2012-2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program for Northeastern Illinois

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has announced the 2012-2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program for Northeastern Illinois.

Per the requests of the new administration, cycling projects took a high priority in the program.

Indeed while the committee heard complaints that the city received a large share of the cycling funding, the City actually took only a small share of the funding for roadway and signal improvement projects, balancing the overall geographic distribution of the overall program.

The following projects were awarded federal CMAQ funds, which can cover up to 80% of project costs:

- Bloomingdale Trail - $36.54 million (34.3 for construction. 2.24 more for engineering)
- Streets for Cycling - $32 million over 4 years
- Bike Sharing Program - 18 million over 3 years
- Navy Pier Flyover - additional $11.328 million to complete construction funding
- Bike Parking - 2 million for multi-year program
- Travel Demand Management (including Bike Marketing) - 2 million
- Forest Preserve District - additional 3.402 Million to complete construction funding

Alternates: Weber Spur, N. Branch Riverwalk Addison Underbridge

Adjacent suburban projects:
- Lincolnwood - Weber Spur construction, Valley Line (connects to Sauganash) overpass
- Skokie- Skokie Valley Trail, Old Orchard Mall connector
- Oak Park - Madison Road Diet, two transit parking projects
- Burnham - Burnham Greenway Gap - Chicago section already funded by IDNR

Cook County Regional trails:
- Palos Heights/Alsip - Cal Sag Trail segments - Future Connect to Major Taylor
- Wilmette & 3 neighbors - Skokie Valley Trail* - Future Connect to Sauganash Trail