

North Shore Council

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

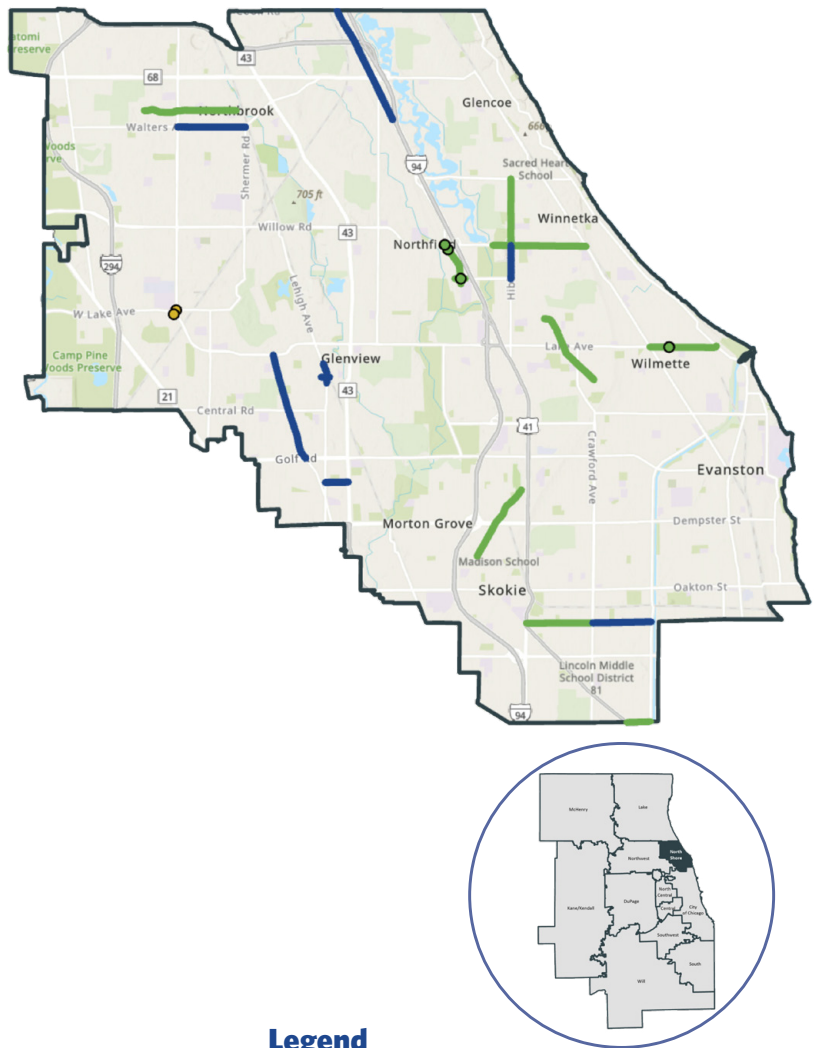
Program highlights

The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025-2029 North Shore Council STP-L program was approved on May 13, 2024, by the North Shore Council of Mayors. The program includes 19 projects investing about \$32 million across the 5 program years. Of the 19 projects, 6 are new projects selected in this call for projects.





Of the types of projects in the program, road modernizations have the highest share of STP-L funding at 65 percent of the program. Road maintenance projects also have a significant share of the program at about 26 percent of the program.

This summary provides information on program development, including the funding North Shore Council receives and how projects are selected. It outlines the entire STP-L program for the North Shore Council, including the currently programmed projects and newly awarded projects, and insight on policies North Shore 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 Shore Council's 19 STP-L funded projects for FFY 2025-2029



2025-2029 call for projects summary

 6 communities applied	 \$23,829,610 funds requested
3 communities selected	
 12 applications submitted	 \$7,095,648 funds programmed
6 applications selected	

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 Shore Council's share of the total funding is typically around \$6 million annually. To maximize the impact of this funding, North Shore Council developed a project evaluation methodology made up of six criteria worth a total of 100 points.

North Shore Council received 12 eligible project applications during its call for projects with a total funding request of about \$23.8 million. North Shore 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	\$6,348,548	\$219,551
2026	\$6,204,899	\$16,068
2027	\$6,304,178	\$28,752
2028	\$6,405,045	\$51,630
2029	\$6,507,525	\$59,215

Call for projects policies



Funding maximums

\$5 million total for all project phases



Eligible phases & local match requirements

Engineering 2 (70%/30%), Construction (70%/30% or 80%/20% if only using construction funding)



Approving bodies

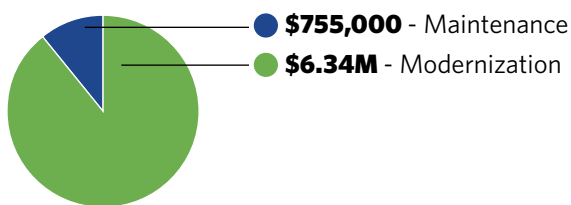
North Shore Council of Mayors,
 Technical Committee
 CMAP Transportation Committee
 CMAP MPO Policy Committee

Methodology criteria

Planning factors 25 points	Safety 20 points	Pavement condition 20 points	Project readiness 15 points	Transportation impact 10 points	Local need 10 points
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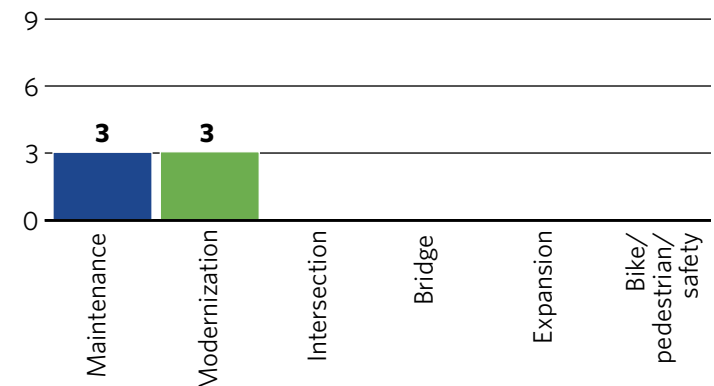
For more detailed information on policies and methodology, visit the [North Shore Council](#) webpage.

Figure 2: STP-L funding distributed by project type



North Shore Council awarded funding to 6 new projects that total just over \$7 million in FFY 2025-2029. Of the 6 projects, 3 were for reconstruction projects, which represents nearly 90 percent of the total funding awarded in this call for projects.

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 Shore 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 Shore Council STP-L program comprises 19 projects totaling just over \$32 million. While 8 of the projects are for maintenance project types representing nearly 26 percent of the funding, maintenance activities are typically less expensive than modernizations, thus modernizations make up about 65 percent of the program across 9 projects. The STP-L program also advances accessibility and active transportation goals.

Projects that include improvements to accessibility and active transportation



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accessibility improvement projects



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projects implementing new shared use paths



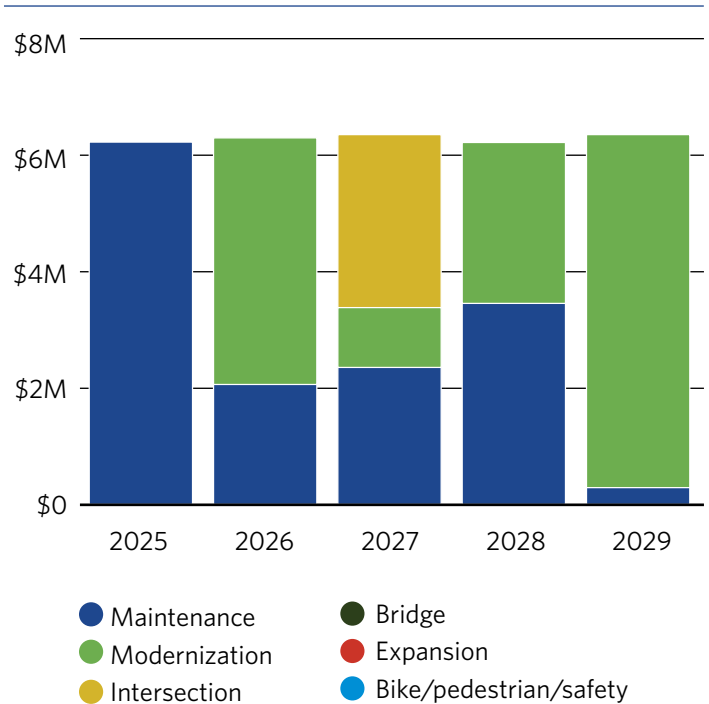
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pedestrian facility improvement projects

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 Shore 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 Shore 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

Cost increase limits are subject to a project's percent of the annual STP-L allocation. If below 25% of the total allocation, requests can be up to an additional 100% of STP-L funds. If between 25-50% of the total allocation, requests can be up to an additional 75% of STP-L funds. If above 50% of the total allocation, requests can be up to an additional 50% of STP-L funds.



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.



Approving body

North Shore Council of Mayors, Technical Committee

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 preliminary engineering milestones.



Local match

Projects sponsors are responsible for the local match and expenses not eligible for STP funding.



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 Shore 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 Shore's website.

Link to council meetings

nwmc-cog.org/transportation/north-shore-council-of-mayors/technical-committee

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