78,305	---	---
RTA	Moving Together: RTA, Pace, and IDOT Partnership for Transit Priority Corridors	\$120,000	\$180,000	---	---	---
Total		\$520,000	\$462,712	\$78,305	---	---
Federal (80%)		\$416,000	\$370,170	\$62,644	---	--
Sponsor Match (20%)		\$104,000	\$92,542	\$15,661	---	---

As part of the multi-year programming methodology, CMAP has committed to programming no less than \$1 million each FY for transportation planning projects that support and enhance the work of the MPO and its partners. The applications received this cycle have requested less than \$1 million annually, therefore less than \$1 million will be programmed. During the next multi-year program development there will be an opportunity to consider full programming.

Upon review by the UWP Committee, CMAP staff will make the staff recommendation available to the public for comment through Friday, November 7, 2025. Any adjustments due to public comment or the emerging issues scores provided by committee members will be presented to the UWP committee on November 19, 2025 for approval and recommendation to the CMAP Transportation Committee. The CMAP Transportation Committee will consider the recommendation on December 19, 2025, and will make a final recommendation to the MPO Policy Committee for consideration at their January 2026 meeting.

FY 2027-2031 UWP Competitive Program Summary for Chicago Transit Authority's South Lakefront Transit Access Study

Description

Project Type: Consultant planning study

Qualifies for Safe and Accessible Transportation Options: Yes

The South Lakefront Transit Access Study will evaluate numerous alternatives for improving transit connectivity along Chicago's South Lakefront. This study is proposed in recognition of the many and unique transit needs of the South Lakefront area, including three new major activity centers being developed including the Barack Obama Presidential Center (OPC), the PsiQuantum campus and the new Advocate Hospital. These developments will introduce robust levels of visitor and employee traffic to and from the Jackson Park and South Works areas, respectively, and the need to explore improved connections with the rest of the city's transit network as well as address shifting mobility patterns for residents traveling to and from the area.

Proposed Schedule

Procurement: 9/1/2025 - 5/31/2026

Completion of Work: 8/1/2026 - 10/31/2027

Initial Invoice:

Final Invoice:

Estimated Score (subject to staff review and verification)

Advances CMAP's Emerging Priorities	8
Address federal planning factors	6
Influences or implements statewide planning efforts	6
Deliverables/outcomes will be used by others	6
Past performance	4
Project administration	1
Regional cooperation and efficiency	4
Emerging issues	TBD
Continuation of past projects	2

Budget Summary

		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Agency Personnel	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Agency Expenses	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Consultant Services	\$ 500,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$ 500,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

FY 2027-2031 UWP Competitive Program Summary for The Regional Transportation Authority's Moving Together: RTA, Pace, and IDOT Partnership for Transit Priority Corridors

Description

Project Type: Consultant planning study

Qualifies for Safe and Accessible Transportation Options: Yes

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- increasing bus speeds via signal priority and dedicated lanes
- safety upgrades to the pedestrian environment and streetscape enhancements
- accessibility and mobility improvements
- creating greater access to transit and intermodal connectivity
- better connecting suburban communities to the broader region

The deliverables of this planning project will include a policy framework for transit supportive infrastructure on state-owned roadways and an action plan for prioritizing investments in specific corridors.

Proposed Schedule

Procurement: 8/1/2026 -12/1/2026

Completion of Work: 2/15/2027 - 2/15/2028

Initial Invoice:

Final Invoice:

Estimated Score (subject to staff review and verification)

Advances CMAP's Emerging Priorities	8
Address federal planning factors	6
Influences or implements statewide planning efforts	4
Deliverables/outcomes will be used by others	4
Past performance	4
Project administration	1
Regional cooperation and efficiency	4
Emerging issues	TBD
Continuation of past projects	0

Budget Summary

		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Agency Personnel	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Agency Expenses	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Consultant Services	\$ 300,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$ 300,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

FY 2027-2031 UWP Competitive Program Summary for Kane County Division of Transportation's Public ROW ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan

Description

Project Type: Consultant planning study

Qualifies for Safe and Accessible Transportation Options: Yes

This project will aim to update the Kane County Division of Transportation's existing 2016 ADA Self Evaluation and Transition plan focusing on the public right-of-way alongside KDOT routes. The existing plan is in need of updating to be compliant with PROWAG standards for facilities public right-of-way including curb ramps, sidewalks, shared-use paths, pedestrian traffic equipment, and Pace bus stops/shelters. The project will include improving Kane County Division of Transportation's GIS database for these facilities and updating the County's existing inspection sheets.

Proposed Schedule

Procurement: 1/1/2027 - 6/30/2027

Completion of Work: 7/1/2027 - 12/1/2028

Initial Invoice: 7/1/2027

Final Invoice: 12/1/2028

Estimated Score (subject to staff review and verification)

Advances CMAP's Emerging Priorities	3
Address federal planning factors	4
Influences or implements statewide planning efforts	6
Deliverables/outcomes will be used by others	6
Past performance	6
Project administration	1
Regional cooperation and efficiency	4
Emerging issues	TBD
Continuation of past projects	2

Budget Summary

		FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Agency Personnel	\$ 11,017.20	\$0.00	\$7,712.04	\$3,305.16	\$0.00	\$0.00
Agency Expenses	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Consultant Services	\$ 250,000.00	\$0.00	\$175,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$ 261,017.20	\$0.00	\$182,712.04	\$78,305.16	\$0.00	\$0.00