

North Central Council

Summary of 2025-2029 Local Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) funding

Program highlights

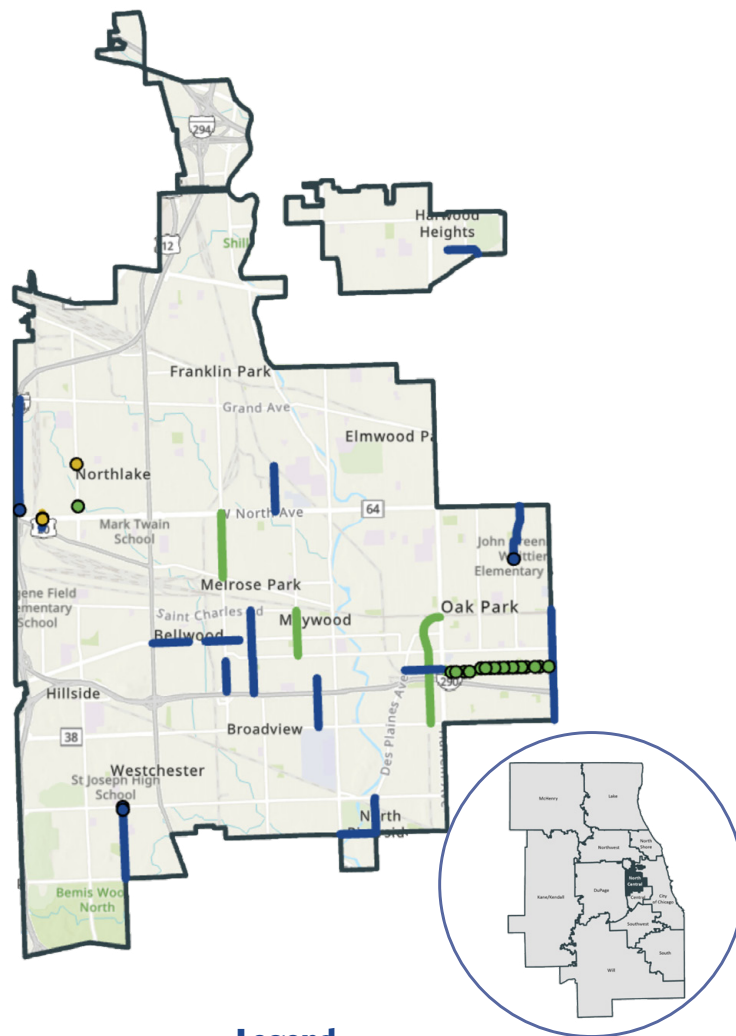
The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025-2029 North Central Council STP-L program was approved on April 13, 2024, by the North Central Council Transportation Committee. The program includes 24 projects investing nearly \$25.2 million across the 5 program years. Of the 24 projects, 6 are new projects selected in this call for projects.

There are 23 projects that awarded STP-L funding for construction phases in the program, which represents 96 percent of the total STP-L funding. In addition, one project in the program is using STP-L funding for design engineering.

Of the types of projects in the program, road maintenance projects has the highest share of STP-L funding at nearly 66 percent of the program.

This summary provides information on program development, including the funding North Central Council receives and how projects are selected. It outlines the entire STP-L program for the North Central Council, including the currently programmed projects and newly awarded projects, and insight on policies North Central Council uses to manage its STP-L funds. Lastly, this summary provides guidance to prepare future projects for the next STP-L call for projects, expected in the fall of 2025.

Figure 1: Locations of North Central Council's 24 STP-L funded projects for FFY 2025-2029



2025-2029 call for projects summary



8 communities applied

5 communities selected



\$25,002,079

funds requested



15 applications submitted

6 applications selected



\$7,839,920

funds programmed

Legend

- Maintenance
- Modernization
- Intersection
- Bridge
- Expansion
- Bike/pedestrian/safety

Program development

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) receives a suballocation of Surface Transportation Block Grant funding each year for use within northeastern Illinois. A substantial portion of this funding is distributed to the 11 subregional councils of mayors and the City of Chicago based on an agreed upon performance-based formula. North Central Council's share of the total funding is typically around \$5 million annually. To maximize the impact of this funding, North Central Council developed a project evaluation methodology made up of seven criteria worth a total of 100 points.

North Central Council received 15 eligible project applications during its call for projects with a total funding request of \$25 million. North Central Council evaluated and scored each project using its methodology.

Funding priority is given in the order of project scores, with the highest scored projects receiving first priority to receive funding that aligned with their requested schedule and amounts. Once all available funding was programmed, remaining unfunded projects were considered for the contingency list. Projects on the contingency list are not guaranteed funding, but if additional funding becomes available and the project is ready to be implemented before the next call for projects, it can be considered for funding.

STP-L funding budget

FFY	Funding budget	Unprogrammed funds
2025	\$5,364,407	\$521,007
2026	\$5,243,026	\$576,626
2027	\$5,326,915	\$438,224
2028	\$5,412,145	\$14,865
2029	\$5,498,740	\$101,160

Call for projects policies



Funding maximums

Engineering 1 & 2: Eligible for up to \$1 million if construction costs exceed \$7.5 million

Construction: \$2.8 million



Eligible phases & local match requirements

Engineering 1 & 2 (80%/20%) if construction costs exceed \$7.5 million, construction (80%/20%)



Approving bodies

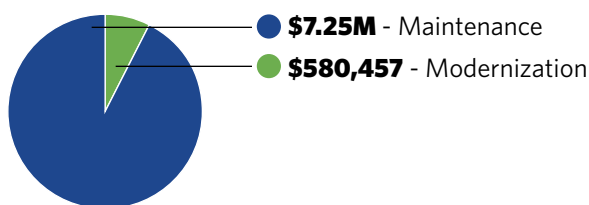
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Methodology criteria

Planning factors 25 points	Pavement condition 25 points	Project readiness 15 points	Safety 10 points	Participation 10 points	Traffic volumes 10 points	Financial commitment 5 points
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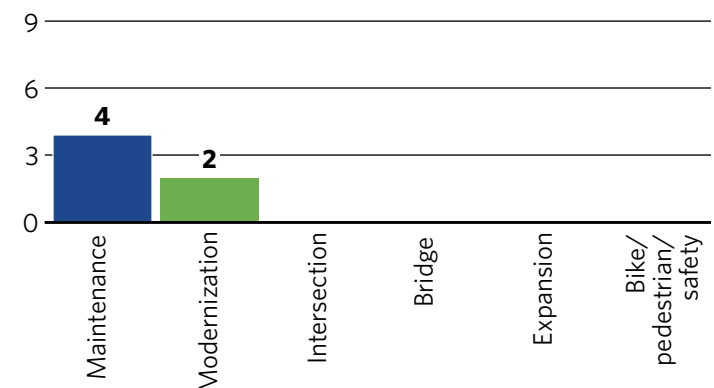
For more detailed information on policies and methodology, visit the [North Central Council](#) webpage.

Figure 2: STP-L funding distributed by project type



North Central Council awarded funding to 6 new projects that total just over \$7.8 million in FFY 2025-2029. Of the 6 projects, 4 are for maintenance projects, which represents 92 percent of the funding awarded in this call for projects period.

Figure 3: Number of projects selected by type



Overall program

Current program including new projects

Newly awarded projects from the FFY 2025-2029 call for projects were added to the existing North Central Council program of projects. Projects that already exist in the program were selected in a prior call for projects and no new projects will be added until the next call for projects in fall 2025.

With the newly selected projects added to the existing program, the current North Central Council STP-L program comprises 24 projects totaling \$25.2 million. The maintenance project type has the highest share of funding at about \$16.6 million across 17 projects. The STP-L program also advances accessibility and active transportation goals.

Projects that include improvements to accessibility and active transportation



15
accessibility improvement projects



3
projects improving bike facilities

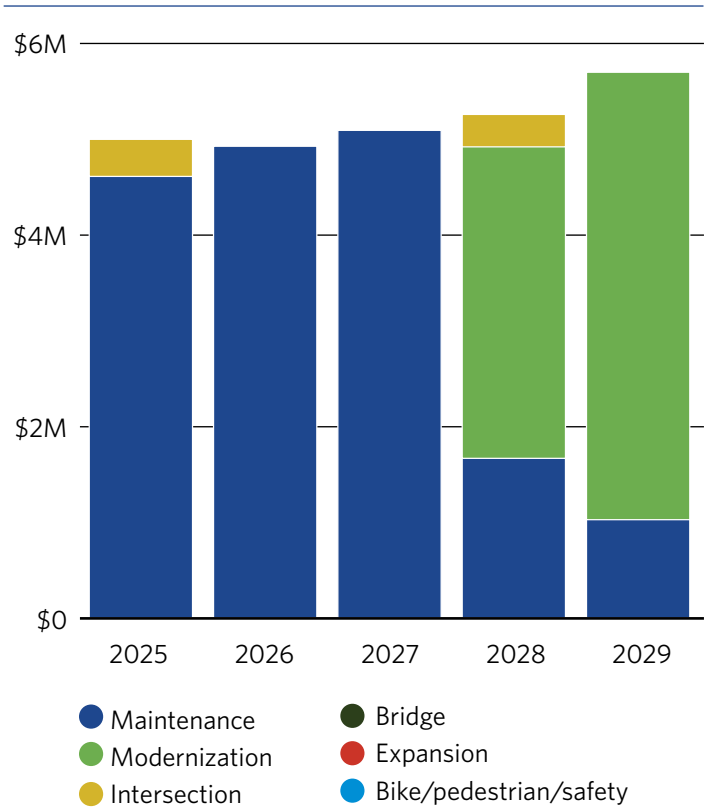


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pedestrian facility improvement projects

Program policies after funding award

This STP-L program will evolve as implementation timelines become clearer. Projects often get delayed and can't use the funding allocated in the awarded year or may need additional funding to get the project built. To ensure North Central Council is using its funding effectively, the council has active program management policies. This includes putting caps on a project's cost increase request. North Central Council also requires quarterly status updates for each planned project to aid in making informed programming decisions to ensure 100 percent of the council's STP-L allotment is spent each year.

Figure 4: 2025-2029 FFY STP-L funds programmed by project type



Key active program management policies



Cost increase policies

Up to 10 percent increase of the awarded amount up to the funding limits.



Quarterly status updates

Required March, June, September, and December until the project is financially closed out.



Obligation extensions

Each project must fully obligate funds in the year they are programmed in prior to the end of that FFY. Projects can submit an obligation deadline extension request to be granted an additional six months to obligate the funds.



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Future call for projects

The next call for projects opportunity is scheduled to open in October 2025. Communities with candidate STP-L projects should have the following ready to best position themselves for funding consideration:



Preliminary engineering

Points will be awarded to projects that have met certain engineering and right-of-way milestones.



Local match

Projects will be required to show documentation that the local match needed for the project has been committed by the community.



Partner engagement

Coordinate with others that have a stake in the project. For example, if a Pace bus route is within the project area or a neighboring municipality will be impacted, those entities should be engaged with.



Cost estimate

The STP-L application requires a detailed project cost estimate.

If you have questions about whether your project is a good fit for North Central Council STP-L funding, contact your council staff. Additionally, sponsors of current and potential projects are encouraged to actively participate in their council's committees. More information about council activities and resources for project sponsors and applicants can be found by visiting the web pages in the resources section below.

[Sign up](#) to receive CMAP's transportation newsletter, which includes timely updates about funding opportunities and other transportation information from across the region.

CMAP resources



STP information

Additional resources regarding the [STP funding program and policies](#) are available.



Programmer resources

Information regarding programming [procedures, schedules, and contacts](#) are available.

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Council meeting dates

Agenda packets are released one week in advance. More details can be found on North Central Council's website.

Link to council meetings

westcook.org/transportation-committee/

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