

Southwest Council

Summary of FFY 2027-31 Local Surface Transportation Program Funding

Program highlights

The Southwest Council approved its Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2027-31 Local Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) on May 12, 2026. The 5-year program includes 44 projects totaling nearly \$44.6 million. This includes 12 projects selected through the latest call for projects and 32 continuing from prior programs.

This summary highlights the full Southwest Council STP-L program, including newly selected and continuing projects. It also outlines how the council manages STP-L funds and how communities can prepare for the next call for projects, expected in October 2027.

2027-2031 call for projects summary



8 communities selected

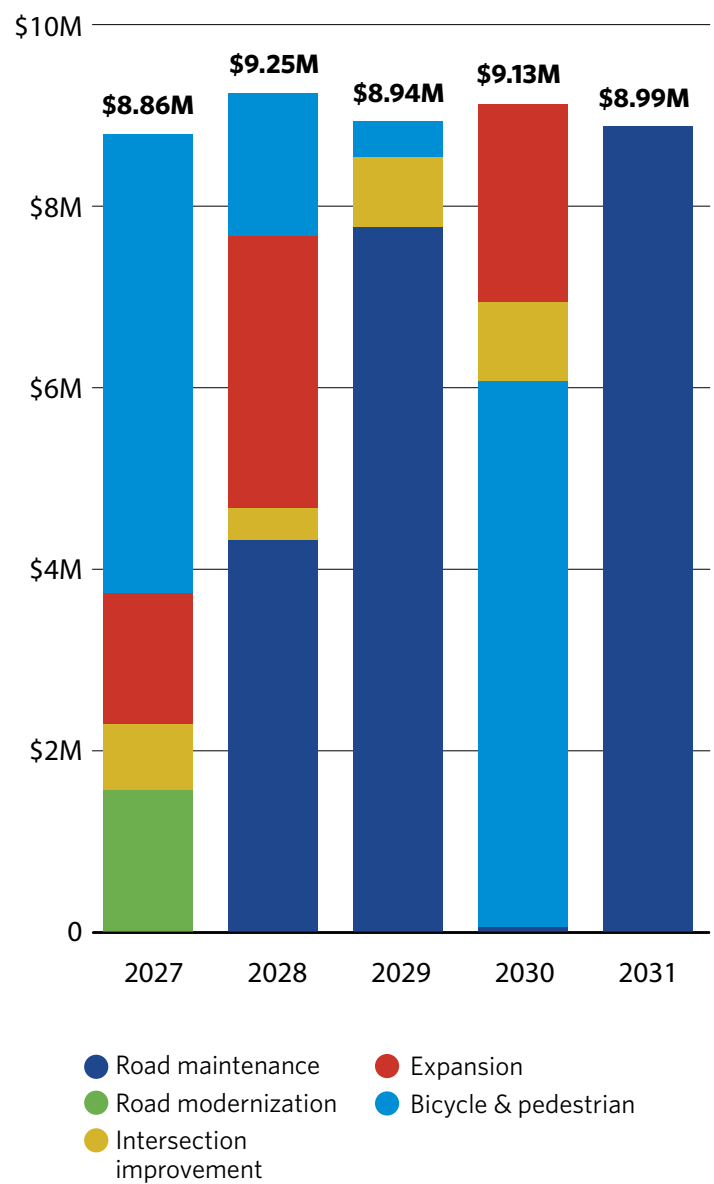


12 applications selected



\$16,494,749 funds programmed

Figure 1: Programmed STP-L funding by federal fiscal year and project type



Current five-year program

Projects selected through the FFY 2027-31 call were added to the Southwest Council's existing program, which also includes projects awarded through prior calls. No additional projects will be added until the next call for projects in fall 2027.

Road maintenance projects account for the largest share of funding programmed by Southwest Council at nearly 47 percent. Bicycle and pedestrian projects also represent a significant share of the program, at nearly 29 percent.

This STP-L program will continue to evolve as project schedules and costs are refined. Projects may experience delays, need funding in a different year, or require additional funding to move forward. Additionally, projects not selected through the call are added to the council's contingency program, a list of projects that can be considered when funding becomes available in the active program. Project sponsors should work with the council and CMAP staff to navigate changes and keep STP-L funding programmed accurately.

Sponsors of current and future projects are also encouraged to participate in their council's committees. More information about council activities is available in the council information section below.

Council information

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Council meeting dates

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

Link to council meetings

www.swmayors.com/committees

Figure 2: STP-L funding distributed by project type

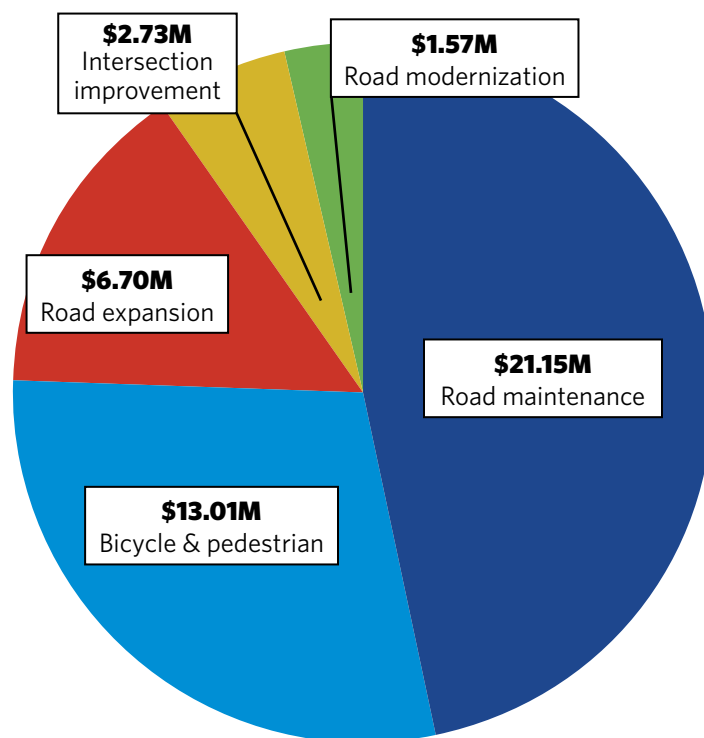
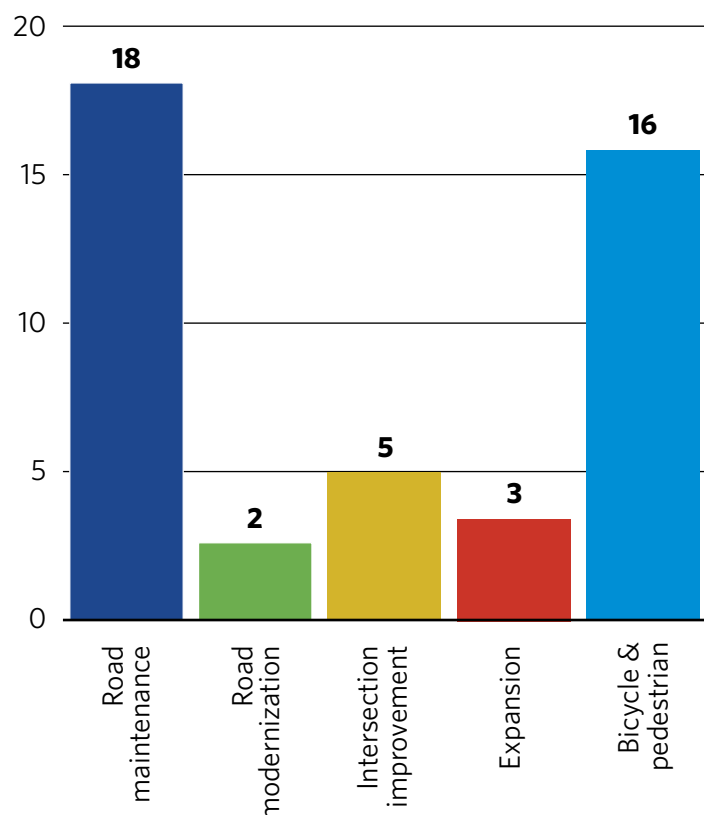


Figure 3: Number of projects programmed by type



Program development

The Southwest Council's share of regional STP funding is typically around \$9 million annually. To maximize the impact of this funding, the council evaluates projects using a methodology made up of 6 criteria worth a total of 100 points.

During the latest call for projects, the Southwest Council received 28 eligible applications requesting just over \$43.5 million. The council evaluated and scored each project using its approved methodology to prioritize projects for available funding.

Methodology criteria

Roadway and intersection projects.

Planning factors

25 points

Project readiness

20 points

Participation

20 points

Traffic volumes

15 points

Safety

10 points

Pavement condition

10 points

Call for projects policies



Funding maximums

\$1.5 million for any single phase of a project



Eligible phases and local match requirements

Engineering 1 & 2 (80%/20%), Construction (80%/20%)



Approving body

Southwest Council of Mayors

Future call for projects

The next call for projects is expected to open in October 2027. Communities with candidate STP-L projects should prepare the following materials to best position their projects for funding consideration:



Fully scoped project

For the Southwest Council program, STP funding is available for phase 1 and phase 2 Engineering and Construction.



Budgeted local match

Applicants must provide documentation that the required local match has been committed to by the community.



Coordination with project partners

Applicants should coordinate with agencies and communities that have a stake in the project. For example, if a Pace bus route is within the project area or a neighboring municipality may be affected, those partners should be involved in project scoping and preliminary engineering.



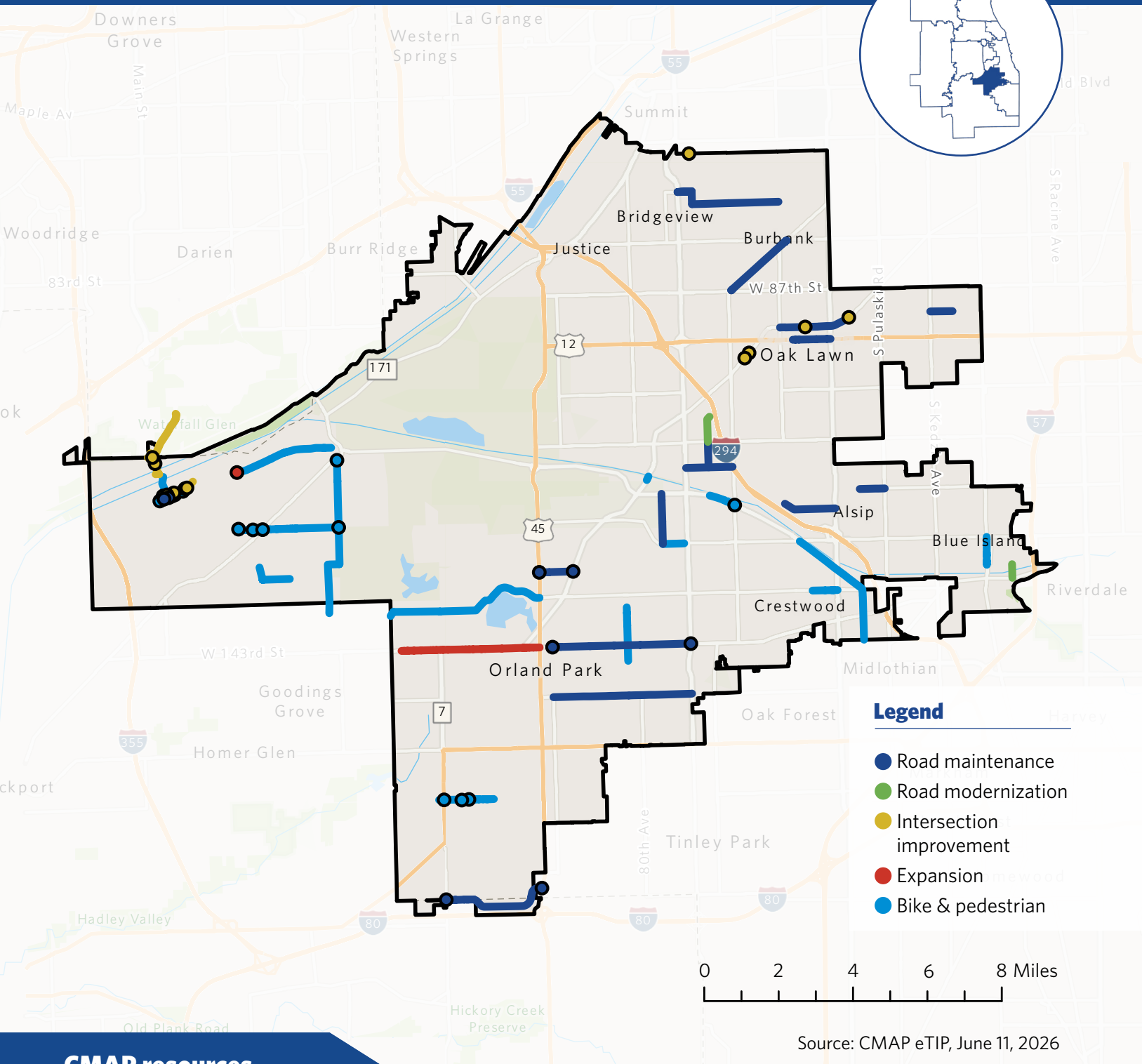
Detailed project cost estimate

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

Applicants with questions about whether a project is a good fit for Southwest Council STP-L funding should contact council staff members.

For more detailed information on policies and methodology, visit the [Southwest Council](#) webpage.

Southwest Council FFY 2027-31 STP-L project map



CMAP resources



STP information

Additional resources about the STP funding program and policies are available.



Programmer resources

Information about programming procedures, schedules, and contacts is available.

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