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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Climate Committee

From: CMAP Intergovernmental Affairs Staff

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Subject: Legislative update

Action Requested: Information

FEDERAL

Surface transportation reauthorization

In late May, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed bipartisan surface transportation reauthorization legislation (the BUILD America 250 Act) out of committee. This legislation would authorize \$580 billion for surface transportation programs over the next five fiscal years (FY27-31), covering funding for federal highways, bridges, and transit. The bill would serve as the successor to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which is set to expire at the end of FY26 (September 30).

Given that FY26 ends on September 30, it is increasingly likely Congress will pursue a continuing resolution (CR) while both chambers continue to debate reauthorization legislation and FY27 appropriations. If a CR is passed, then the increased resources available under IIJA via advance appropriations will no longer be available, and funding levels will fall to the level appropriated for FY26.

Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)

On June 26, 2026, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee released the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2026, a bipartisan bill that Congress considers every two years to authorize U.S. Army Corps of Engineers water resources projects and related policies nationwide. Historically, the Chicago region has benefited from major, long-term Corps projects advanced through WRDA, including the Brandon Road Interbasin Project, which was authorized in WRDA 2020 to prevent invasive carp from entering the Great Lakes.

The House draft of WRDA 2026 includes several Chicago-specific provisions – such as measures related to the Chicago Harbor Lock, the Chicago Area Confined Disposal Facility, and the Brandon Road project – but it does not include the Chicago Area Waterway System Restoration and Recreation (CAWSRR) project. This project was developed in partnership with the City of Chicago’s Department of Planning and Development, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and the Chicago Park District, and would serve as a unified, comprehensive plan to restore aquatic habitats and increase

public access and recreation along river corridors throughout the Chicago area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has not yet issued a Chief's Report, which is typically the final planning milestone before Congress considers authorizing construction in a future WRDA.

STATE

FY27 budget, BIMP, and revenue omnibus

On June 16, Governor Pritzker signed the FY27 budget ([P.A. 104-0464](#)) into law, providing \$55.9 billion for operating expenses, along with the budget implementation bill (BIMP) ([P.A. 104-0466](#)) and a revenue omnibus package ([P.A. 104-0468](#)). Key provisions of the revenue omnibus legislation include a Net Operating Loss (NOL) deduction cap, a new digital ad tax, new social media platform fees, and a 6-month suspension of the inflationary increase of the state motor fuel tax. Collectively, the revenue sources identified in P.A. 104-0468 are expected to generate roughly \$800 million in funding for FY27. Included in this figure is also a one-time transfer of \$150 million to the General Revenue Fund (GRF) from motor fuel sales tax revenue.

The FY27 budget includes several funding allocations that support continued CEJA implementation and expands available resources for water quality and infrastructure improvements. Most notably, this year's budget provides \$378 million in grants for operations and contracts that advance Illinois' clean energy transition, as well as roughly \$1.2 billion in funding to replace lead service lines and remove contaminants from drinking water.

Northern Illinois Transit Authority Act clean-up

The General Assembly passed [HB2335](#), the NITA trailer bill, which addresses technical errors, extends deadlines for required reports and the completion of reconstruction for certain transit stations. The legislation also ensures that board representation remains in place from June 1, 2026, when NITA takes effect, through September 1, 2026, when the terms of current RTA, CTA, Metra, and Pace board members expire.

Clean and Reliable Grid Act clean-up

As follow up to the Clean and Reliable Grid Act (CRGA) ([Public Act 104-0458](#)), the General Assembly passed a CRGA clean-up omnibus ([HB1700](#)), which includes targeted improvements to battery storage incentives, protects funding for Illinois Solar for All, and clarifies energy efficiency provisions to expand consumer access and maintain agreements reached during CRGA negotiations.

CMAAP staff will conduct a full analysis of the FY27 budget legislation, as well as other key legislative measures that advanced this session to assess their impact and determine how they align with regional priorities.

General legislative activity

The General Assembly concluded its spring session on June 1 and is scheduled to convene for veto session on November 17-19 and December 1-3.

In addition to the measures identified above, CMAAP staff tracks legislation before the General Assembly that impacts the region and is relevant to the agency's work. The following has been identified by CMAAP staff as key pieces of legislation that advanced during the spring legislative session and may be of interest to the CMAAP Climate Committee.

It should be noted this is not an exhaustive list of legislation tracked by CMAAP staff. For more information on other tracked legislation of interest, please contact Ryan Gougis, IGA Specialist at rgougis@cmap.illinois.gov.

Bike and Pedestrian

SB3484 – MICROMOBILITY/E-BIKE SAFETY (Sen. Villivalam/Rep. B. Hernandez)

Description: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Sets forth titling requirements for (i) a motor driven cycle that is powered by an electric motor with a nominal power rating of greater than 750 watts but less than or equal to 8,000 watts and (ii) a gas-powered bicycle capable of operating at speeds greater than 28 miles per hour. Excludes electric micromobility devices from titling, registration, license or permit, and liability insurance policy requirements. Establishes signage requirements notifying users of areas where the operation of motor driven cycles is strictly prohibited. Sets forth the operation of toy vehicles, motor driven cycles, and electric micromobility devices in the State. Prohibits low-speed gas bicycles and low-speed electric bicycles from being operated by a person under the age of 18 with a passenger unless the passenger is a sibling, stepsibling, child, or stepchild of the operator. Establishes where a low-speed gas bicycle may be operated. Allows the Department of Natural Resources and park districts, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, and transit districts to regulate the use of low-speed electric bicycles on their properties. Defines terms. Makes other changes. Makes conforming changes in the Micromobility Fire Safety Act and the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Effective January 1, 2027.

Status: Passed both Houses on 6/1/2026

Climate Mitigation & Resilience

HB5070 – EPA-FEDERAL BACKSTOP (Rep. Williams/Sen. Ellman)

Description: Prevents the Illinois Pollution Control Board from automatically adopting federal environmental regulations that weaken existing protections in the state.

Status: [Public Act 104-0510](#)

SB2980 – CLIMATE DISPLACEMENT-REPORT (Sen. Guzman/Rep. Du Buclet)

Description: Changes the dates on which various reports created by the Climate Displacement Task Force are to be submitted to the General Assembly

Status: Sent to the Governor on 6/18/2026

SB3272 – RENEWABLE ENERGY ACCESS PLANS (Sen. Cunningham/Rep. Hoffman)

Description: Provides that, to assist and support the Illinois Commerce Commission in the development of renewable energy access plan updates, the Commission may retain the services of technical and policy experts with relevant expertise and experience. Provides that the procurement is exempt from the requirements of the Illinois Procurement Code. However, the procurement process for the services of technical and policy experts with relevant expertise and experience shall be conducted in a manner that is substantially in accordance with the requirements of the Procurement Ethics and Disclosure Article of the Illinois Procurement Code.

Status: Sent to the Governor on 6/18/2026

SB3772 – EPA-ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (Sen. Villanueva/Rep. Jimenez)

Description: Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Makes findings about the imposition of disproportionate and adverse effects on communities in areas of environmental justice concern. Defines terms. Applies to the following permits for which an owner or operator applies on or after January 1, 2026: (1) a construction permit for a new source that is to be located in an area of environmental justice concern and that is required to obtain from the Agency a CAAPP permit or a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit; (2) a construction permit for any existing source that is located in an area of environmental justice concern, that possesses a CAAPP permit or a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit issued by the Agency, and that seeks an increase in annual permitted emissions; or (3)

a construction permit for any existing source that is located in an area of environmental justice concern, that seeks an increase in annual permitted emissions, and that will for the first time require a new CAAPP permit or a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit issued by the Agency. Requires the Environmental Protection Agency to evaluate the application for affects on environmental justice and may suggest additional testing or changes in the application. Requires that the Agency to conduct an evaluation of the prospective owner's or operator's prior experience in owning and operating sources of air pollution before it may issue a construction permit. Makes other changes. Creates the Office of Environmental Justice within the Environmental Protection Agency. Effective immediately.

Status: Passed both Houses on 5/30/2026

Water Resources Management

HB2955 – EPA-PFAS WASTEWATER (Rep. Rashid/Sen. Villivalam)

Description: Creates the PFAS Wastewater Citizen Protection Act. Creates the PFAS Wastewater Citizen Protection Committee for specific purposes. Provides that the Committee shall submit a PFAS Action Plan to the Governor's Office, the General Assembly, and the Environmental Protection Agency no later than one year after the effective date of the Act. Provides that the Committee shall continue to periodically meet and shall annually update the PFAS Action Plan and submit annual reports with certain requirements. Provides for membership of the Committee. Provides that the Prairie Research Institute's Illinois Sustainable Technology Center shall provide technical assistance to the Committee. Makes findings and declares policy. Defines terms. Provides that the Act is repealed on December 31, 2044.

Status: Sent to the Governor on 6/26/2026

HB4418 – EPA-STORMWATER-PLASTIC PELLET (Rep. Mason/Sen. Morrison)

Description: Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that one year after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Agency shall develop and begin implementation of requirements for a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan or other similar best management practice requirements, to be included in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits issued to facilities regulated under certain federal regulations. Provides that these requirements apply to the control of plastic pellets or other preproduction plastic materials, in stormwater runoff from these facilities.

Status: Sent to the Governor on 6/26/2026

SB3917 – EPA-WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT (Sen. Fine/Rep. Faver Dias)

Description: The bill strengthens transparency and accountability by requiring expanded PFAS testing in wastewater and ongoing monitoring at major facilities. It provides that all National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits authorizing a discharge from a facility designated by the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a major facility, shall, at a minimum, require for publicly owned treatment works, periodic sampling of influent, effluent, and biosolids for all perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances for which there are accredited wastewater analytical methods and, for all other facilities, periodic effluent sampling for all perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances for which there are accredited wastewater analytical methods. Provides that the Agency shall require any NPDES permit application for a discharge of wastewater that has potential to contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances to fully characterize the discharge through sample results for all perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances for which there are accredited wastewater analytical methods.

Status: Sent to the Governor on 6/18/2026

SB4025 – EPA-LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACE (Sen. Villivalam/Rep. Olickal)

Description: Provides that an owner or operator of a community water supply may, by an additional method approved by the State, give written notice of the existence of lead service lines

that are connected to buildings. Provides that an owner or operator of a community water supply that performs at least 4,000 lead service line replacements per year or exceeds a statutorily prescribed lead service line replacement rate is exempt from a provision that prohibits partial lead service line replacements. Provides that, in a municipality with a population of more than 1,000,000 inhabitants, the owner of a private property upon which there is located a renter-occupied building, a building that is used as a day care, or a multi-dwelling building must allow the community water supply access to replace the lead service line on the private side of the property.

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