



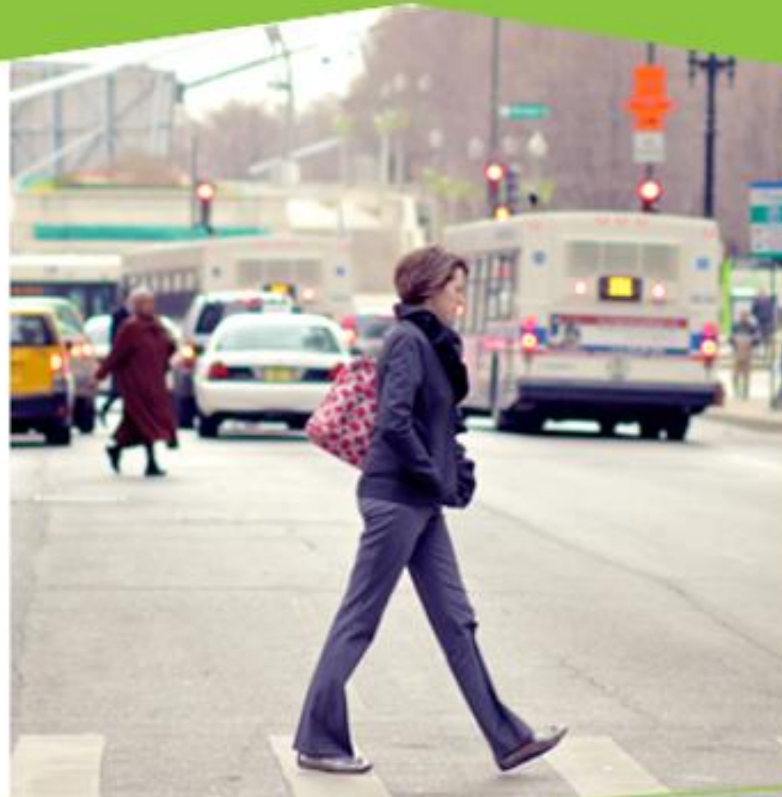
Chicagoland Bike Month & Bike Commuter Challenge

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Our Mission

To advocate for walking, bicycling, and public transit to create healthy, sustainable, equitable communities.

- Member-based not-for-profit organization
- Serves Chicagoland region
- Founded 1985 as Chicagoland Bicycle Federation
- 20,000+ supporters

Bike Month May 2026

Celebrate biking in your community:

- Bike Commuter Challenge
- National events
- Bike Month Proclamations
- Community Events
- Grants



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Bike Commuter Challenge & National Events



- **Bike Commuter Challenge**
 - May 11 – June 7
 - Log your bike trips (work-related)
 - Compete with other organizations and agencies
 - Win prizes!
- **May 6: Bike & Roll to School Day**
 - Schools participating in Arlington Heights, Algonquin, Batavia, Elmhurst, North Aurora, St Charles, Hoffman Estates, Carpentersville, Palatine
- **May 20: Ride of Silence**
 - Rides in Arlington Heights, Elgin, Elk Grove Village, Elmhurst, Evanston, Skokie



Image: Valerie Kramer, Ride Riverside Bike Month 2025

Bike Month Proclamations & Community Events

- **Bike Month Proclamation**

- Proclamation template
- Past proclamations: Cook County, Barrington, Bartlett, Broadview, Brookfield, Downers Grove, Highland Park, Niles, Northbrook, Oak Park, Palatine, Park Ridge, River Forest, Schaumburg, Warrenville

- **Community Events**

- Community bicycle rides
- Bike rodeo
- Bike repair clinics
- Library displays
- Movie screenings



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Grants

- **Invest in Cook** - March 20 deadline
- **Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)**
 - Opening August 2026
 - TA Assistance for Cook County communities
- **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)** – opening Spring 2026



Image: CMAP, Village of Streamwood – ribbon cutting of ITEP funded bike/pedestrian bridge over Route 59 (Oct 2025)