

Lake Council

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

Program highlights

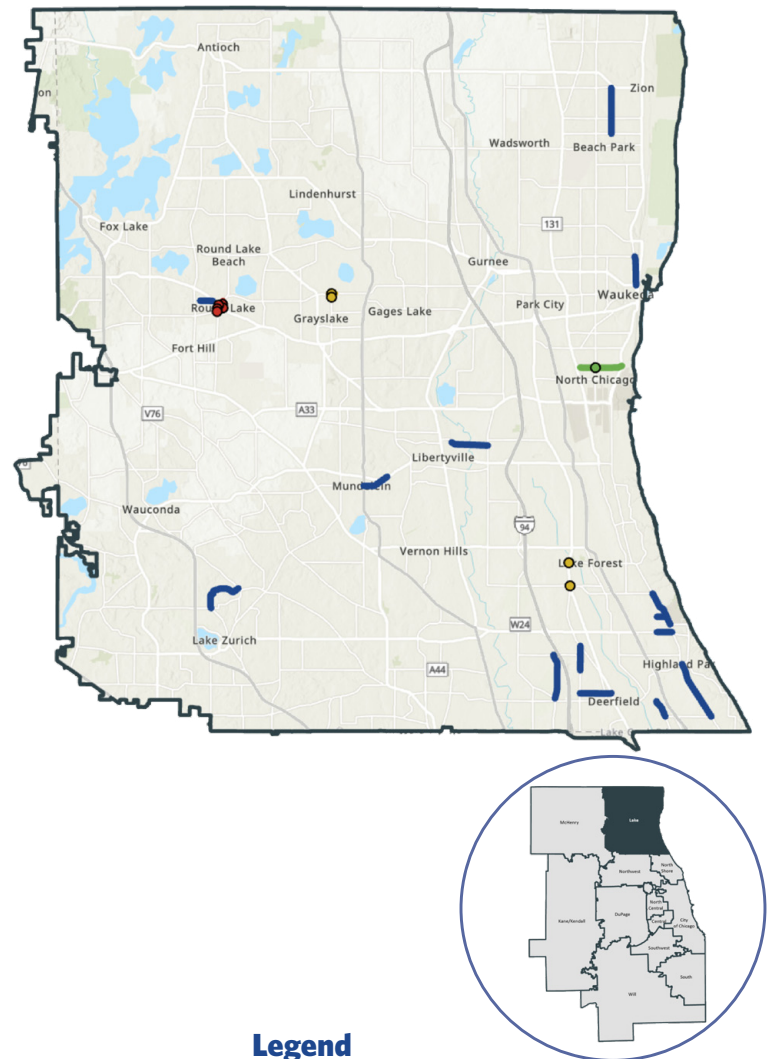
The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025-2029 Lake Council STP-L program was approved on June 6, 2024, by the Lake County Council of Mayors. The program includes 19 projects investing nearly \$58 million across the 5 program years. Of the 19 projects, 8 are new projects selected in this call for projects.

Each project in the program is using STP-L funding for construction phases, which represents 95 percent of the total STP-L funding. In addition, 2 projects in the program are also using STP-L funding for design engineering phases.

Of the types of projects in the program, road maintenance projects has the highest share of STP-L funding at about 55 percent.

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



2025-2029 call for projects summary



22 communities applied
7 communities selected



\$88,746,429
funds requested



42 applications submitted
8 applications selected



\$15,898,266
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. Lake Council's share of the total funding is typically around \$11 million annually. To maximize the impact of this funding, Lake Council developed a project evaluation methodology made up of 8 criteria worth a total of 200 points.

Lake Council received 42 eligible project applications during its call for projects with a total funding request of about \$88.7 million. Lake 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 | \$11,399,554 | \$0 |
| 2026 | \$11,141,616 | \$0 |
| 2027 | \$11,319,882 | \$0 |
| 2028 | \$11,501,000 | \$0 |
| 2029 | \$11,685,016 | \$0 |

Call for projects policies



Funding maximums

Roadway/Intersection: 80% of the total STP allotment

Functional Overlay: \$1 million



Eligible phases & local match requirements

Roadway/Intersection: Engineering 2 (80%/20%), Construction (80%/20%)

Functional Overlay: Engineering 2 (80%/20%), Construction (80%/20%)



Approving bodies

Lake Council Transportation Committee
 CMAP Transportation Committee
 CMAP MPO Policy Committee

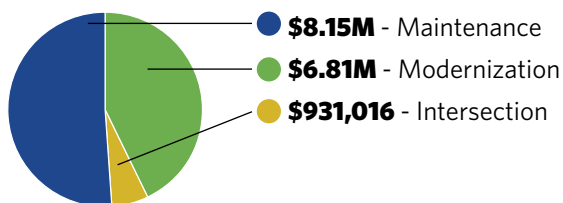
Methodology criteria

Methodology criteria for roadways and intersection projects.

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| Planning factors 50 points | Project readiness 35 points | Transportation impact 30 points | Pavement condition 25 points | Other 23 points | Safety 20 points | Local need 10 points | Traffic volumes 7 points |
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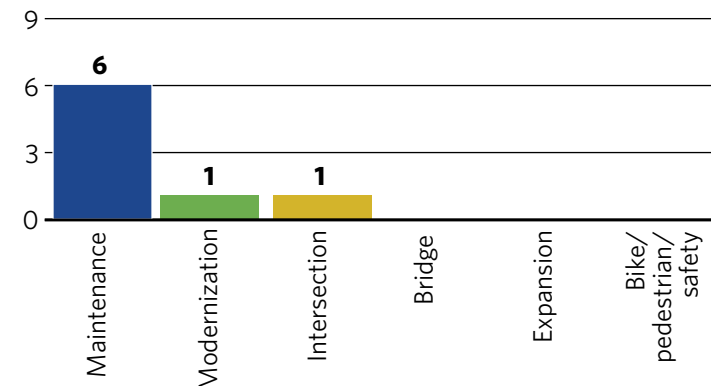
For more detailed information on policies and methodology, visit the [Lake Council](#) webpage.

Figure 2: STP-L funding distributed by project type



Lake Council awarded funding to 8 new projects that total nearly \$15.9 million in FFY 2025-2029. Of the 8 projects, there was 1 modernization project that represented 42 percent of the newly awarded funds.

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 Lake 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 Lake Council STP-L program comprises 19 projects totaling about \$58 million. Maintenance projects have the highest share of funding at nearly \$32.2 million, for 14 projects. While there is only one modernization project and one expansion project, these 2 project types are typically more costly than maintenance, thus these 2 projects combined represent 34 percent of funding in the program. The STP-L program also advances accessibility and active transportation goals.

Projects that include improvements to accessibility and active transportation



4 accessibility improvement projects



1 shared use path implementation projects

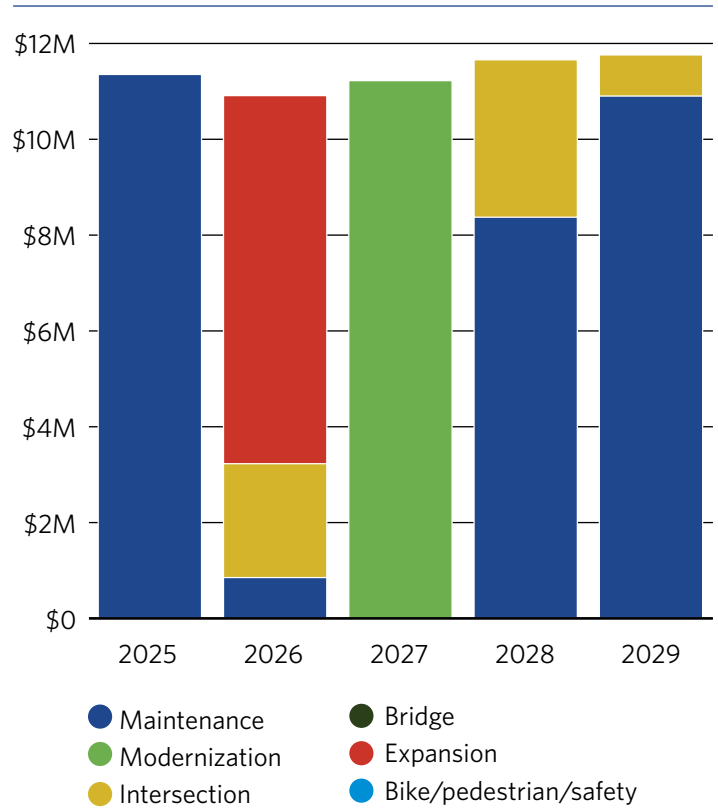


4 pedestrian facility improvement projects

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 Lake Council is using its funding effectively, the council has active program management policies. This includes putting caps on a project's cost increase request. Lake 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

Maximum 20 percent above amount originally programmed.



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

Lake Council Transportation 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

Funding is only available for Engineering 2, Construction, and Construction Engineering.



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 Lake 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 Lake Council's website.

Link to council meetings

www.lakecountyil.gov/3996/Lake-County-Council-of-Mayors

Council membership

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| Buffalo Grove | Mundelein |
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| Deer Park | North Chicago |
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| Grayslake | Park City |
| Green Oaks | Riverwoods |
| Gurnee | Round Lake |
| Hainesville | Round Lake Beach |
| Hawthorn Woods | Round Lake Heights |
| Highland Park | Round Lake Park |
| Highwood | Third Lake |
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