

Transportation

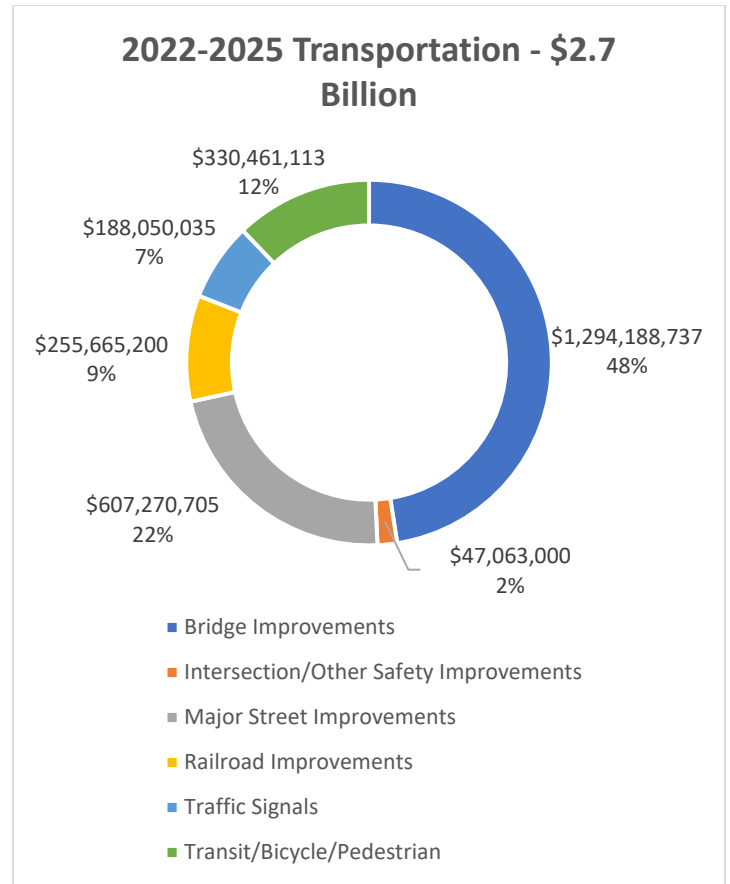
The Transportation Program, administered by the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), consists of capital improvements to the major street systems and enhancements to the transit systems that serve Chicago. Within the Transportation Program, CDOT administers Bridge Improvements, Intersection/Safety Improvements, Major Streets, Railroad Improvements, Traffic Signals, & Transit/Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements.

The Transportation Program totals \$2.7 billion in total funding and accounts for 21.2 percent of the total 2022 – 2026 Capital Plan. Federal and State funds comprise of \$1.0 billion, TIF funds at \$589.3 million, bond funds account for \$241.4 million, Other funds at \$846 million, and the remaining \$116,000 is City funding.

Bridge Improvement Program

CDOT maintains 243 bridges, including 36 moveable bridges, to ensure they are in safe, operable condition on the arterial street rehabilitation, and reconstruction of bridges that carry streets and pedestrian traffic.

The 2022-2026 Bridge Improvement Program totals \$1.3 billion and highlights include:



- \$72.7 million for the major rehabilitation of the Lake Street Bascule Bridge, with \$4.5 million allocated for engineering and \$68.3 million allocated for construction.
- \$58.0 million for the major rehabilitation of the LaSalle Street Bascule bridge over the Chicago River.
- \$75.5 million for the major rehabilitation of the 95th Street Bridge over the Calumet River.

| Transportation Programmatic Funding | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Funding Type | 2022 (\$) | 2022 (%) | 2022-2026 (\$) | 2022-2026 (%) |
| Bond | \$ 185,752,517 | 29.37% | \$ 241,378,429 | 8.87% |
| City | \$ 116,000 | 0.02% | \$ 116,000 | 0.00% |
| Federal | \$ 142,897,210 | 22.60% | \$ 685,114,294 | 25.16% |
| Other | \$ 5,098,500 | 0.81% | \$ 845,990,162 | 31.07% |
| State | \$ 104,716,853 | 16.56% | \$ 360,781,778 | 13.25% |
| TIF | \$ 193,799,511 | 30.65% | \$ 589,318,127 | 21.64% |
| Total | \$ 632,380,591 | | \$ 2,722,698,790 | |

Intersection/Safety Improvements

This program consists of the safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic along the City's 1,000 miles of arterial streets. In many cases, safety impediments such as narrow intersections and deteriorated railroad crossings cause traffic congestion and safety hazards to the public. CDOT seeks to remedy these problems by widening intersections to provide turning bays, rehabilitate railroad crossings, and install new traffic control devices (traffic signals and railroad crossing gates) where necessary.

The 2022-2026 Intersection/Safety Improvements Program is \$47.1 million and highlights from the program include:

- \$36.8 million for over 600 miles of pavement marking maintenance from 2022-2026.
- \$2.3 million for DuSable Lake Shore Drive North Pullout Bays and guardrail improvements
- \$100,000 for a bump out at Milwaukee and Kostner Avenues for traffic control and pedestrian safety.

Major Streets Program

The Major Streets Program provides for the resurfacing, reconstruction, or widening of the 1,055 miles arterial streets. These projects maintain a safe, efficient street system and reduce maintenance costs. ADA ramps are also installed or updated as part of this program.

The 2022-2026 Major Streets Program is \$607.3 million and highlights from the program include:

- \$32.8 million allocated for the improvement of Milwaukee Avenue from Belmont Avenue to Logan Square. Construction will shift Kedzie Avenue and create/construct La Placita, a community gathering space. The CDOT project will implement many of the elements and design motifs requested by the community; it will also include space for future public art installations, a future public gazebo, upgraded ornamental iron benches, and other community-led and funded enhancements.
- \$38.6 million allocated for the creation of Burley Avenue from 106th street to 126th place.
- \$12.2 million allocated for the Boulevard Improvement Program to help revitalize one of Chicago's infrastructure treasures.

Railroad Improvements Program

The Railroad Improvements Program is the City working to enhance rail infrastructure by participating in the Chicago Regional Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Program. This is a partnership between the City, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the State of Illinois, Metra, Amtrak, and the freight railroads to invest in critically needed improvements to increase the efficiency of the region's passenger and freight rail infrastructure.

The 2022-2026 Railroad Improvements Program totals \$255.7 million and highlights include:

- \$65.9 million state funding for CREATE Archer Avenue and Kenton Street will construct an underpass and eliminate a railroad grade crossing, reducing congestion and improving safety for 18,600 vehicles and 259 CTA buses per day. More than 2,700 vehicles are currently delayed at this crossing daily, resulting in nearly 59,600 annual motorist hours of delay.
- \$99.4 million in state and county funding for CREATE 95th Street and Eggleston Avenue project that will eliminate a railroad grade crossing, reducing congestion and improving safety for 24,000 vehicles, 2,800

trucks, and 700 CTA/Pace buses per day.

- \$96.0 million in federal and state funding for CREATE Columbus Ave at Maplewood Avenue will construct an underpass that will eliminate a railroad grade crossing, reducing congestion and improving safety for 11,500 vehicles per day. Nearly 1,700 vehicles are currently delayed at this crossing daily, resulting in more than 36,800 annual motorist hours of delay.

Traffic Signal Program

The Traffic Signal Program includes the design and installation of new traffic signals; modernization of existing signals, which may include left-turn arrow installations, pedestrian countdown signals, and Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS); and the





interconnectivity of the traffic signal network. This program is designed to increase motorist and pedestrian safety, and to improve the traffic flow.

The 2022-2026 Traffic Signal Program is \$188.1 million and highlights from the program include:

- \$16.9 million to install roughly 600 traffic signal communication devices through the *Chicago Works* program.
- \$10.3 million dedicated to modifying traffic signals at 130 intersections throughout the City.
- \$4.3 million for the installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) within the central loop.

Transit/Bicycle/Pedestrian Program

The Department of Transportation manages projects that support rapid transit, bicycling, and walking to provide access to transit or an alternative option to motor vehicle travel for an entire trip. Also included in this program are the building of new in-fill CTA stations; rehabilitation or replacement of select CTA stations; and extensions of other at-grade, subway, and elevated CTA facilities for which CDOT serves as the lead agency.

The Transit/Bicycle/Pedestrian Program includes Vision Zero improvements and other small projects grouped together to maximize impact in the neighborhoods. The Vision Zero Chicago program brings together the policies, partnerships, and technologies that prevent death and serious injury from traffic crashes. Through Vision Zero Chicago, the

City is committed to eliminating fatalities and serious injuries from traffic crashes.

The 2022-2026 Traffic/Bicycle/Pedestrian Program is \$330.5 million and highlights from the program include:

- \$87.0 million for a new in-fill station on the Green Line at Damen Avenue to alleviate the current gap between Ashland Avenue and California Avenue
- \$40.6 million for a new bicycle and pedestrian bridge at 43rd Street to further connect area residents to the lakefront.
- \$3.0 million for “Walk to Transit” project Phase 3 at various locations for pedestrian safety.
- \$3.2 million for Chicago Avenue safety improvements from Latrobe Avenue to Kedzie Avenue

