Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Regional Mobility Council (RMC) Application

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the Regional Mobility Council (RMC)?

The RMC is an advisory committee hosted by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) that aims to shape transportation and mobility decisions across the region. The council will assess CMAP's work, offer feedback and recommendations, and help ensure CMAP's initiatives align with community needs, especially those related to mobility and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.

2. What are the specific goals of the Regional Mobility Council?

The RMC aims to shape transportation and mobility decisions across the region, specifically focusing on issues related to ADA compliance. Council members will help ensure that CMAP's initiatives, such as inclusive growth, resilience, and prioritized investment, meet the needs of all communities, especially those of people with disabilities.\

3. What are the benefits of joining the Regional Mobility Council?

By participating in the RMC, your organization will have the opportunity to influence regional transportation planning and decision-making. Additionally, members can engage in constructive dialogues on mobility issues, build relationships with peers, and network with CMAP staff.

4. Who is eligible to apply?

To apply, you must be part of a community-based organization familiar with the needs and priorities of people with disabilities, particularly those related to transportation, housing, and economic mobility.

5. What are the requirements for the applicant organizations?

In addition to possessing experience with the needs and priorities of people with disabilities, organizations must have a legal structure (e.g., 501c3 or 501c6). CMAP will prioritize organizations that operate in northeastern Illinois (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties).

6. Can individuals apply, or must it be an organization?

This opportunity is for organizations, not individuals. The selected organizations will have staff members who participate in the council. You must be a part of an organization to apply. CMAP encourages organizations with staff members who have lived experience to apply.

7. How many organizations will be selected to participate?

Up to 10 community-based organizations will be selected to participate in the RMC.

8. How do I apply?

To apply, applicants are asked to complete and submit this on-line form. Your organization must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the description to be considered for selection.

9. What is the deadline for the application?

The deadline for submitting your application is March 21, 2025, 3:00 p.m. Be sure to submit your application on time for consideration.

10. What will be the role of council members?

Council members will provide valuable feedback on CMAP's work and offer recommendations for improving regional mobility in alignment with community needs and aspirations. They will also learn more about CMAP's role and help identify resources that can improve regional mobility and accessibility. Members will engage in discussions and decision-making that impact regional mobility and ADA compliance.

11. What is the time commitment required?

There will be a total of twelve (12) council meetings beginning in late April 2025 and continuing through June 2026. The total time commitment varies depending on meeting frequency and preparation needs. Each organization will be represented by one key staff member. We will accommodate participation of up to one additional representative in the case of absence.

12. Where will meetings be held?

Meetings will be held in hybrid format at CMAP's office at the Old Post Office (433 W Van Buren St. Suite 450, Chicago, IL 60607) and online. We encourage in-person attendance to promote discussion and networking, but we understand that is not always feasible and are pleased to provide a virtual option. CMAP's office is located downtown near major transit, has onsite paid parking, and is accessible. Learn more about visiting CMAP.

13. How much is the stipend?

The stipend is $3,600 per organization for their time and expertise.

14. What happens if my organization is selected?

If your organization is selected, CMAP will contact you in early April with more detailed information about the program, including next steps, meeting schedules, and preparation for the first meeting.

15. How can I get more information or ask questions?

If you have any questions that are not answered in this FAQ, please feel free to contact CMAP Senior Planner Patty Mangano at pmangano@cmap.illinois.gov