

# Upcoming Grant Opportunities

- **Communities Connector Grant** from Smart Growth America (deadline July 27)
- **Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) Trail Grants** Program (deadline July 31)
- **Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhood (RCN) Grants** (deadline Sept. 28)
  - Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant
  - Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program
- **Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program** (deadline Sept. 28)
- **Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant** (deadline October 2)
- Other federal grants opening later this summer/fall:
  - Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program
  - Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program

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- **IDOT's Special Program Assistance Conference** (in Broadview on July 26 & 27)
  - Assistance on ITEP, SRTS, and EDP grants
- **SRTS Webinar Series** (July 12, Aug. 23, Sept 20).
  - Links available at [activetrans.org/SRTS](https://activetrans.org/SRTS)
- Join the **Chicagoland Complete Streets Coalition Listserv** for grant alerts
  - Email [Maggie@activetrans.org](mailto:Maggie@activetrans.org) to be added to the list.

# Welcome to **Walk Roll Illinois**

## Active Transportation Plan

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is undergoing a statewide Active Transportation Plan (ATP), called **Walk Roll Illinois**.

The project aims to provide a roadmap to creating a multimodal transportation network that connects all residents to everyday needs safely by walking, biking, and rolling.





# Key Deliverables

## Existing Conditions Review

The plan will assess existing statewide infrastructure to understand major barriers to walking and biking in Illinois. The project will analyze where there is significant demand for active transportation and identify where the most vulnerable populations are located.

## Targeted Engagement

The **Walk Roll Illinois** project will engage the public and stakeholders throughout the life of the project. Through a variety of events and tools, the plan strives to hear from a diversity of voices across the state.

## Policy and Program Recommendations

The plan will identify quick win and long-term policies, procedures, organizational changes, maintenance needs, and funding strategies that may be needed to achieve the plan's vision.

## Local Implementation Guidance

While the plan is focused on state-maintained routes, the final plan will include implementation guidance for local municipalities and MPOs.

# Schedule

## EARLY 2023

- › Begin the project
- › Host stakeholder meetings
- › Begin data analysis

## LATE 2023

- › Develop policy, program, and design recommendations
- › Host **Round 2** technical stakeholder meetings

## MID to LATE 2024

- › Complete the plan

2023

## MID 2023

- › Launch the virtual public open house
- › Host **Round 1** technical stakeholder meetings
- › Create the project vision and goals
- › Identify trends, needs, and issues
- › Gather feedback from the public (**Round 1**)

2024

## EARLY to MID 2024

- › Create the draft plan
- › Gather feedback from the public (**Round 2**)
- › Host **Round 3** technical stakeholder meetings



# Draft Vision Statement

## Draft IDOT ATP Vision Statement:

Provide a **safe, equitable, and context-sensitive multimodal transportation** network in order to improve livability and connectivity and increase access to educational, occupational, and social opportunities for all Illinois roadway users with a critical emphasis on vulnerable roadway users (those who walk, bike, or roll).



# Draft Goals

- **Equity:** Ensure that the recommended network is accessible to users of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.
- **Safety:** Reduce serious injuries and fatalities for vulnerable road users.
- **Connectivity:** Promote comfortable and continuous bicycle and pedestrian facilities that connect people to destinations.
- **Partnerships:** Strive to strengthen existing partnerships and to build new and innovative ones to advance the statewide vision for walking and biking.

# GET INVOLVED!

## CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE

We need to hear from you throughout the planning process to get your feedback on barriers, opportunities, and project recommendations. There are a variety of ways to get involved:

Visit the website, [WalkRollIllinois.com](http://WalkRollIllinois.com), to

### Explore the Virtual Open House



Find out more about the project by checking out the virtual open house

### Complete the Survey and Interactive Map



Share your feedback via the interactive map and survey



## HOST A MEETING



### Use our Meeting-in-a-Box Materials

Is your organization or neighborhood interested in hosting a meeting or discussion around Walk Roll Illinois? If so, check out our website for Meeting-in-a-Box materials to help you facilitate the discussions.

## SPREAD THE WORD



### Grassroots

We encourage you to share this project with your networks and help us spread the word so that everyone's voice is heard.