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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Transportation Committee
Agenda
Thursday, April 23, 2026
8:30 a.m.**

NWMC Offices or via Video Conference

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86227723452>

Meeting ID: 862 2772 3452

Passcode: TfzR9M0r

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**

- II. Approval of March 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes

- III. Agency Reports**
 - 1. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (Attachment B)
 - 2. IDOT Local Roads Update (Attachment C)
 - 3. IDOT Highways Report (Attachment D)
 - 4. Illinois Tollway (Attachment E)
 - 5. Metra (Attachment F)
 - 6. Pace (Attachment G)
 - 7. RTA (Attachment H)
 - 8. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (Attachment I)
 - 9. Collar County Departments of Transportation

- IV. ITEP**
NWMC staff will present an overview of the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant, which will open for applications in the fall. Technical assistance support for Cook County members is currently open through May 11. Staff will highlight examples of successful member ITEP applications.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- V. Transportation Legislation Update**
NWMC staff will provide an overview of transportation-related legislation that is currently advancing through the Illinois General Assembly.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- VI. Funding and Planning Opportunities**
Staff will provide an update on funding and planning opportunities.
 - 1) [Cook County/Active Transportation Alliance ITEP Technical Assistance](#) – May 11
 - 2) [US DOT Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) – May 26*Action Requested:* Informational

- VII. Other Business**

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and virtually via Zoom.

IX. Adjourn

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Morton Grove
Mount Prospect
Niles
Northbrook
Northfield
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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Transportation Committee
Minutes**

**Thursday, March 26, 2026
NWMC Offices and via Video Conference**

Members Present

Rodney Craig, Mayor, Hanover Park, Co-Chair
Lara Sanoica, Mayor, Rolling Meadows, Co-Chair
Wendy Dunnington, Trustee, Arlington Heights
Bob Benton, Trustee, Deerfield
Maggie Jablonski, Deputy Village Manager, Elk Grove Village
Adam Aronson, Deputy Director of Community Development, Glenview
Bill McLeod, Mayor, Hoffman Estates
Terri Gens, Trustee, Mount Prospect
Sean Dorsey, Director of Public Work, Mount Prospect
Lou Arrigoni, Engineering Manager, Park Ridge
Brian Bieschke, Trustee, Schaumburg
Sidney Kenyon, Director of Transportation, Schaumburg

Others Present

Jennifer Tennant, Barrington
Thomas Semanic, Des Plaines
Ken Jay, Elk Grove Village
Sarah FioRito, Evanston
Aram Beladi, Northbrook
Tom Powers, Winnetka
Martin Menninger, CMAP
Julie Reschke, CMAP
Katherine Ginensky, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
Alex Househ, IDOT
Kelsey Passi, Illinois Tollway
Zach Braun, RTA
Steve Kotecki, Ciorba Group
Joseph Cwynar, EEI
John Beissel, Robinson Engineering
Tom Gill, Thomas Engineering Group
Mark Fowler, NWMC
Larry Bury, NWMC
Eric Czarnota, NWMC
Brian Larson, NWMC

- I. **Call to Order/Introductions**
Mayor Craig called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. Approval of February 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Mayor McLeod moved approval of the February 26, 2026 meeting minutes. Trustee Gens seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Agency Reports**1. CMAP**

Report attached.

2. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

Ms. Ginensky reported that the Invest in Cook application cycle is closed and that successful applicants will be contacted later this year. She encouraged communities to contribute any new bicycle infrastructure or routes to the Cook County Bike Web App, which includes recommended routes from the Cook County Bike Plan.

3. Collar County Departments of Transportation

Reports attached.

4. IDOT Highways

No report.

5. IDOT Local Roads

Report attached.

6. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Passi reported the Tollway will distribute new sticker tags when a customer's existing transponder has reached its end of life. She said that the transition is done jointly with other EZPASS agencies, and that after the sticker is activated, any existing transponder deposit will be applied to a customer's account balance. Ms. Passi shared that the IPASS On Demand Team is available for events to provide customer assistance, and encouraged communities to contact her to have the team attend local events.

Mayor McLeod asked if the transponders were recyclable. Ms. Passi replied yes and discussed proper disposal.

Mayor Craig asked when the rates would go up. Ms. Passi said rates would increase next year.

7. Metra

Report distributed after the meeting.

8. Pace

No report.

9. RTA

Mr. Braun reported that the RTA, in partnership with the service boards have begun an interagency working group facilitating the transition to Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA), which consists of five working groups addressing the budget, fares, service planning, land use and rider information. Mr. Braun encouraged feedback on these policy topics and offered to connect interested communities to the working group leaders.

Mr. Braun shared that the corridor studies map has been added to the Local Planning dashboard, as well as maps from the technical assistance program.

He said that the Local Technical Assistance Program Call for Projects will open on Monday, March 30. He highlighted that new assistance is offered under the program to municipalities to facilitate compliance with the People Over Parking Act, such as zoning and parking code updates. Mr. Braun said that data and maps of the areas impacted by the People Over Parking Act will be posted in May or June on the [Local Planning dashboard](#).

Mr. Braun shared that the RTA had investigated the impact of the People Over Parking Act section of the NITA bill on existing parking contracts and found that the parking exemptions in the Act should not be retroactive and should only apply to new developments.

IV. CMAP Regional Transportation Plan

Ms. Reschke presented an overview of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), highlighting what actions and opportunities are available for local governments to ensure success of the Plan's goals and objectives. She noted that the RTP is transitioning from one comprehensive plan to a family of plans focused on specific topics, and the RTP must be completed by October 2026 per federal requirements. Ms. Reschke said that priority investments highlighted in the RTP include more than individual capital projects as the new RTP takes into account smaller individual investments that together significantly benefit the region. She said that this inclusion enables these smaller projects to be prioritized for federal and regional funding. Ms. Reschke said that the RTP will be open for public comment from June through August, with an intended adoption date of October 2026.

Ms. FioRito asked whether the North DuSable Lake Shore Drive project's inclusion in the RTP means that CMAP supports one of the existing proposals or whether the project will reconsider other alternatives. Ms. Reschke replied that including the project in the RTP simply notes it will have a wide regional benefit, but the RTP does not recommend a specific alternative. Mr. Menninger said the description of the project is written to be inclusive of other potential alternatives if those alternatives are chosen.

Mr. Larson asked whether inclusion of bicycle, pedestrian, and transit accessibility small scale projects in the RTP will be detrimental to their selection for federal funding, when discussion of the federal transportation reauthorization bill indicates that those kind of projects may no longer get dedicated funding. Ms. Reschke replied that federal reauthorization is still early and doesn't yet have clear guidance, but that overall inclusion of those projects indicates they are a benefit to the region. She noted that CMAP and local communities preparing project pamphlets have been beneficial in discussions with federal partners. Mr. Menninger said that more than half the money on transportation comes from local or state, so including those projects in the RTP is for availability to the whole system of funding, not just the federal programs.

V. Funding and Planning Opportunities

Mr. Larson provided an update on funding and planning opportunities, noting that the [CMAP/RTA Local Technical Assistance](#) program will open March 30 and close April 17.

VI. Other Business

Mayor Sanoica announced that IDOT issued a formal Request for proposal for firms to assist with the NITA transition and noted her interest in their long-term planning for the effort. Mr. Czarnota said the NWMC can reach out to IDOT and share the information with the committee.

VII. Next Meeting

Mayor Craig announced that the next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and virtually via Zoom.

VIII. Adjourn

Mayor McLeod moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 a.m. Trustee Gens seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CMAP news

Technical Assistance call for projects now open

The annual joint call for CMAP's [technical assistance](#) and RTA's [community planning](#) programs is now open. These programs support communities through planning and implementation assistance. The [application](#) is available online. **The deadline to apply is Friday, April 17 at noon.**

A [PDF copy of the application](#) is available to view the questions before applying. Applicants can also save a draft of their application by clicking *save and resume later*. If you would like help with filling out an application, please email applications@cmap.illinois.gov or alex.waltz@rtachicago.org.

Communities interested in applying are encouraged to attend one of two upcoming virtual open houses to learn more about available support and the application process: **Thursday, April 2** at 9:30 a.m. ([registration link](#)) and **Wednesday, April 8** at 1:30 p.m. ([registration link](#)). CMAP and RTA staff members will be available to answer questions during these one-hour sessions.

2026 Regional Transportation Plan

CMAP continues to advance the [2026 Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\)](#) through extensive research, data analysis, and public engagement. Building on the goals and objectives identified in the [Emerging Priorities](#) report, CMAP has prepared a draft list of [strategies](#) for inclusion in the RTP. Also, through coordination with partner agencies and committees, CMAP has identified and recommended 101 regional capital projects (RCPs) for inclusion in the fiscally constrained RTP. The benefits of each proposed project can be reviewed in the [draft RCP Benefits Report](#). The draft 2026 RTP will be available for public comment beginning in June 2026.

CMAP begins regional freight assessment with release of The Freight Landscape

CMAP is undertaking a [four-part assessment of the region's freight system](#) — including the trucks, ships, planes, railroads, and delivery vans we see every day. The assessment will introduce “goods movement” as a key topic of concern for the region's economy, environment, and highway performance, including traffic safety. CMAP has released the assessment's first report, [The Freight Landscape](#), to provide key introductory facts about the region's freight system and to explain fundamental freight concepts.

Job opportunities

CMAP is hiring for full-time positions: an [Accountant](#) in the Finance division; and a [Chief Data Officer](#). Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to learn more.

Program status updates

Surface Transportation Program (STP)

The [STP Project Selection Committee](#) last met on March 26, 2026. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for **May 14, 2026**. [Meeting Materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar site one week before the meetings. Program status reports for the STP Shared Fund, based on quarterly updates submitted by project sponsors, and an accounting of available, programmed, and obligated funds for the region are available on the [STP webpage](#).

Staff contact: [Jon Haadsma](#) (312-386-8664)

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Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and local Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L)

The most recent [CMAQ Project Selection Committee](#) meeting was held on March 26, 2026. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for **May 14, 2026**. [Meeting materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar site one week before the meetings. Information for submitting project change requests can be found on CMAP's [CMAQ Management Resources webpage](#).

Staff Contact: [Doug Ferguson](#) (312-386-8824)

Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR)

CMAP's [STAR program](#) continues to work to improve regional travel safety with assistance, resources and policy development. Information on the [Countywide Safety Action Plans](#) adopted by the MPO Policy Committee on May 30, 2025, and more, can be found on the STAR webpage.

In collaboration with the DuPage Division of Transportation (DuDOT) and engineering firm TYLin, CMAP is offering implementation guidance with a [pre-recorded webinar](#) for local jurisdictions interested in funding traffic safety improvements.

Staff contact: [Michael Brown](#) (312-386-8615)

Accessible Communities Program

CMAP launched the Accessible Communities Program to help communities in northeastern Illinois improve accessibility for their residents and visitors with disabilities. Essential information about improving accessibility can be found on this [CMAP webpage](#) and in the Accessible Communities newsletter. Recordings and slides for CMAP's ADA trainings, which cover ADA and Title II requirements, self-evaluations, the role of an ADA coordinator, transition plans, and PROWAG are [available](#). CMAP has also developed [templates and guidance](#) that public entities can use to help meet their legal obligations of providing an ADA notice, grievance procedure, and designating an ADA coordinator.

Staff contact: [Jaemi Jackson](#) (312-386-8706)

CMAP products and data

Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP)

In partnership with regional stakeholders, CMAP created the [Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan](#) (TRIP) to identify vulnerabilities in the regional transportation system and highlight how to make it more resilient to extreme weather and climate change.

TRIP provides a roadmap to inform transportation planning and decision making throughout the region. It meets the Federal Highway Administration's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program requirements for a resilience improvement plan — and will help position northeastern Illinois to compete for PROTECT funds as well as other resilience funds. Learn more about the key insights from the plan [here](#).

My Daily Travel Phase One data offers insight into how people travel across northeastern Illinois

Between September 2024 and June 2025, CMAP collected detailed travel behavior data from more than 3,500 households across the region. CMAP has published the [Phase One dataset](#) from its [My Daily Travel household survey](#), marking a major milestone in a multi-year effort to better understand how northeastern Illinois residents move through the region. The dataset provides critical insight into daily

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travel patterns, mode choice, telework, transit use, and barriers to travel — and will inform CMAP's travel demand modeling, policy analysis, and long-range transportation planning efforts, including the development of the next Regional Transportation Plan.

New eTIP platform available to the public

CMAP has launched a new, modernized [eTIP website](#) that improves public access to information about transportation projects included in the [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#). The new eTIP platform features an interactive map and expanded search tools that allow users to explore more than 2,000 active projects. Members of the public, local partners, and stakeholders can filter information by geography, project type, funding source, and year.

2025 Community Data Snapshots

The 2025 CMAP [Community Data Snapshots](#) are available. The annual snapshots provide data-driven profiles for every county, municipality, and Chicago Community Area (CCA) in our region. The snapshots include updated demographic, socioeconomic, and employment data from the American Community Survey (ACS) datasets, updated land use summaries using data from the [Land Use Inventory](#), and updated estimated vehicle miles traveled per household.

Explore the CMAP data hub

CMAP's [Data Hub](#) provides vetted and trustworthy information about northeastern Illinois so local governments, community organizations, academic researchers, and businesses can learn and make informed decisions about their communities. The Data Hub allows you to search or browse by categories and tags. You can find tables or shapefiles for transit routes and stops, land use inventory, greenhouse gas emissions, economically disconnected and disinvested areas, bikeway inventory system, and more!

From our partners

Illinois Adoption of Federal MUTCD

On March 2, 2026 the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Bureau of Local Roads and Streets (BLRS) released [Circular Letter 2026-01](#) announcing the adoption of the 11th Edition of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), with its FHWA-approved IL Supplement to the MUTCD. This is effective immediately. All local and state standards shall be brought up to this substantial conformance of the MUTCD. Additional information can be found in the letter linked above.

2024 IDOT National Highway System (NHS) pavement and bridge data

IDOT collects condition data on Interstate pavements annually and on non-Interstate pavements on a two-year cycle. Bridges receive a routine visual inspection at least every 2-4 years, depending on the condition. The results of the most recent NHS pavement condition assessments and bridge inspections, along with performance measures and targets, may be accessed on [IDOT's "Performance" webpage](#).

2024 IDOT crash data

On August 11, 2025, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2025-11](#) announcing the availability of 2024 crash data. This data set provides important crash information required for the identification of areas of improvement, work on safety studies, and the analysis on the location and number of crashes. The data can be accessed through [IDOT's Safety Portal](#).

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Funding opportunities

Highway Safety FY26 Notice of Funding Opportunity

The Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering (BSPE) has released a NOFO for the [Local Agency Mini Grant Enforcement Program](#). IDOT is seeking grant applications to reduce serious injuries and fatalities on Illinois roadways. Applications are due at 4:00 p.m. on **April 6, 2026**. This notice is for local agencies that are not already part of the Sustain Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and several additional NOFOs will be posted in the near future.

Training opportunities

IDOT Special Program Assistance Conference – All About ITEP (Cycle 17)

The Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Cycle 17 will open on **August 1, 2026**. IDOT is offering information sessions to learn more about changes being made for this cycle of funding. More information and links for registration will be available online in the coming weeks. Regional dates and locations include:

- **May 11-12:** Orland Park Civic Center, Orland Park
- **May 18-19:** IDOT District 1 Headquarters, Schaumburg
- **May 27-28:** McHenry County Government Center, Woodstock

IDOT BLRS 2025 T2 training

IDOT's Technology Transfer (T2) Center has the [Spring 2026 T2 training](#), along with all past offerings, available online. For more information on how to navigate this training, along with 35+ additional trainings offered by the T2 Center, please reference the [T2 website](#). New users will need to contact Barry.Kent@illinois.gov for credentials.

Engage with CMAP

The CMAP office is open daily and [staff](#) have established hybrid work schedules. All CMAP committee meetings are held in-person, and a quorum of committee members must be physically present. CMAP continues to provide options for non-member attendees to participate in meetings virtually. Meeting materials, webinar links, minutes, and recordings can be found on [CMAP's Legistar page](#). For general questions, complete our [contact form](#). Subscribe to updates from CMAP on transportation, the economy, climate and more [here](#).

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Federally-Funded Project Implementation and Active Program Management Reminders – April 2026

- 4/20/2026:** Final CE, RR, and funding agreements and final ROW documents due for projects targeting the June 2026 state letting
Final PS&E and draft agreements due for projects targeting the June 2026 state letting
- 4/26/2026:** ROW certification due for projects targeting the June 2026 state letting

This information is compiled from these official sources:

- IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets Region One Letting Schedule (latest version available from IDOT District 1 BLRS staff)
- CMAP's TIP Due Dates and Master Transportation Schedule (latest version posted [here](#))
- [STP Active Program Management Policies](#)
- CMAP's call for projects [web page](#) (Refreshed prior to each call)
- CMAP's [CMAQ and TAP-L Program Management and Resources web page](#)

If there are any discrepancies in dates, the dates listed on the official sources above should be used. Consult with your planning liaison to resolve any questions or concerns.

Selections: RCO: 02	Engineer:
Fund:	Tip Fund:

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS STATUS SHEET FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS
 LOCATED IN THE CMAP **NORTH SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Local Agency/ Section	Project Route/ From/ To/ Scope of Work 1/ Scope of Work 2/	Current CE3 Estimate	T.I.P. NO. FFY/Fund/Cost/Fed Cost/Authorized	Environmental Approval	Public Hearing Status	Design Appv Requested CD DT	ROW Req CD DT	Plans to CO CD DT	Target Let/ Low Bid/ Award Date Award Amt	E1/E2 Consultant	Jntagmt Cd Dt RR Agmt Cd Dt 404 Permit Cd Dt	A-95 Review STATE * NIPC *
1 GLENVIEW 220020600CH 3287	FAU1292 - E Lake AVE AT Waukegan RD PAVEMENT WIDENING	6,983,276	02-19-0016 E1: / / / / E2: FFY23 / CMAQ / 435,000 / 348,000 / RW: FFY25 / CMAQ / 210,000 / 168,000 / C: FFY25 / CMAQ / 6,983,276 / 5,120,882 /	CE 1 3 /26/2024			Yes		6/12/2026	AH CR Civiltech	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
2 LINCOLNWOOD 180006600CH 3243	FAP0350 - Cicero Ave Touhy Ave INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT	2,220,000	02-19-0008 E1: / / / / E2: FFY22 / CMAQ / 323,000 / 258,000 / RW: FFY24 / CMAQ / 410,000 / 328,000 / C: FFY25 / CMAQ / 2,220,000 / 1,776,000 /	CE 1 7 /1 /2020	NR		Yes E		6/11/2027	AH CR Stanley	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
3 NORTHBROOK 210018100RS 3489	FAU2771 - Skokie Blvd Lake Cook Rd to S Village Limits RESURFACING	2,521,311	02-22-0014 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 2,521,311 / 2,017,049 /	CE 1	NR		No	E 2 /28/2026	6/12/2026	AH CR In-House	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
4 SKOKIE 160030700BT 3249	Off - Skokie Vly Tr Golf Rd to Dempster BIKEWAYS	3,190,000	02-18-0001 E1: / / / / E2: FFY20 / STE2 / 420,000 / 336,000 / RW: FFY23 / STER / 637,200 / 448,000 / C: FFY27 / STE / 3,190,000 / 2,096,000 /	CE 1 4 /5 /2019	NR		Yes		3/5/2027	AH CR	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *

Selections: RCO: 02	Engineer:
Fund:	Tip Fund:

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS STATUS SHEET FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS
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Local Agency/ Section	Project Route/ From/ To/ Scope of Work 1/ Scope of Work 2/	Current CE3 Estimate	T.I.P. NO. FFY/Fund/Cost/Fed Cost/Authorized	Environ- mental Approval	Public Hearing Status	Design Appv Requested CD DTCD Est/Act CD DT	ROW Req CD Certified DT	Plans to CO CD DT	Target Let/ Low Bid/ Award Date Award Amt	E1/E2 Consultant	Jntagmt Cd Dt RR Agmt Cd Dt 404 Permit Cd Dt	A-95 Review STATE * NIPC *
5 SKOKIE 190010802BT 3425	FAU1332 - Oakton St Caldwell Ave to Lehigh Ave SIDEWALKS BIKE PATH	2,759,937	02-19-0015 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / CMAQ / 2,458,074 / 1,966,460 / / SRTS / 301,863 / 241,488 /	CE 1 10/21/2021	NR		Yes		6/11/2027	AH CR CBBEL	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
6 WILMETTE 190020301CH 3356	FAU0350 - Skokie BI/US41 Illinois Rd to Lake Ave BIKEWAYS MODERNIZE TRAFFIC SIGNALS	1,334,000	02-16-0005 E1: / / / / E2: FFY23 / ITEP / 195,715 / 121,600 / A RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / ITEP / 1,334,000 / 1,068,960 /	CE 1 9/27/2022	NR		Yes		7/31/2026	AH CR Civiltech	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
7 WINNETKA 080010300FP 3466	FAU3561 - Willow Rd Forestway Dr to Provident Ave RECONSTRUCTION	18,410,000	02-06-0021 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 18,410,000 / 2,469,214 /	CE 1 7/9/2013	NR		Yes		6/12/2026	AH CR Strand	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *

IDOT's goals for this year's review (for all districts):

- Add more Minor Collectors in urban areas.
 - FHWA guidelines suggest we should have roughly equal mileage of Major and Minor Collectors
 - Some of these will be downgrading Major Collectors
 - Based on current FHWA guidelines Minor Collectors are still eligible for Federal funding if they are inside an urban area.
- Upgrade/downgrade/re-route based on recent AADT counts.
 - Downgrading most rural routes with AADT < 100
 - Re-routing to roads with higher AADT where possible.
- Fix stub end Functional Classifications
 - Routes should begin and end at an equal or higher classified route
 - These usually occur at the old urban limit
- Update NHS system as necessary
 - Keep NHS in mind when adjusting the OPA functional classification.
 - Once the NHS map has been approved by Illinois Division FHWA, IDOT will submit a request to Washington FHWA in which all OPAs will be added to the NHS system (with rare exceptions) and all Minor Arterial and lower will be removed from the NHS system.
 - Work with adjacent states to fix Functional Classification/National Highway System continuity over state lines.

Your honest feedback on the proposed changes is important, please let us know what may need to be adjusted. The changes in this submittal are based on the limited information IDOT has (aerials, AADTs, Google) at the Central Office. Local knowledge will be very important in this process.

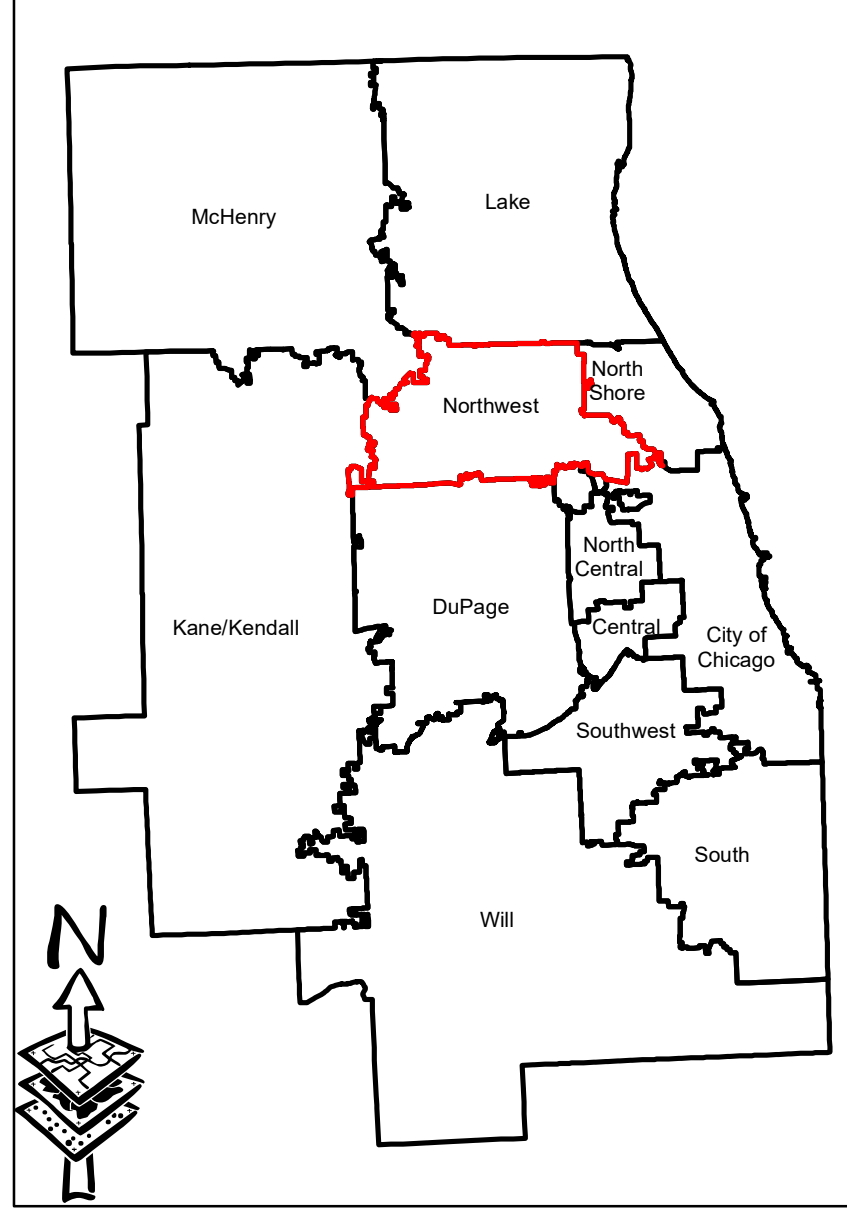
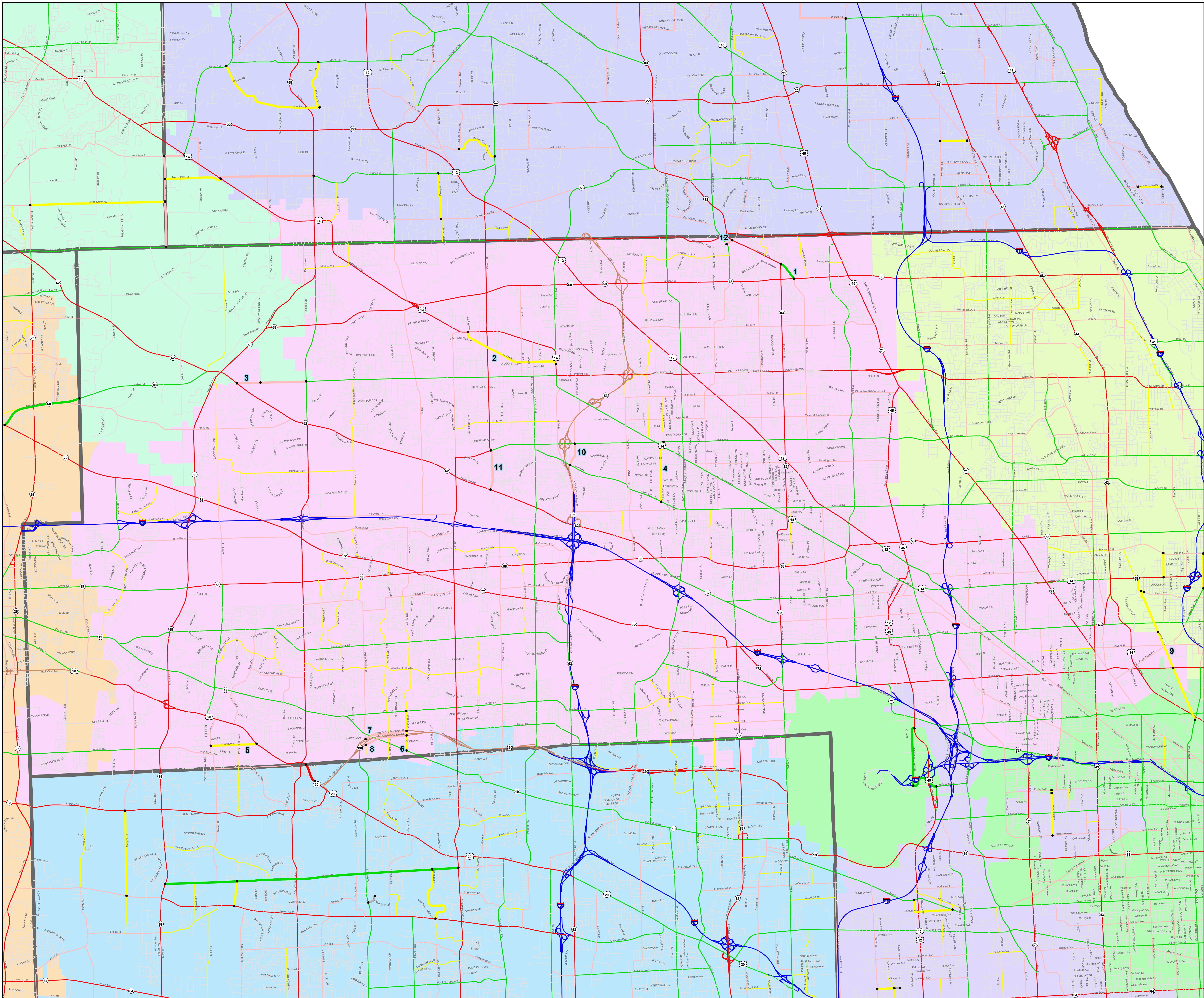


Illinois Department of Transportation

Cook County Functional Classification Update Submittal Form

Map #	Inventory Number	Begin	End	Len	Road Name	From-To Location	Cur. FC	Prop. FC	Justification	Jurisdiction	Maintenance
1	016 92682 000000	0.00	0.43	0.43	McHenry Rd	From IL-83 to IL-68	5 - Major Collector	4 - Minor Arterial	AADT similar to other minor arterials in the area (5,400-10,000)	IDOT	IDOT
2	016 93508 000000	0.00	0.65	0.65	Colfax St / Hicks Pl	From US-14 to US-14	5 - Major Collector	6 - Minor Collector	AADT similar to other minor collectors in the area (2,800-2,900)	IDOT	IDOT
		0.65	2.30	1.65						Municipality	Municipality
3	016 04038 005397	0.00	0.01	0.01	Westlake Dr	From I-62/Algonquin Rd to Stover Rd	4 - Minor Arterial	5 - Major Collector	System continuity	Municipality	Municipality
	016 91285 000000	0.00	0.50	0.50	Palatine Rd					IDOT	IDOT
4	016 92644 000000	1.00	1.10	0.10	Walnut Ave	From US-14 to Kirchoff	5 - Major Collector	6 - Minor Collector	AADT similar to other minor collectors in the area (1,450)	Municipality	Municipality
	016 92643 000000	0.00	1.32	1.32	Ridge Ave	RdFrom Euclid Ave to US-14					
5	016 91345 000000	0.00	1.01	1.01	North Ave	From Oak Ave to US-20	5 - Major Collector	6 - Minor Collector	AADT similar to other minor collectors in the area (3,700-3,800)	Municipality	Municipality
6	016 91351 000000	0.00	0.86	0.86	Wright Blvd	From Wise Rd to IL-19	5 - Major Collector	6 - Minor Collector	AADT similar to other minor collectors in the area (5,700)	Municipality	Municipality
7	016 20345 507120	0.00	0.67	0.67	WB IL-390 Frontage Rd	From Wright Blvd to Springinsguth Rd	7 - Local Road	5 - Major Collector	Access to IL-390 ramps	Private	Municipality
		0.67	0.81	0.14						Township	Township
		0.81	0.93	0.12						Private	Municipality
8	016 20345 507130	0.00	0.17	0.17	EB IL-390 Frontage Rd	From Springinsguth Rd to Wright Blvd	7 - Local Road	5 - Major Collector	Access to IL-390 ramps	Municipality	Municipality
		0.17	0.28	0.11						Township	Township
		0.28	0.93	0.65						Municipality	Municipality
9	016 92786 000000	1.00	1.36	0.36	Lehigh Ave	From N of Mulford St to Touhy Ave	5 - Major Collector	6 - Minor Collector	System continuity	IDOT	IDOT
		1.36	1.85	0.49							IDOT and Municipality
10	016 00015 004985	0.00	0.50	0.50	Rohlwing Rd	From Euclid Ave to Kirchoff Rd	7 - Local Road	5 - Major Collector	AADT similar to other major collectors in the area (4,600)	Municipality	Municipality
11	016 50062V000000	0.00	0.87	0.87	Quentin Rd	From Euclid Ave to IL-62	7 - Local Road	5 - Major Collector	AADT similar to other major collectors in the area. (8,650)	County	County
12	016 92665 000000	0.18	0.33	0.15	Weiland Rd	From IL-83 to Buffalo Grove Rd	7 - Local Road	5 - Major Collector	System continuity	County	County

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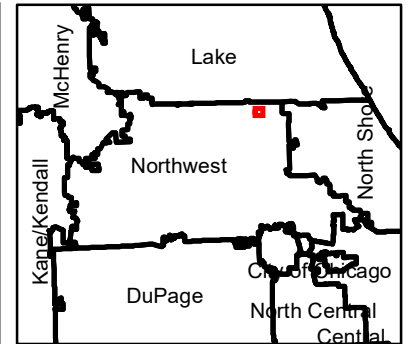
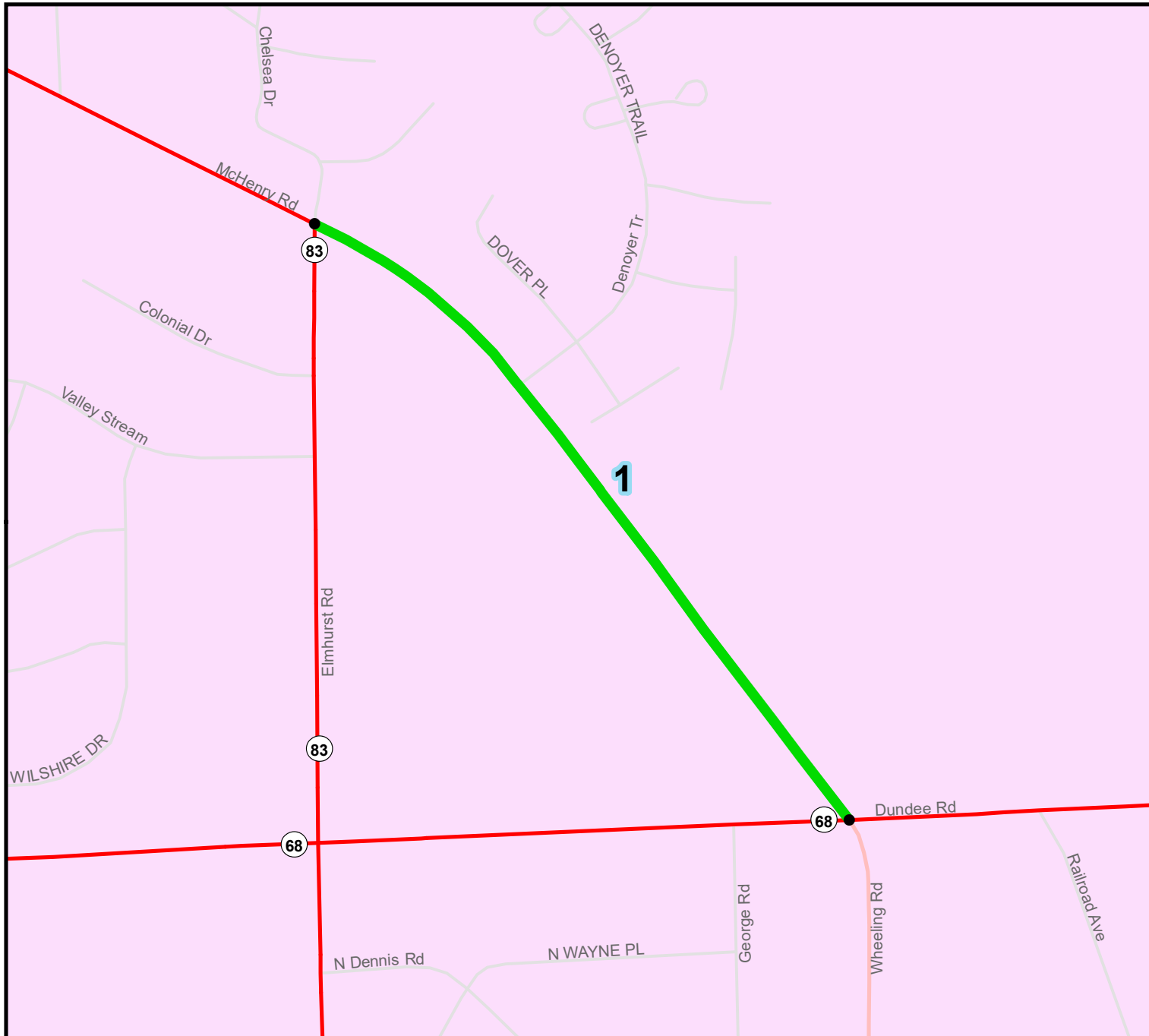
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Council

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- Kane/Kendall
- Lake
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Northwest Council of Mayors Functional Classification Updates - Map 1



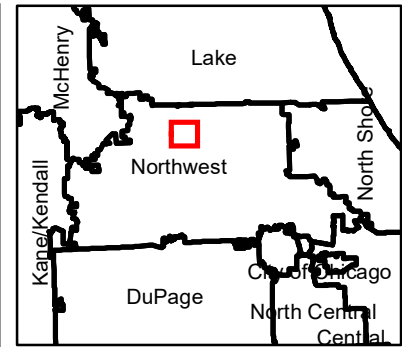
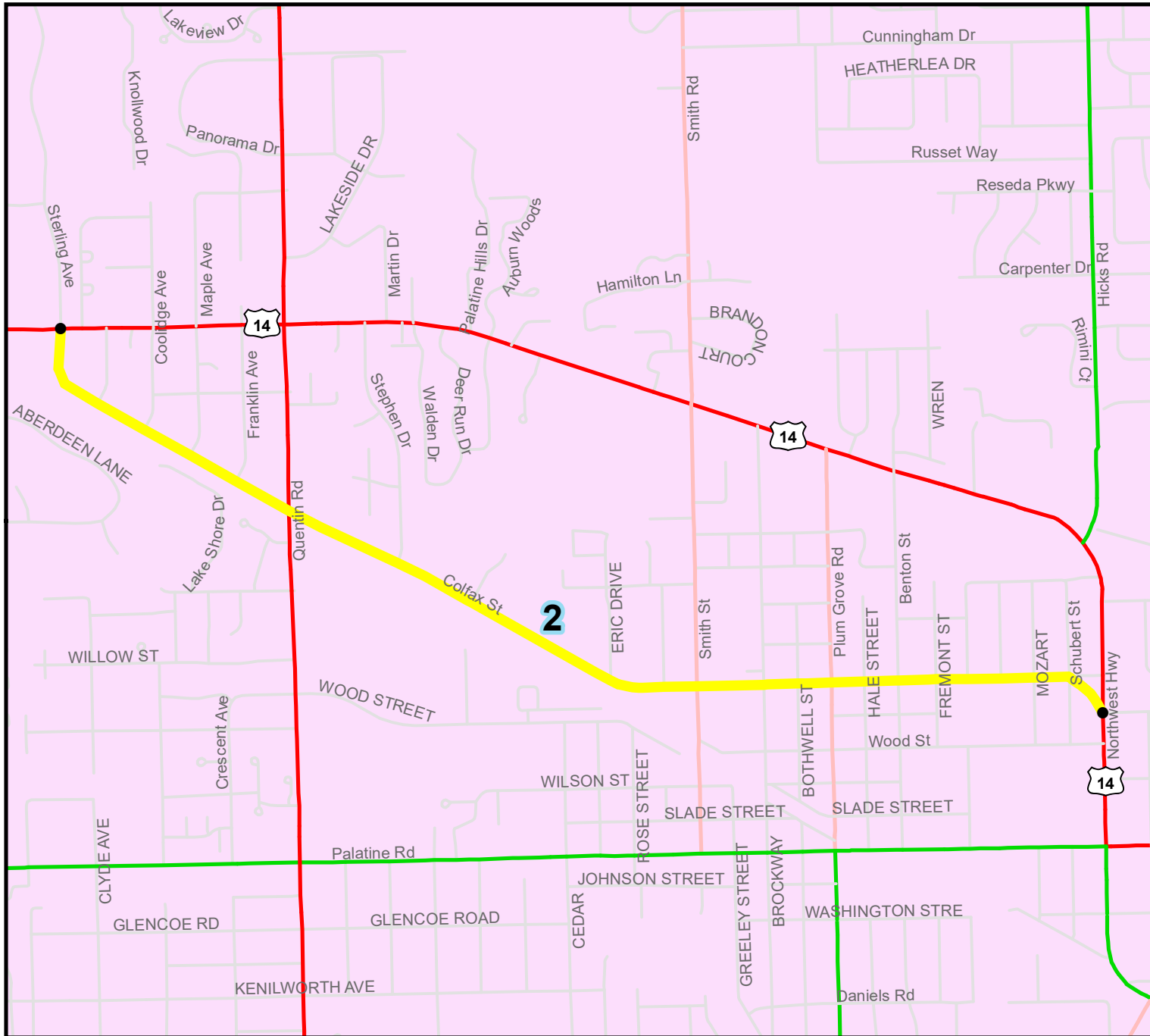
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Council

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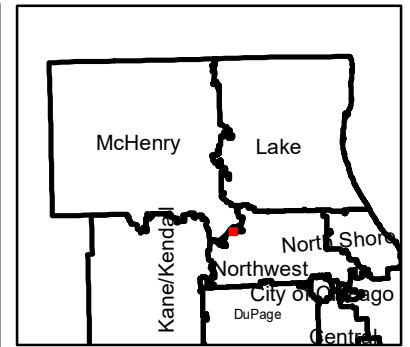
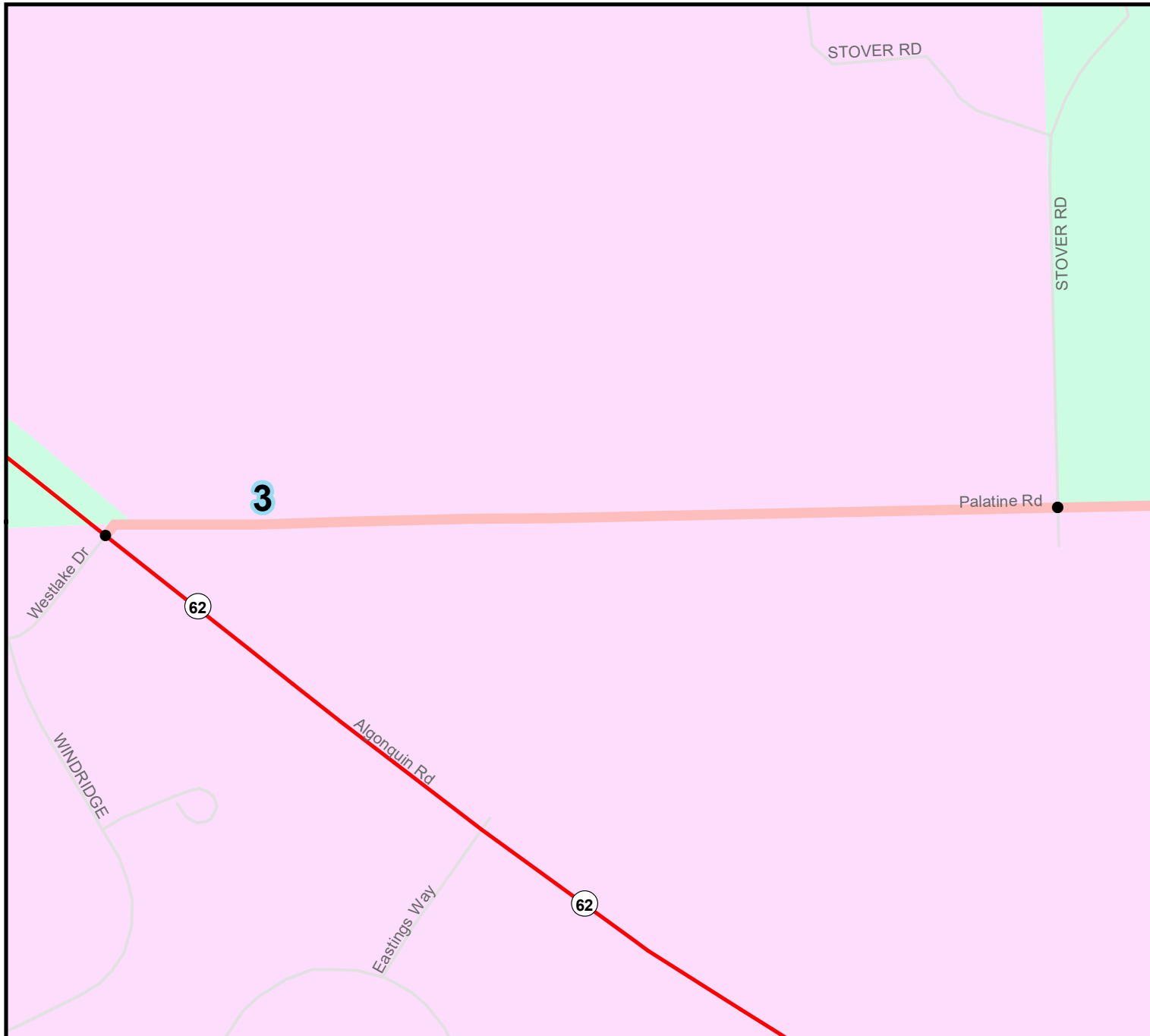
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Council

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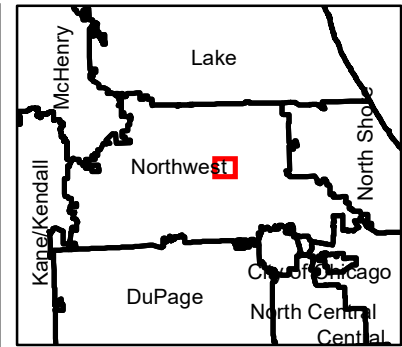
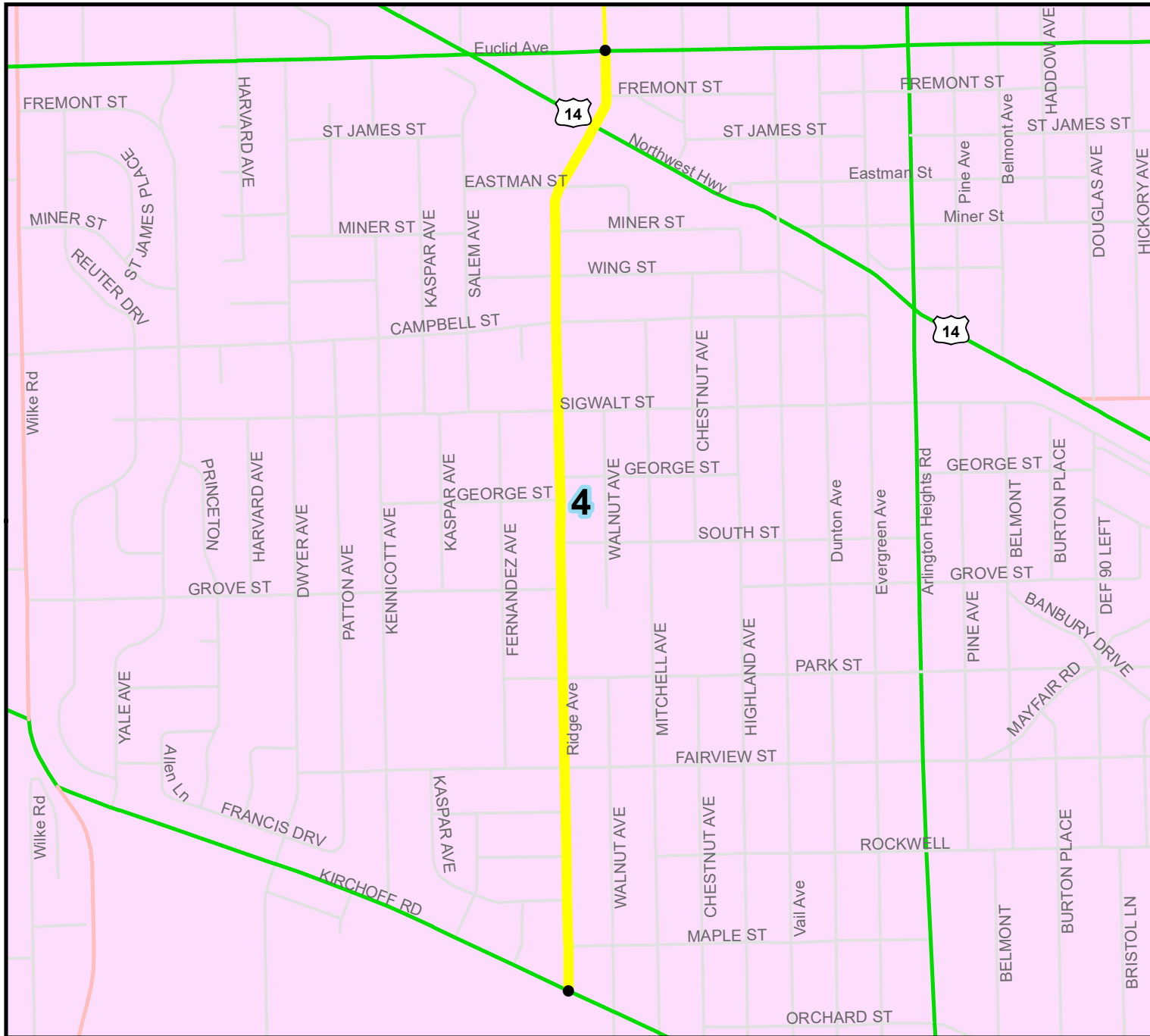
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Council

- McHenry
- Northwest

Northwest Council of Mayors Functional Classification Updates - Map 4



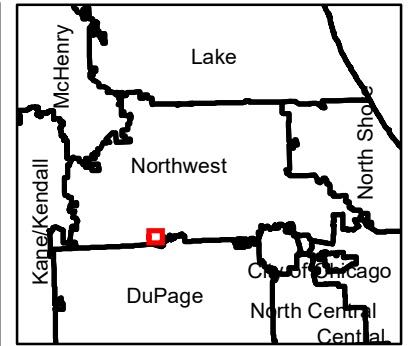
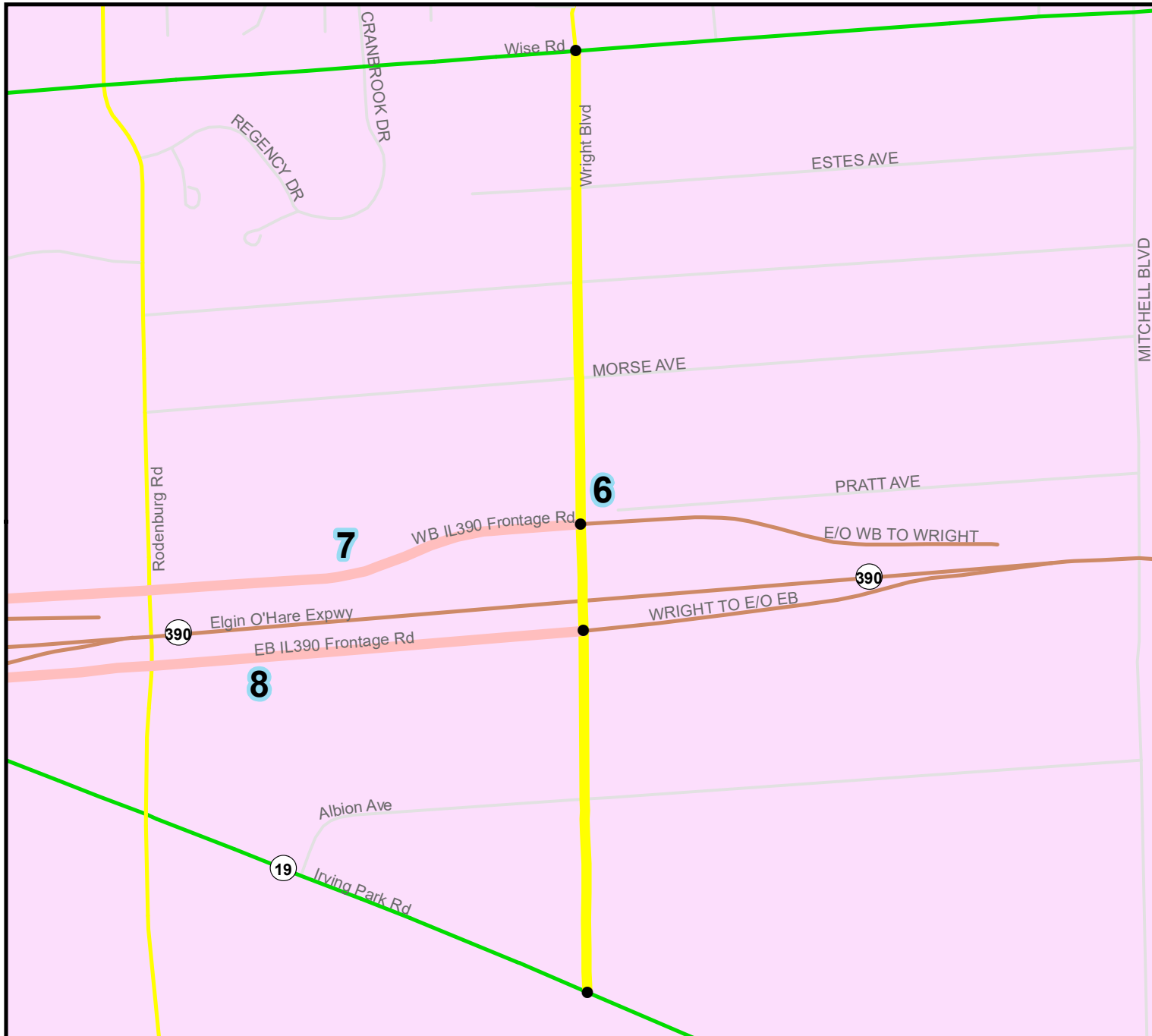
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Council

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Northwest Council of Mayors Functional Classification Updates - Map 6



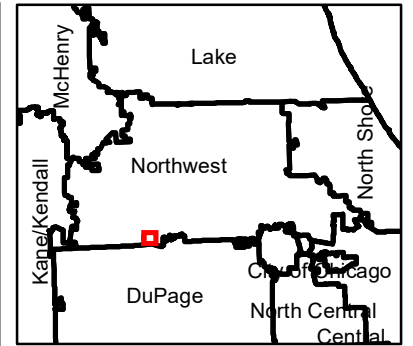
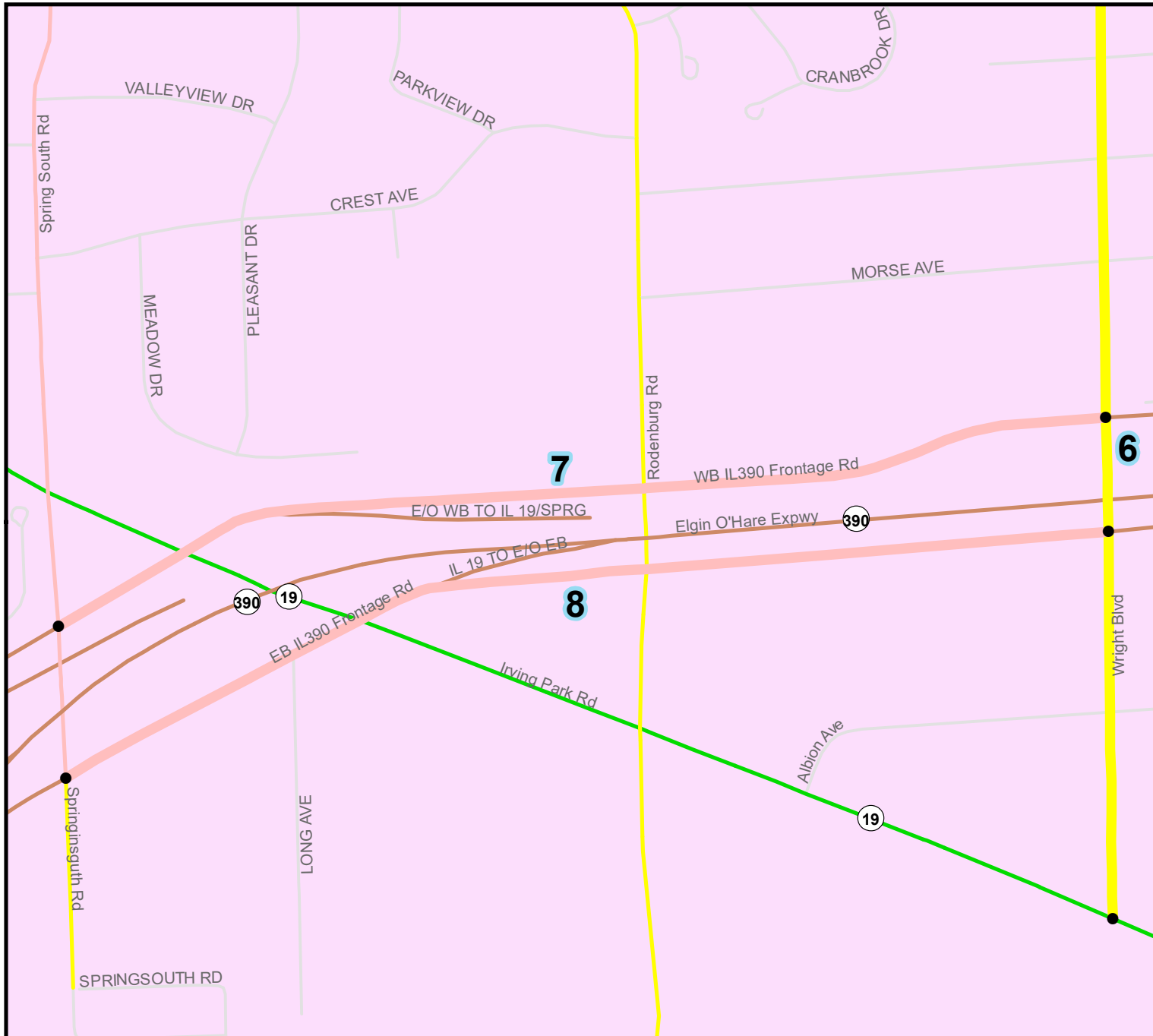
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Council

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Northwest Council of Mayors Functional Classification Updates - Map 7



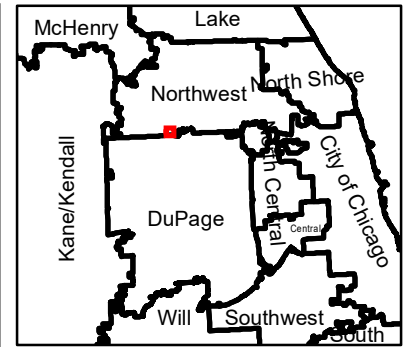
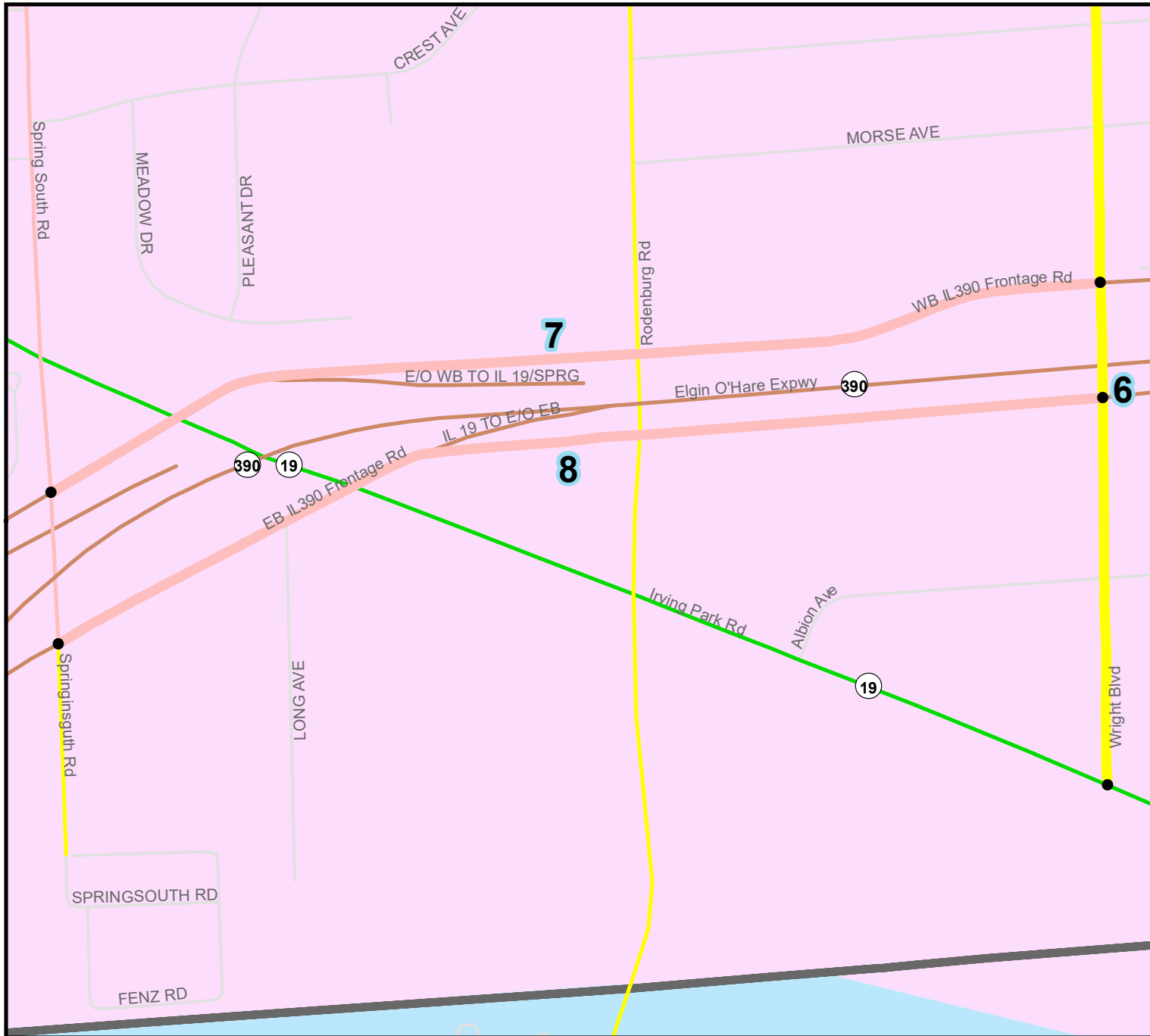
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Council

- Northwest

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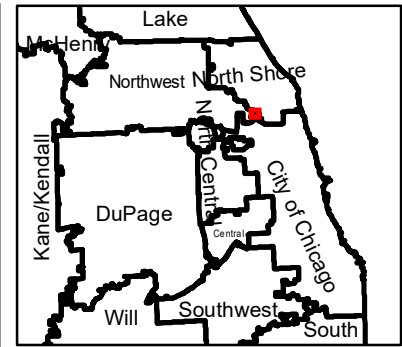
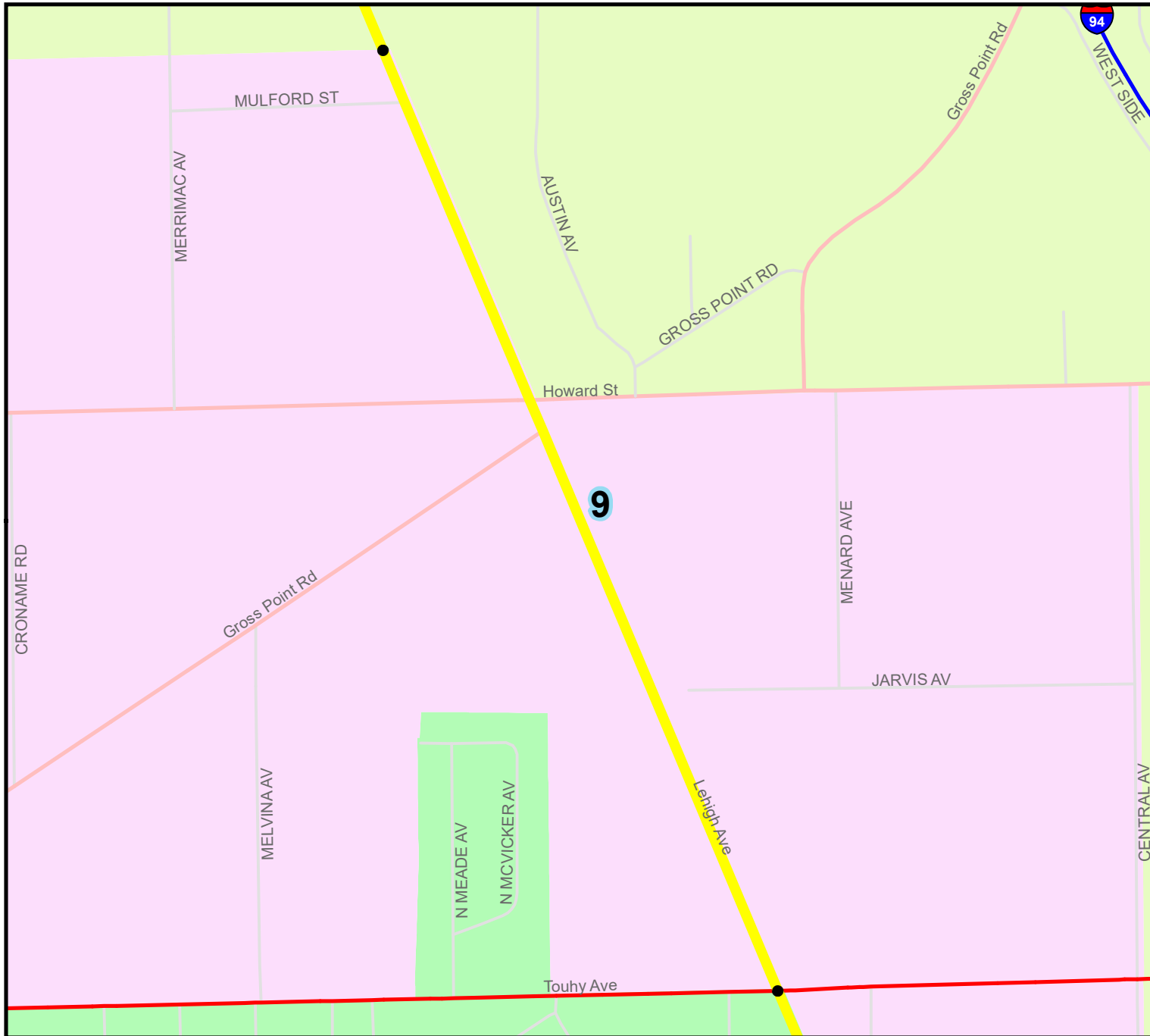
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Council

- DuPage
- Northwest

Northwest Council of Mayors Functional Classification Updates - Map 9



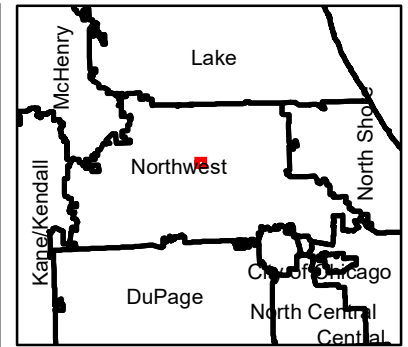
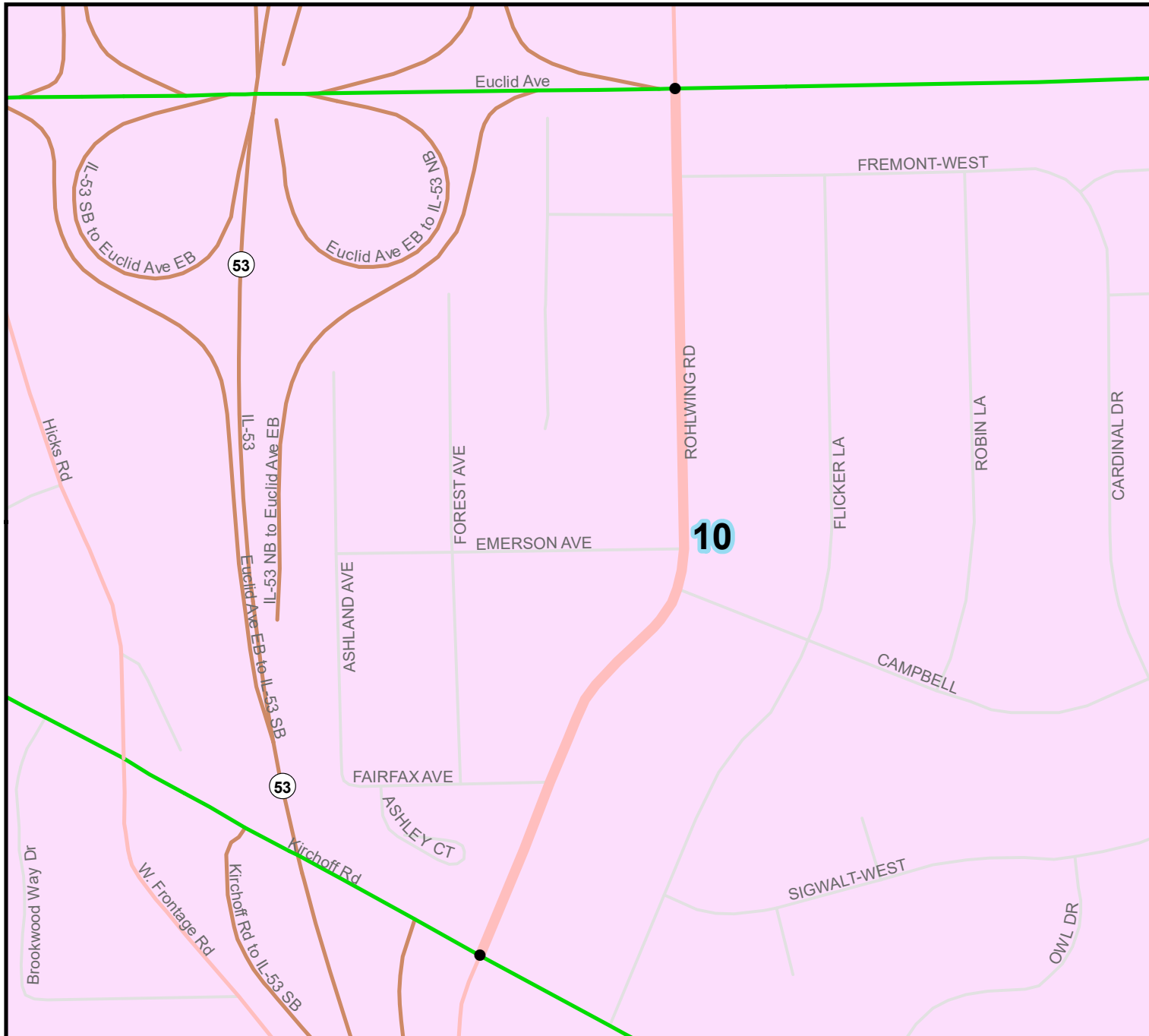
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Council

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- Northwest

Northwest Council of Mayors Functional Classification Updates - Map 10



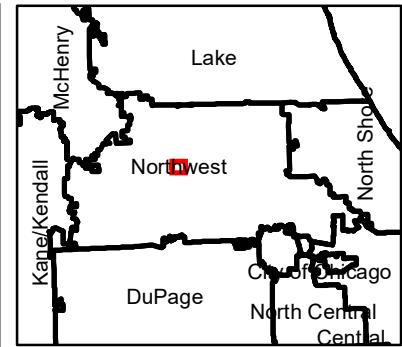
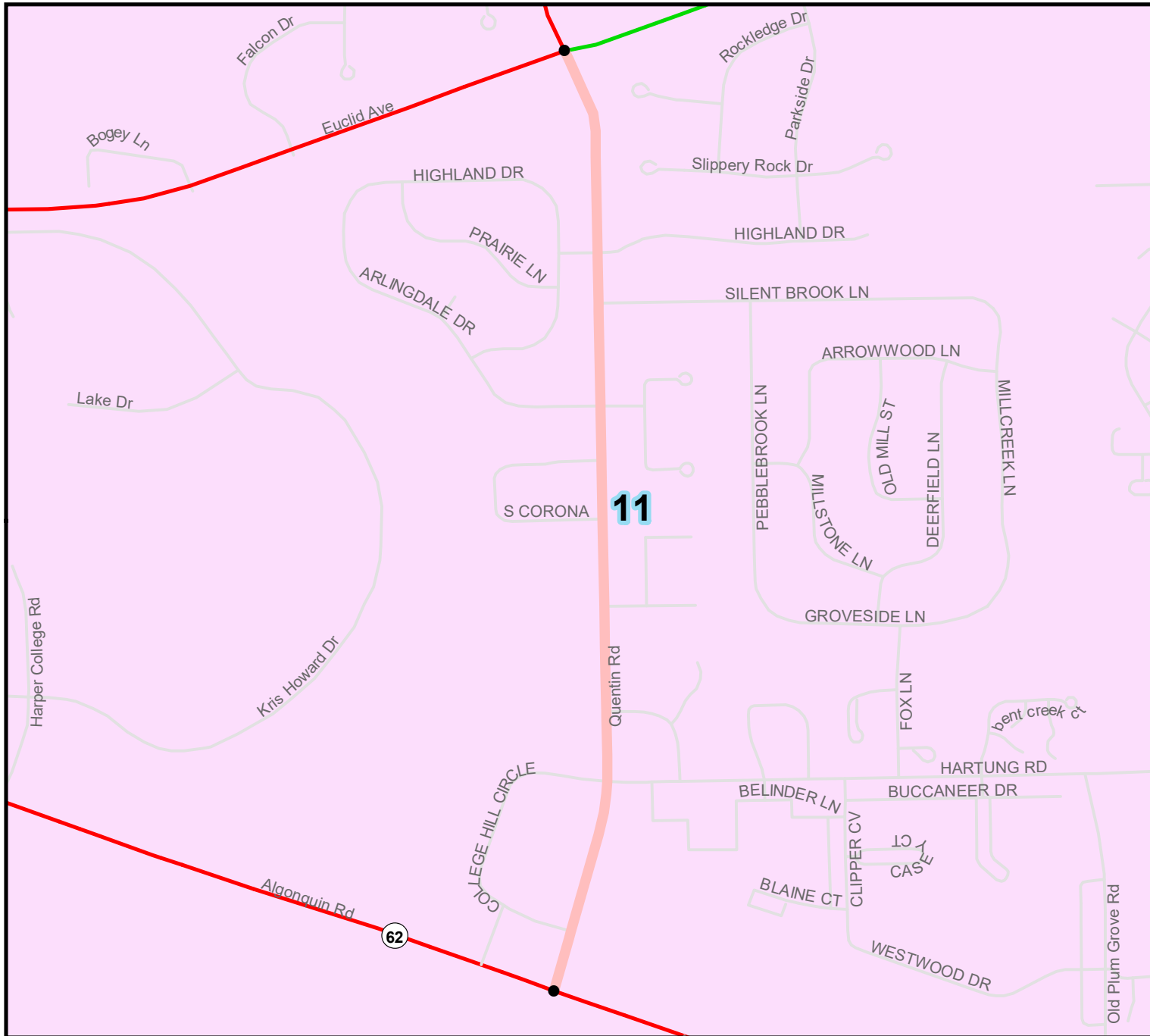
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Council

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Northwest Council of Mayors Functional Classification Updates - Map 11



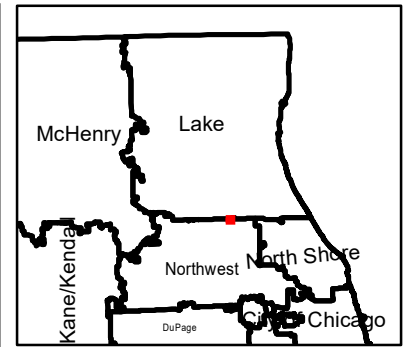
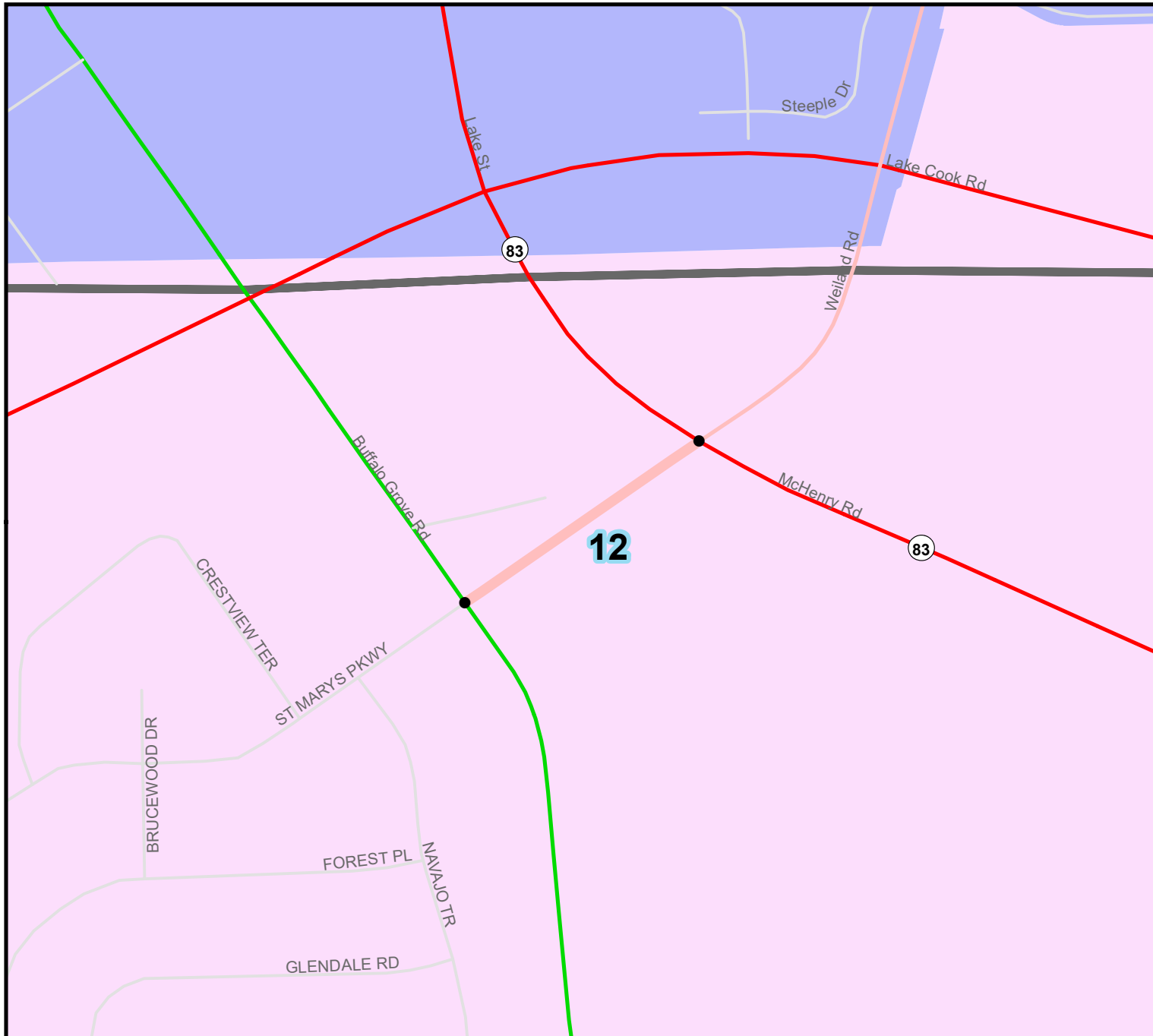
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Council

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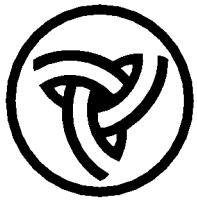


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Council

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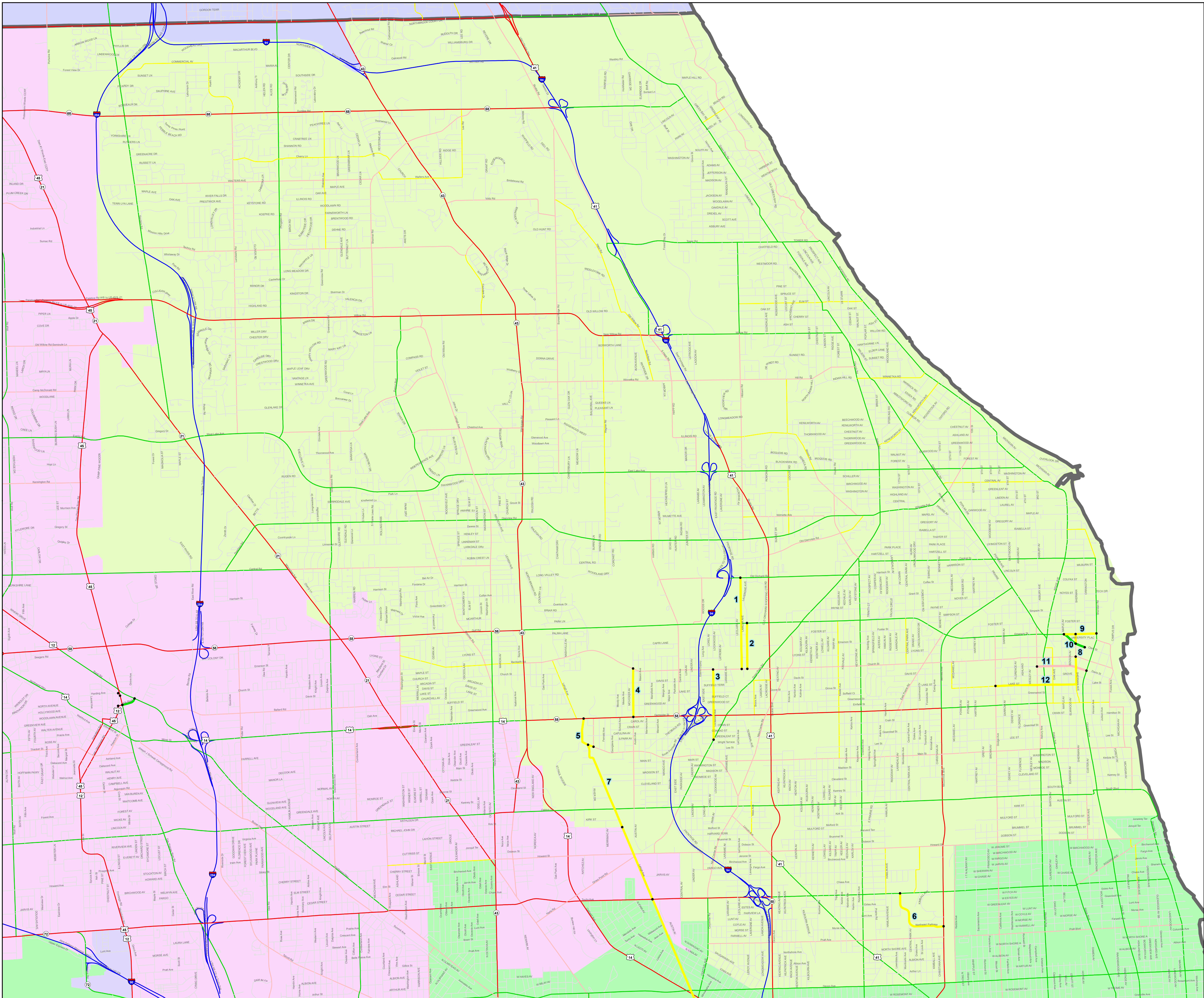
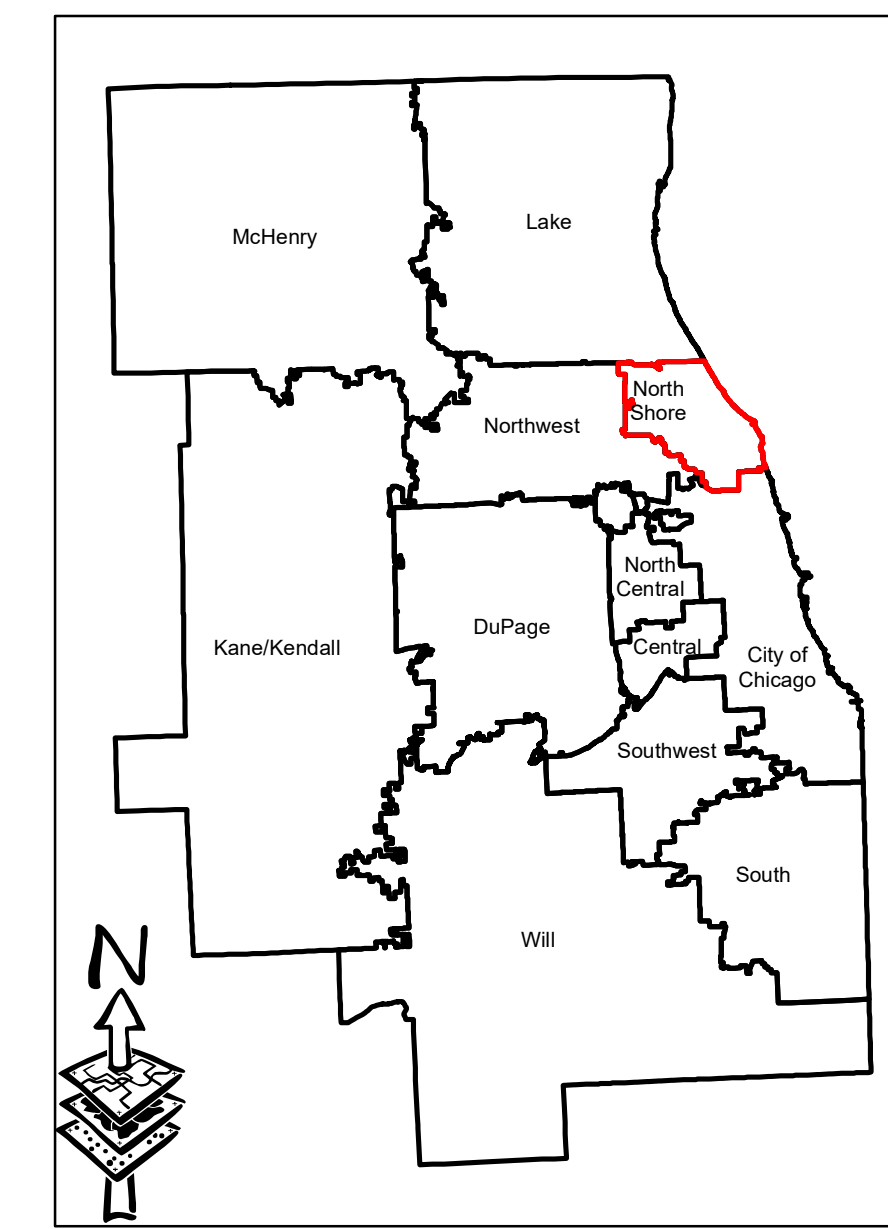


Illinois Department of Transportation

Cook County Functional Classification Update Submittal Form

Map #	Inventory Number	Begin	End	Len	Road Name	From-To Location	Cur. FC	Prop. FC	Justification	Jurisdiction	Maintenance
1	016 92806 000000	0.00	1.00	1.00	Lawler Ave	From Old Orchard Rd to Church St	5 - Major Collector	6 - Minor Collector	AADT similar to other minor collectors in the area and street parking aligns with minor collector (800-3,050)	Municipality	Municipality
2	016 92808 000000	0.00	0.50	0.50	Lavergne Ave	From Golf Rd to Church St	5 - Major Collector	6 - Minor Collector	AADT similar to other minor collectors in the area and street parking aligns with minor collector (1,050)	Municipality	Municipality
3	016 92804 000000	0.00	0.74	0.74	Lockwood Ave	From Church St to Gross Point Rd	5 - Major Collector	6 - Minor Collector	AADT similar to other minor collectors in the area (2,950)	Municipality	Municipality
4	016 92791 000000	0.00	0.53	0.53	Austin Ave	From Church St to IL-58	5 - Major Collector	6 - Minor Collector	AADT similar to other minor collectors in the area (3,850)	Municipality	Municipality
5	016 91328 000000	0.00	0.38	0.38	Lincoln Ave	From IL-58 to Lehigh Ave	5 - Major Collector	6 - Minor Collector	AADT similar to other minor collectors in the area (1,900-4,950)	Municipality	Municipality
6	016 01120A003250	0.00	0.15	0.15	Lawndale Avenue	From Touhy Ave to McCormick Blvd	5 - Major Collector	6 - Minor Collector	AADT similar to other minor collectors in the area (2,000-2,500)	Municipality	Municipality
	016 01140 003250	0.00	0.23	0.23	Central Park Av						
	016 00005 003250	0.00	0.37	0.37	Northeast Parkway						
7	016 92786 000000	0.00	0.78	0.78	Lehigh Ave	From Lincoln Ave to N of Mulford St	5 - Major Collector	6 - Minor Collector	AADT similar to other minor collectors in the area (3,400-7,600)	Municipality	Municipality
		0.78	1.00	0.22						IDOT	IDOT
8	016 00019 001845	0.00	0.28	0.28	Elgin Rd	From Emerson St	7 - Local Road	4 - Minor Arterial	1x local stop at Orrington Rd Emerson St traffic continues EB onto Elgin Rd/Clark St rather than Emerson St which has the traits of a local road between Elgin and Sheridan Rd.	Municipality	Municipality
9	016 91312 000000	6.00	6.35	0.35	Emerson St	From Elgin Rd to Sheridan Rd	4 - Minor Arterial	6 - Minor Collector	Downgrading due to Elgin Rd becoming minor arterial	Municipality	Municipality
10	016 92852 000000	0.00	0.10	0.10	Sherman Ave	From Emerson St to Elgin Rd	5 - Major Collector	6 - Minor Collector	System Continuity due to downgrade of Emerson St	Municipality	Municipality
11	016 03020 001845	0.28	0.85	0.57	Davis St	From Chicago Ave to Asbury Ave	7 - Local Road	5 - Major Collector	Part of a one-way pair with Church St which is already a major collector	Municipality	Municipality
12	016 91031 000000	0.76	1.65	0.89	Lake St	From Church St to Lake	5 - Major Collector	6 - Minor Collector	AADT similar to other minor collectors in the area (2,200-3,250)	Municipality	Municipality
	016 92852 000000	0.24	0.55	0.31	Sherman Ave	StFrom Dodge Ave to Sherman					

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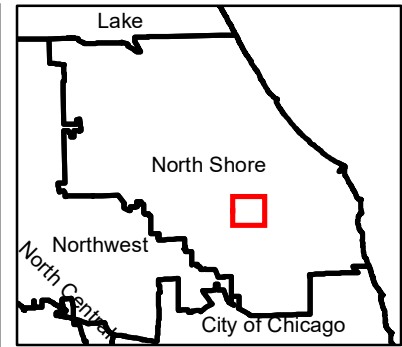
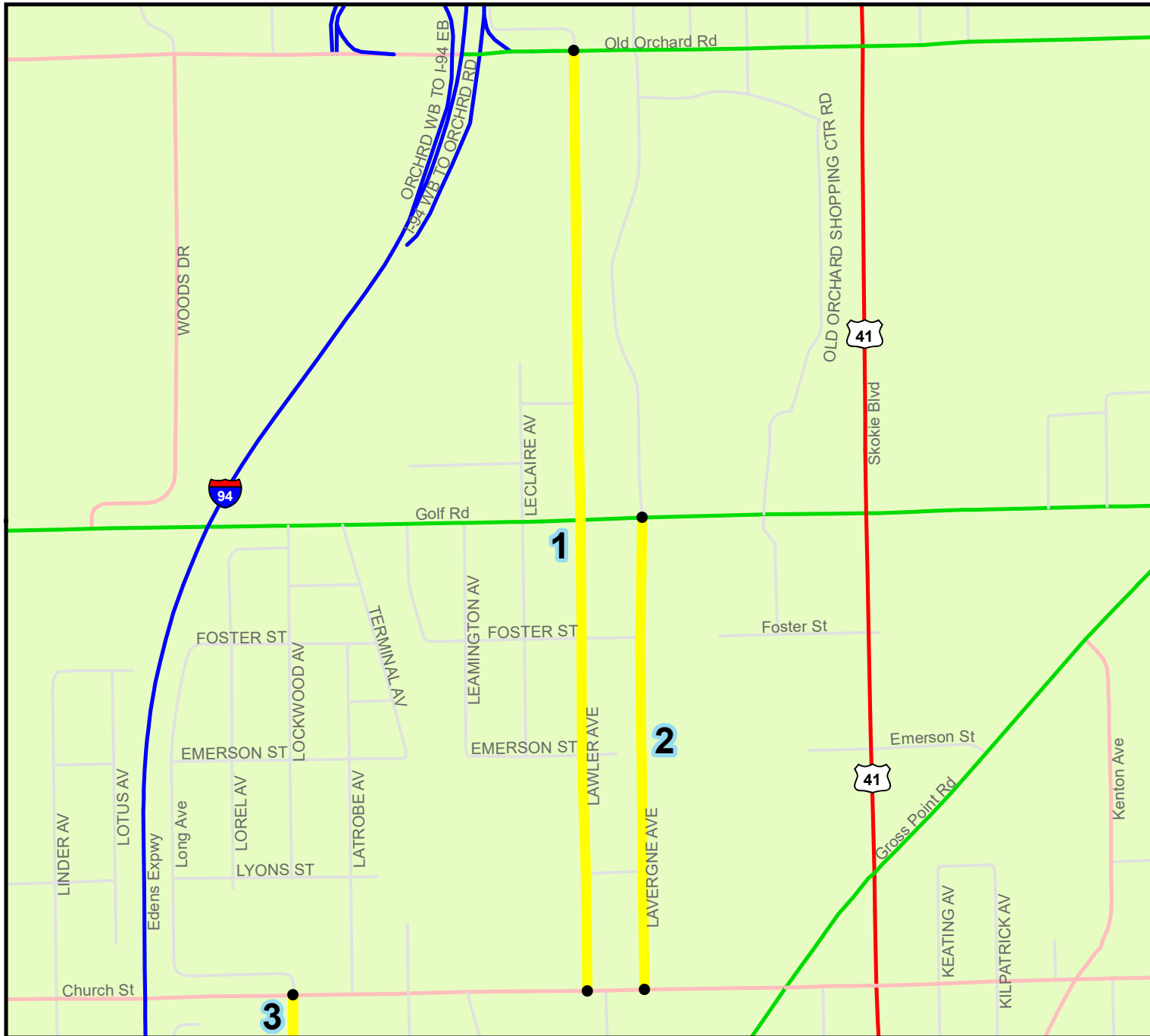
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Council

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- Northwest

North Shore Council of Mayors Functional Classification Updates - Map 1



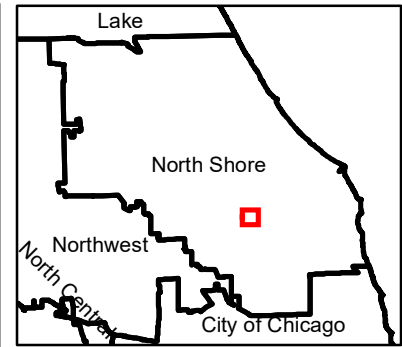
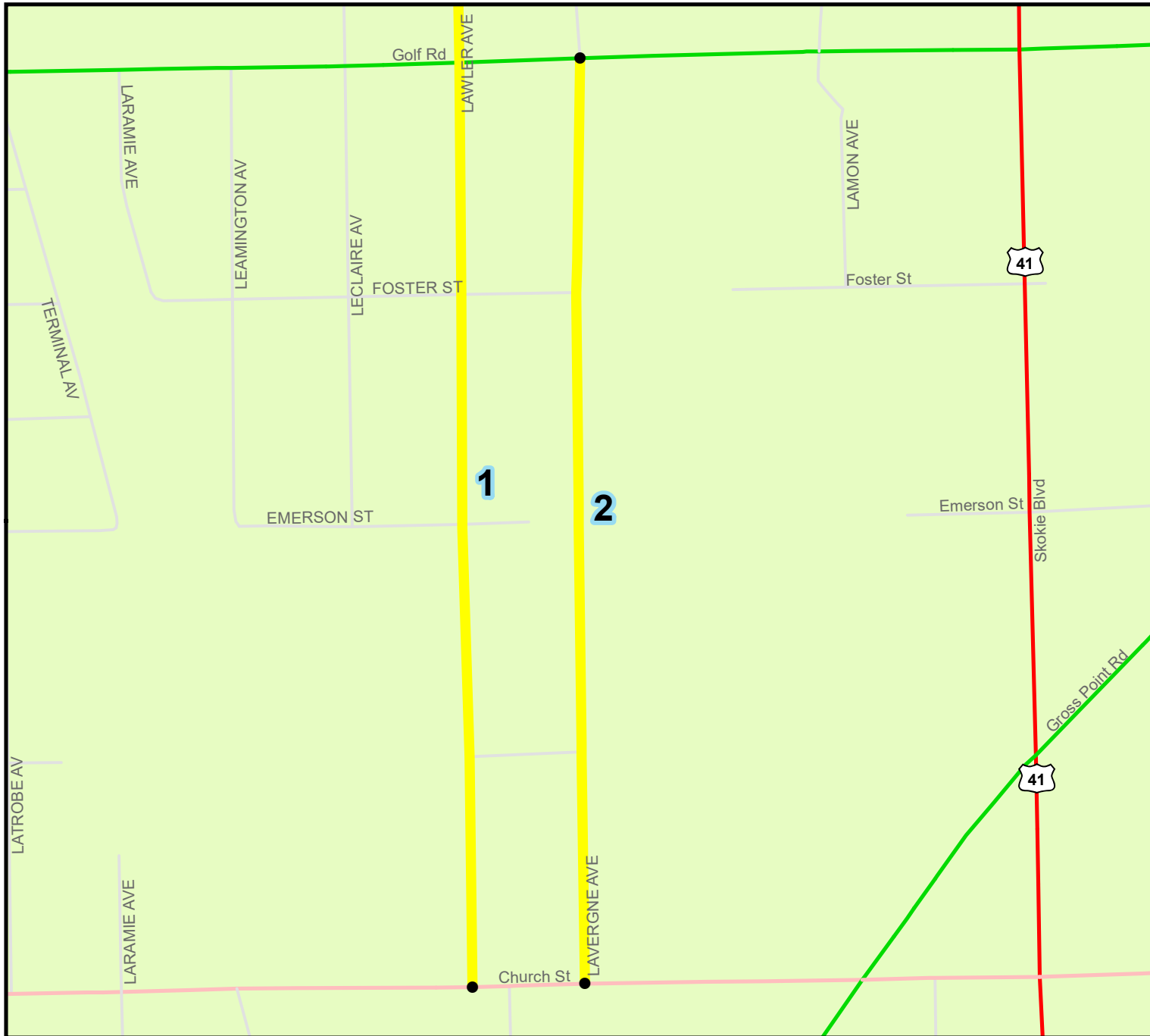
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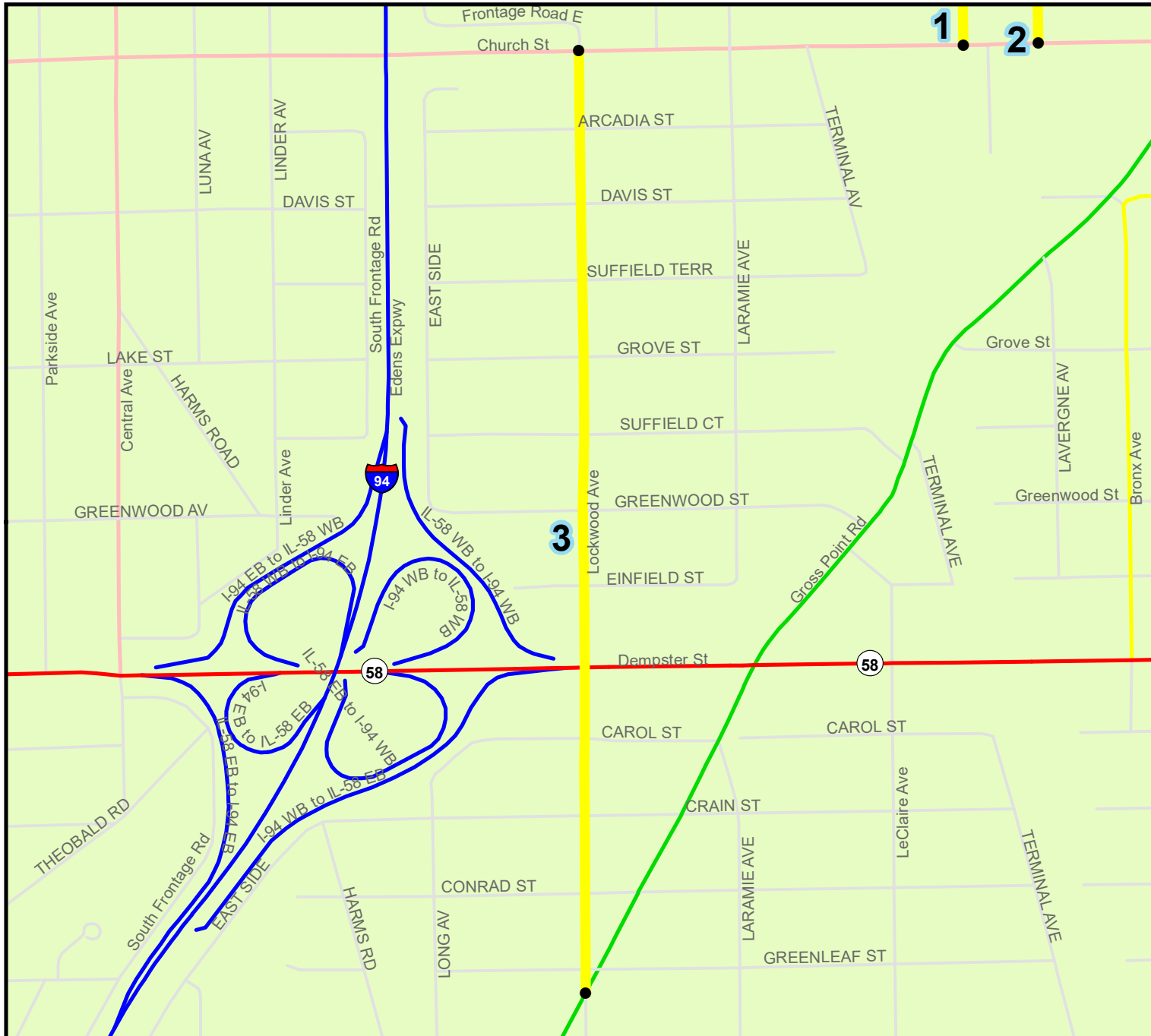
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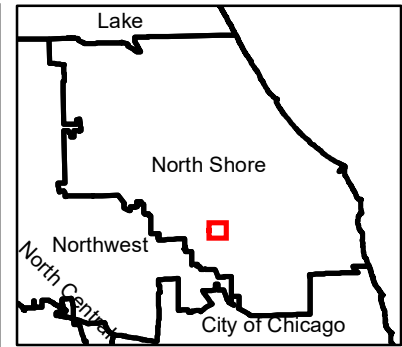
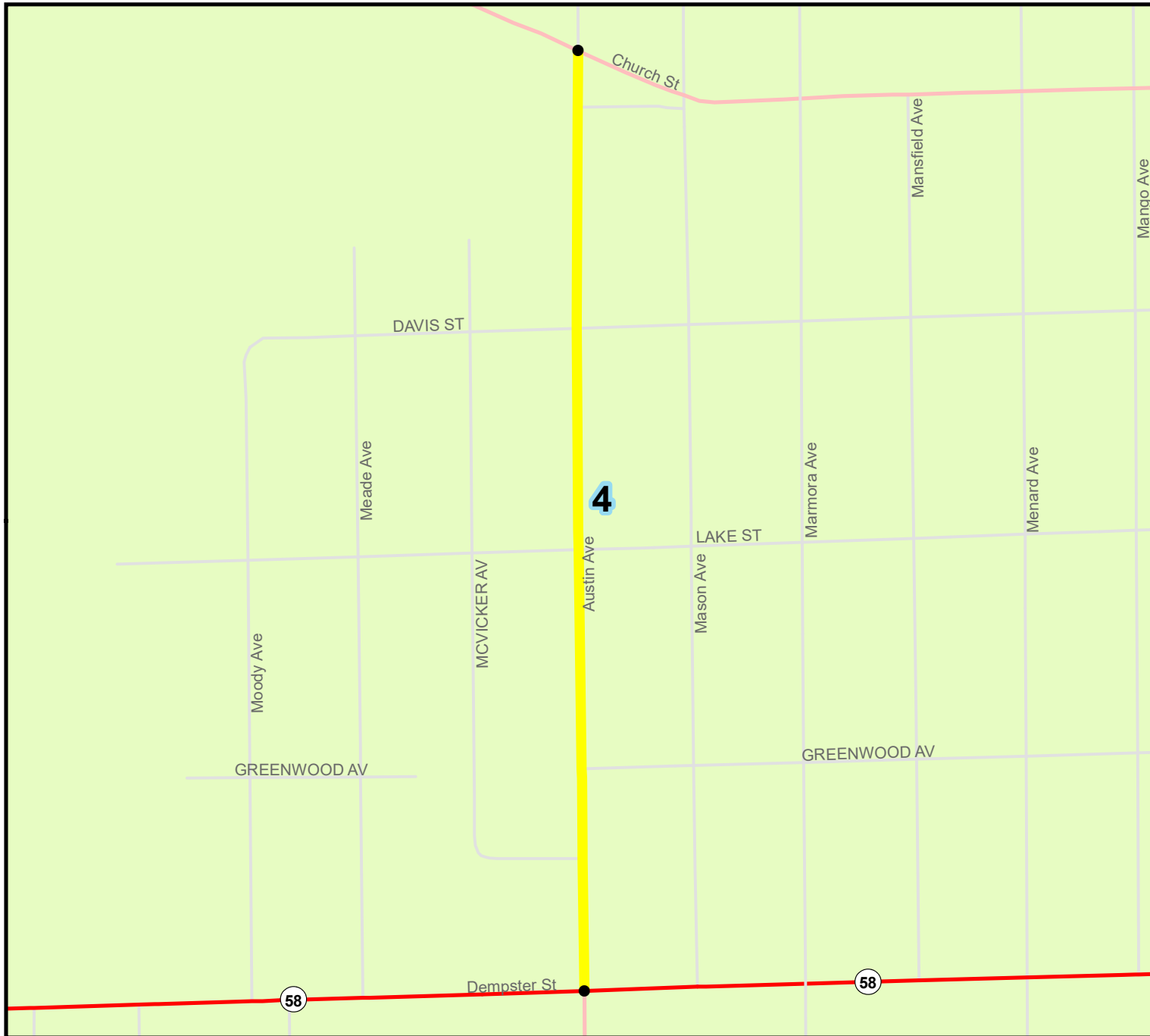
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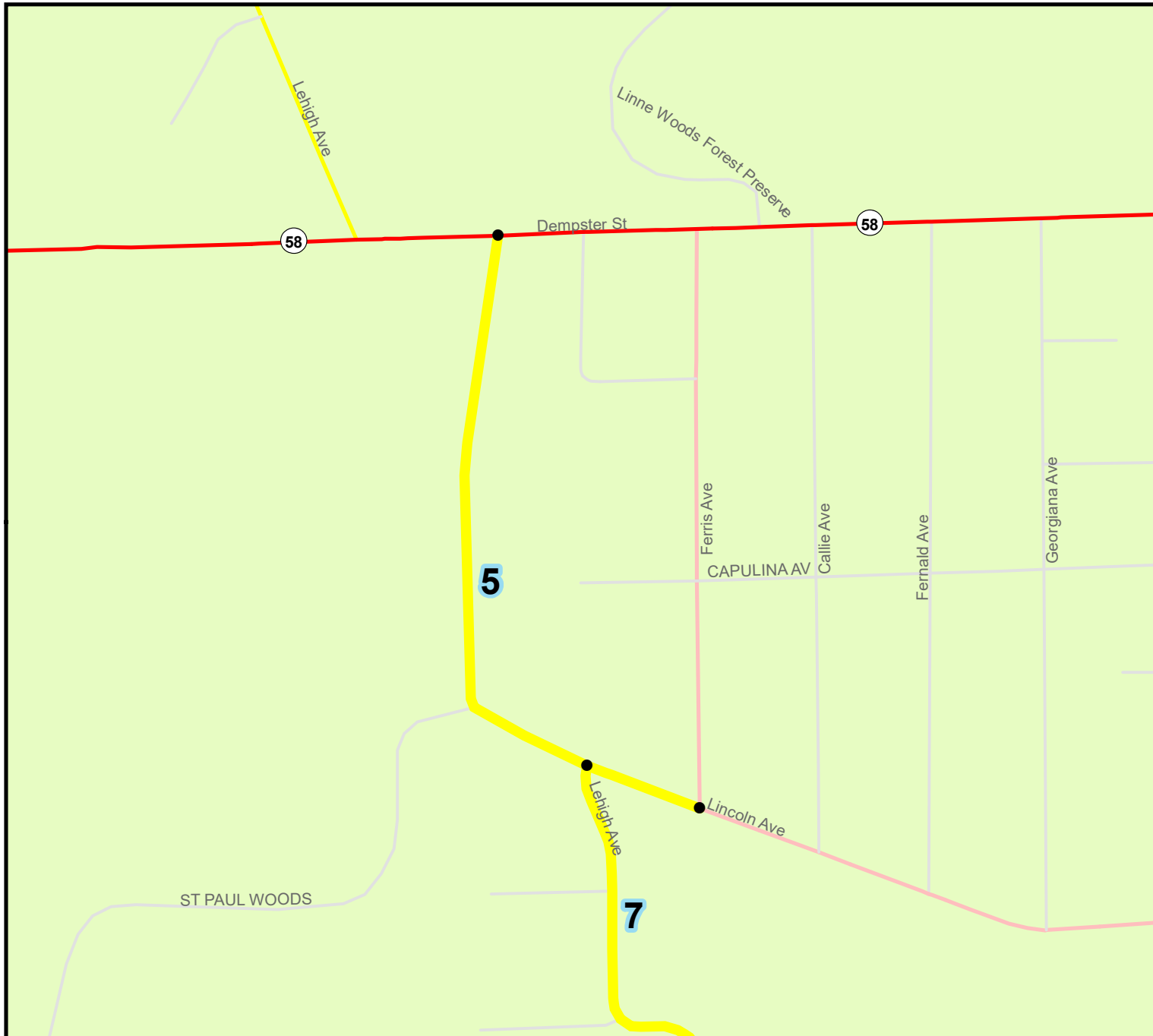
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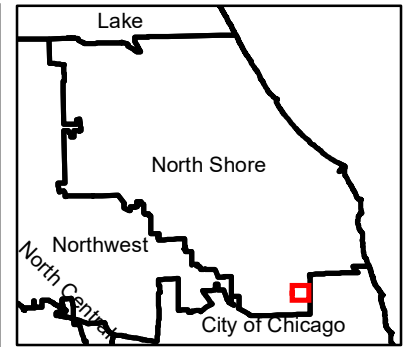
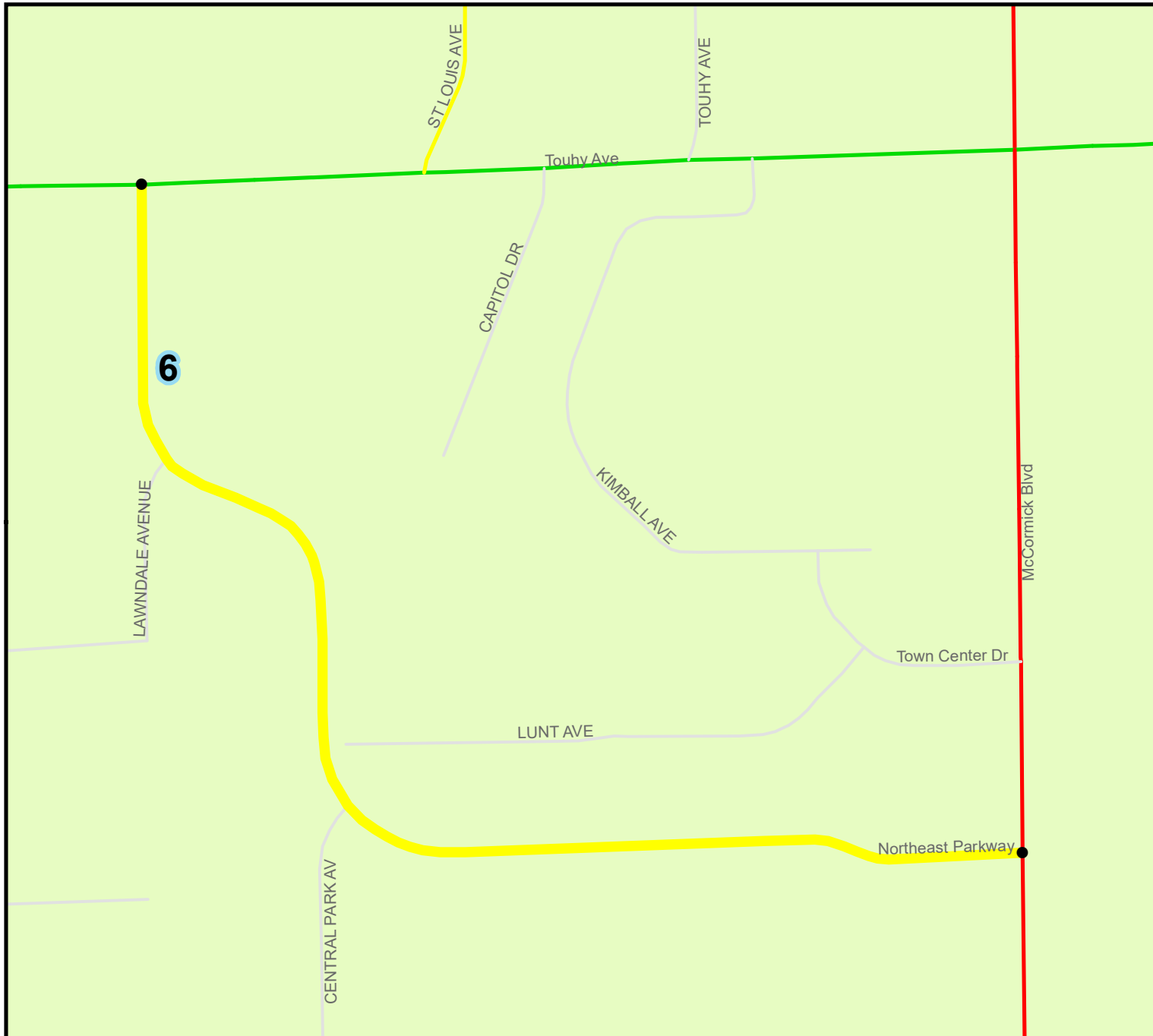
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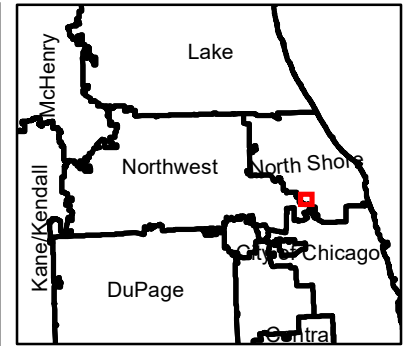
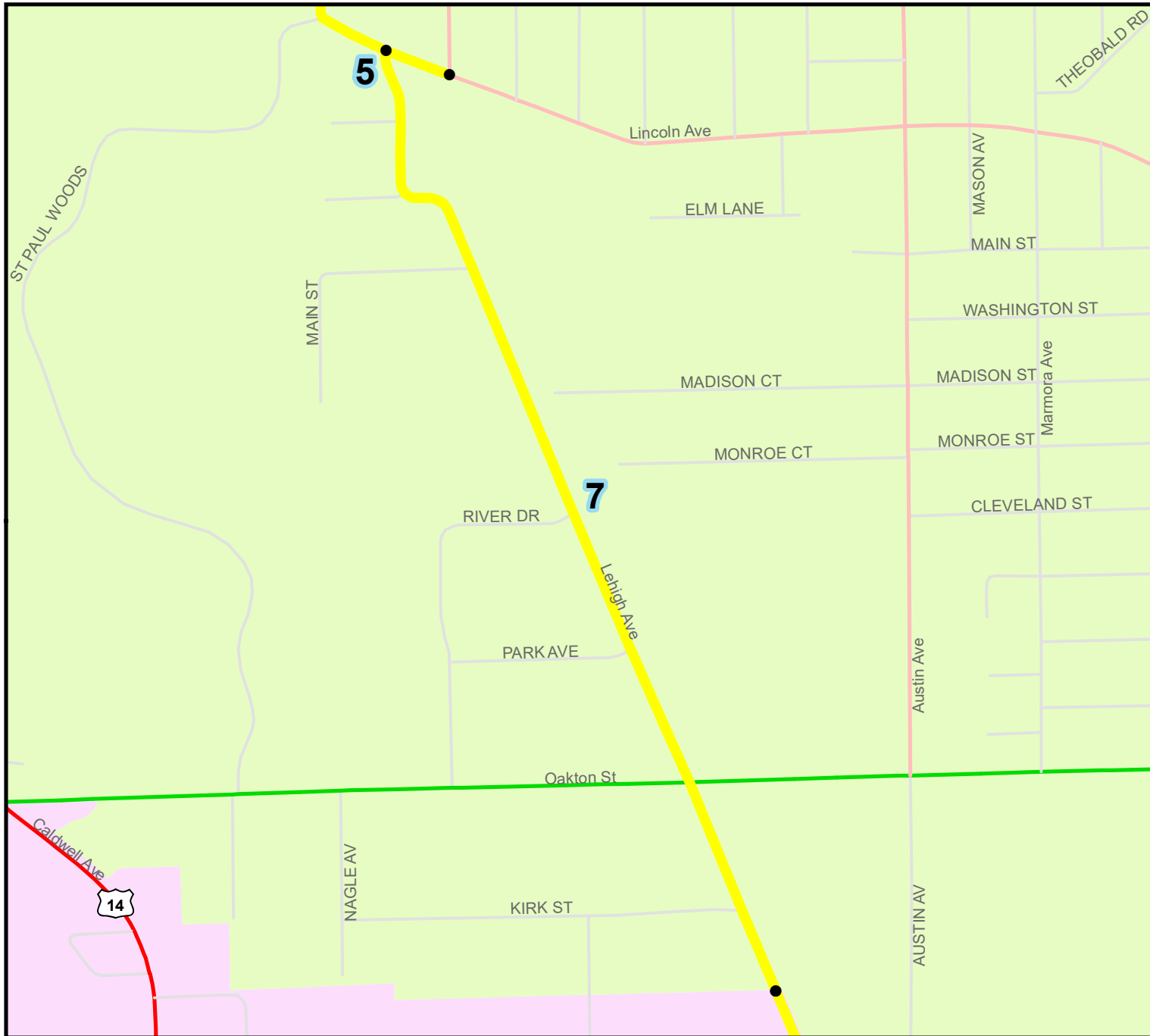
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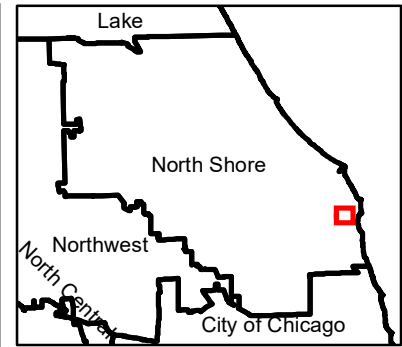
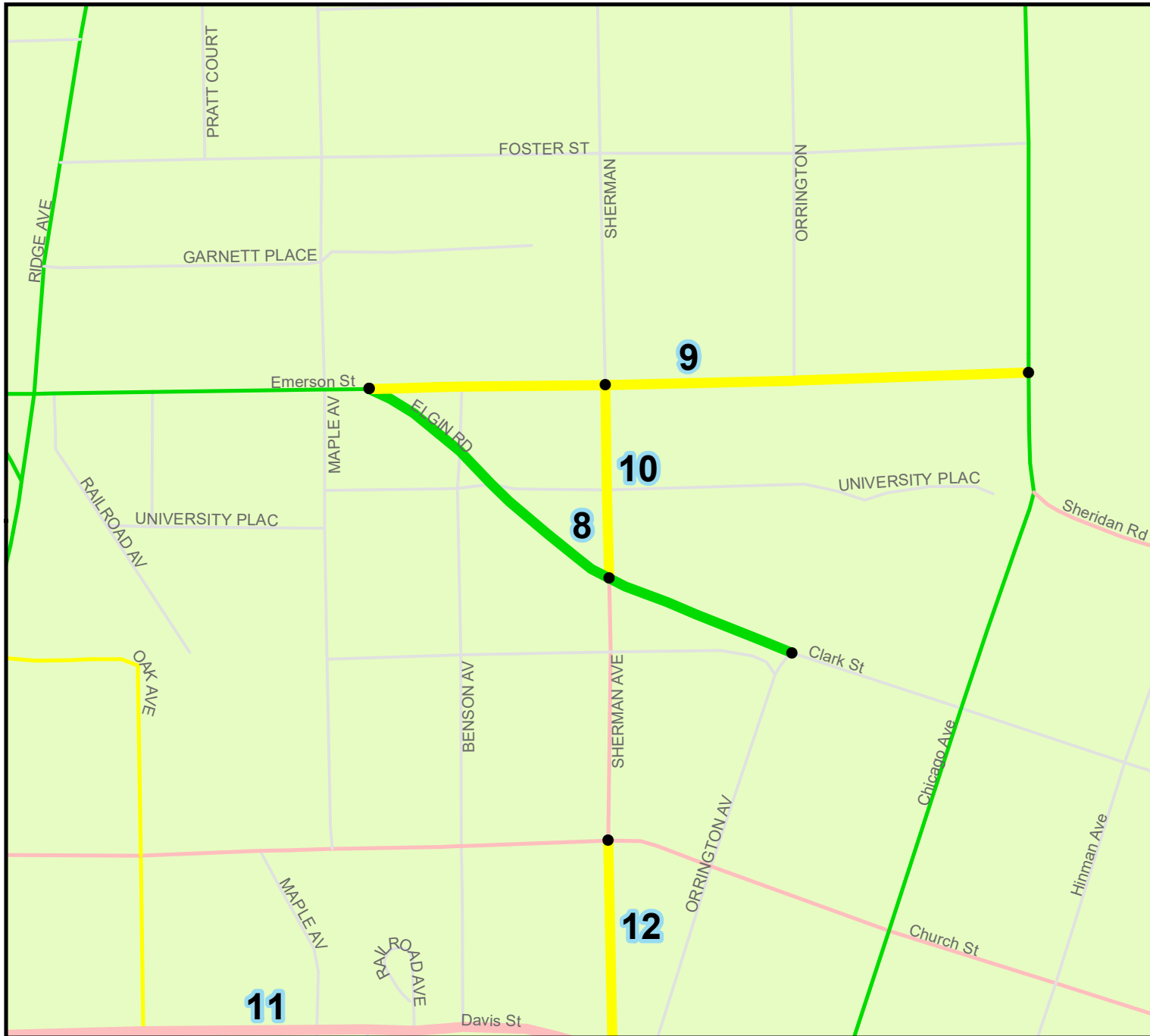
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Council

- North Shore
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North Shore Council of Mayors Functional Classification Updates - Map 8



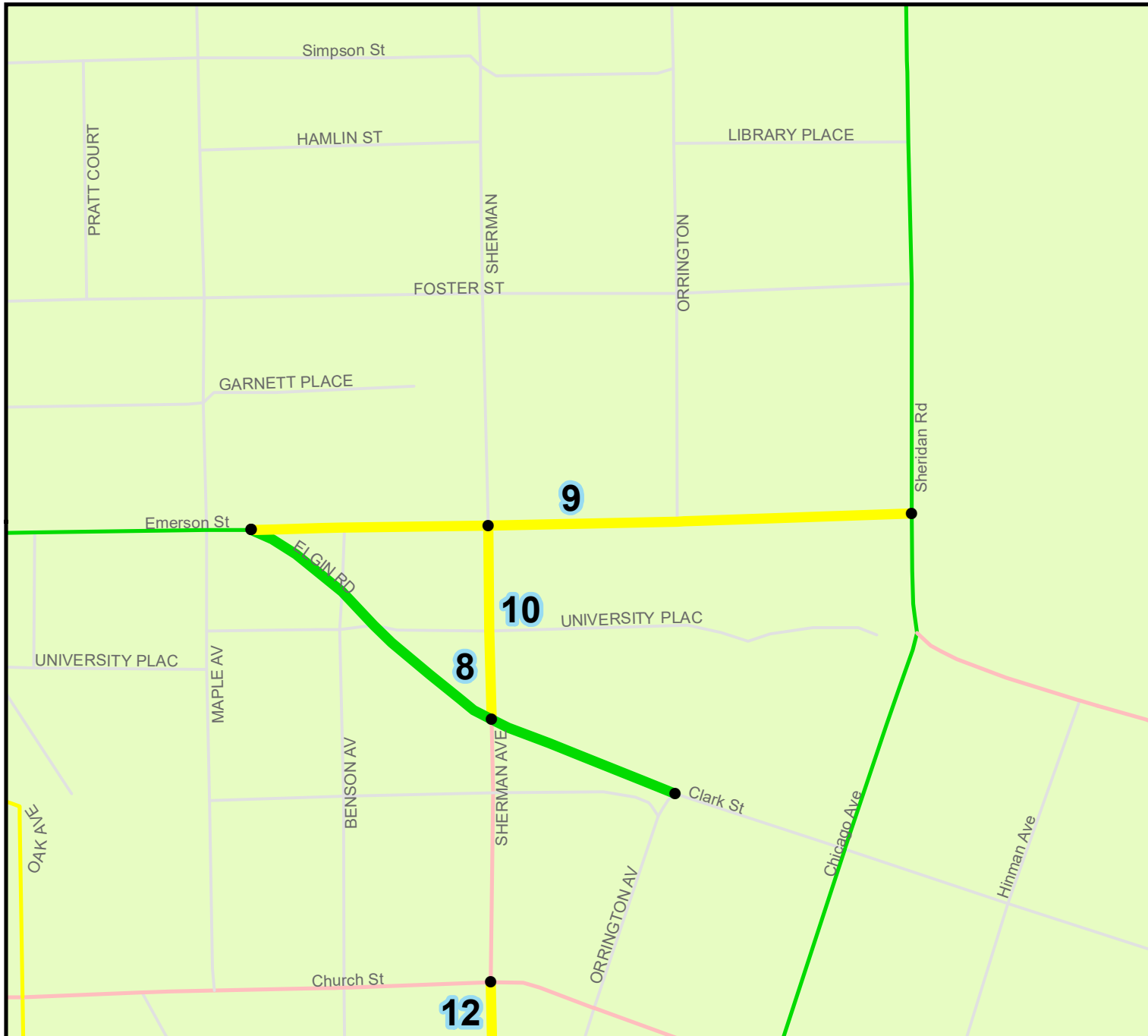
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Council

- North Shore

North Shore Council of Mayors Functional Classification Updates - Map 9



Legend

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Council

- North Shore

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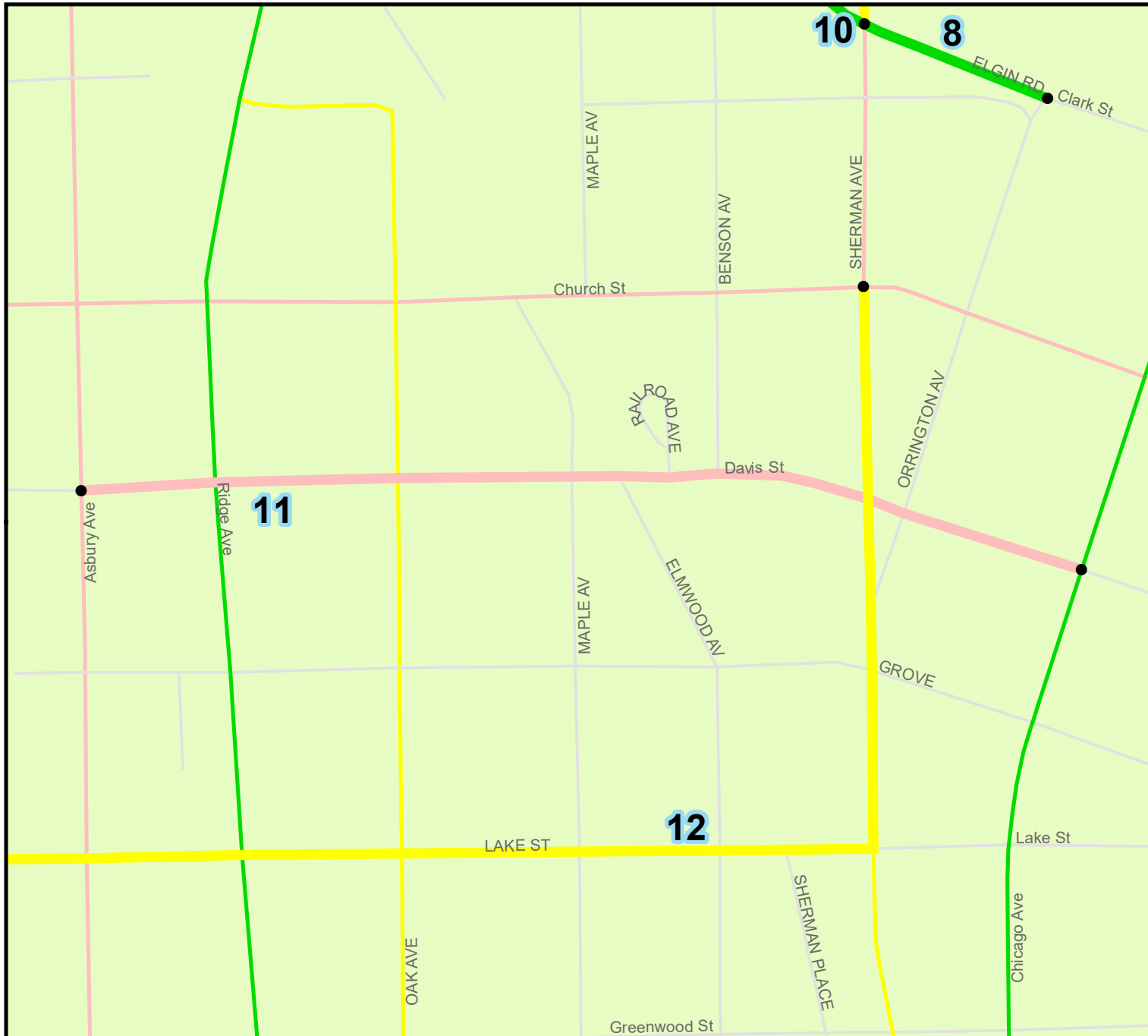
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Council

- North Shore

North Shore Council of Mayors Functional Classification Updates - Map 11



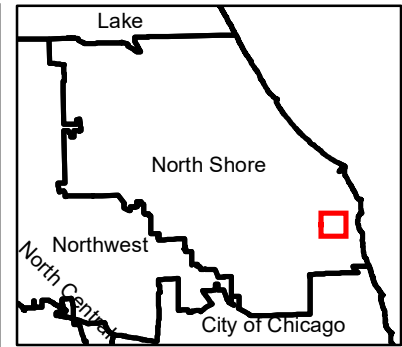
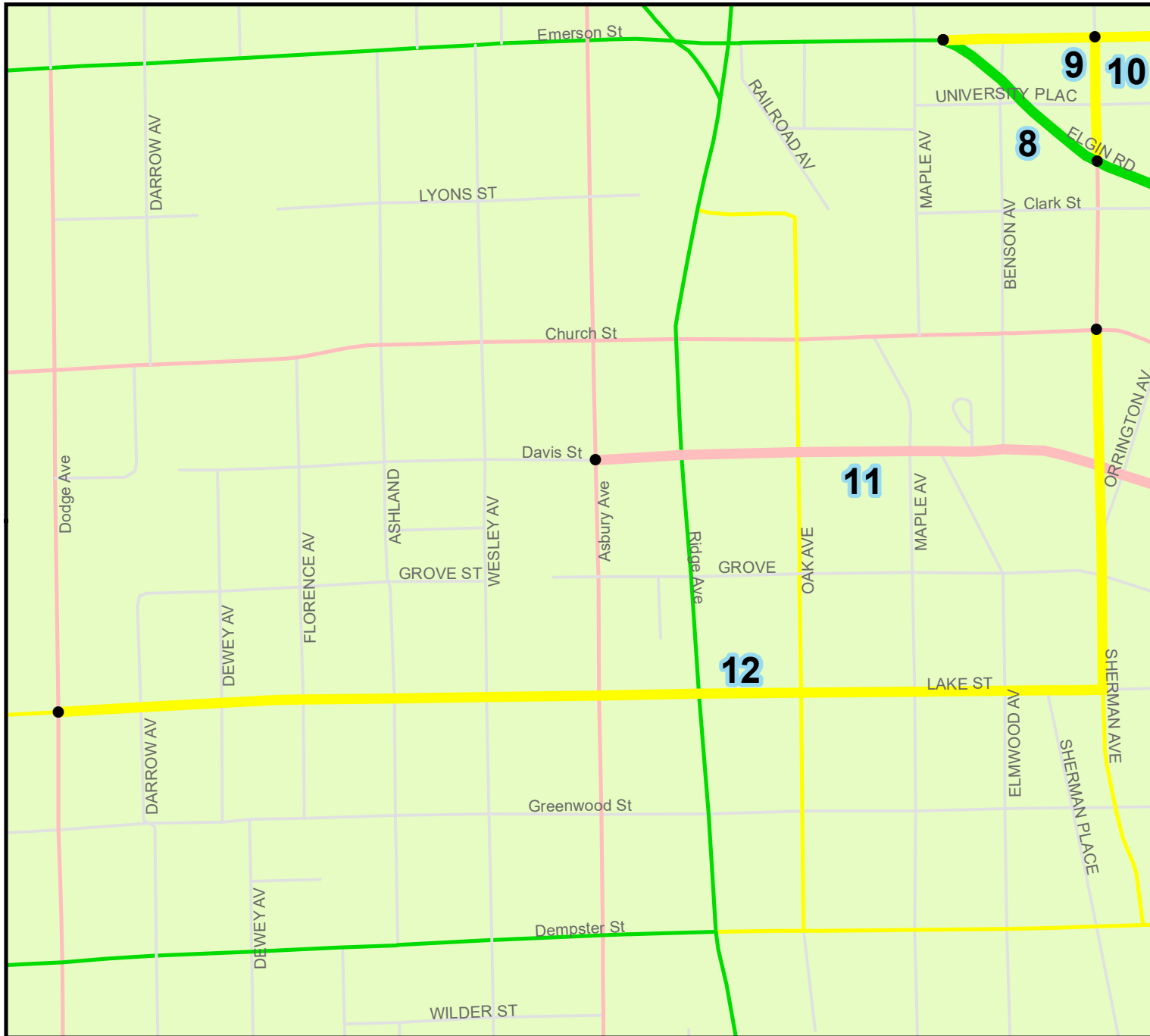
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Council

- North Shore

North Shore Council of Mayors Functional Classification Updates - Map 12



Legend

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- 6 Minor Collector (Yellow line)
- 7 Local Road or Street (Grey line)

Council

- North Shore (Light Green background)

Illinois Tollway Update

2026 Budget

The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors approved a balanced 2026 Budget with \$1.79 billion in revenue allocated to fund maintenance and operations, debt service transfers and capital investments for the 294-mile system.

The 2026 Budget provides more than \$1.31 billion for direct funding and debt service on capital investments, with \$374 million budgeted for systemwide roadway and bridge repairs, along with funding for key projects including:

- \$328.9 million to continue design and reconstruction work for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project. 2026 Budget
- \$427.4 million to continue planning and construction for the new I-490 Tollway and new the Illinois Route 390 Interchange, as well as providing direct access in and out of O'Hare International Airport as part of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project.

The 2026 Budget approved by the Tollway Board does not include funding for the next capital program or a passenger vehicle toll rate increase in 2026.

The 2026 Budget Book is posted on the Illinois Tollway website www.illinoistollway.com for public viewing.

I-PASS Sticker Tags

We'll let you know when the time is right to swap out your old I-PASS transponder for a new I-PASS Sticker Tag.

The Tollway will mail new I-PASS Sticker Tags directly to customers whose old transponders are reaching the end of their battery life.

After receiving the swap letter via U.S. Mail, all customers need to do is activate the new I-PASS Sticker Tag by going online or using the Official Illinois Tollway App and then attach the new sticker tag on the inside windshield of their vehicle.

The transition to I-PASS Sticker Tags is being done in coordination with other E-ZPass agencies and will ensure our customers have continuity in service wherever they travel in the 19 states that use E-ZPass. There is no deposit fee for I-PASS Sticker Tags. For customers with current transponders, the \$10 transponder deposit will be transferred into their pre-paid toll accounts once a new I-PASS Sticker Tag is registered to the account.

Once registered to the account, the I-PASS Sticker Tag will be immediately ready to use on the Illinois Tollway and within 24 hours on the Chicago Skyway and other E-ZPass roadways.

I-PASS On Demand

Our I-PASS On Demand team is continuing to provide more customer service at events held across the 12 counties served by the Illinois Tollway than ever. We go where our customers are to provide in-person assistance and help with I-PASS, Pay By Plate and toll invoice questions.

See the [I-PASS On Demand Event Calendar](#) to find an event near you!

Illinois Tollway customers can also stop by an I-PASS On Demand event to learn more about the Official Illinois Tollway App to help manage their accounts or pick up I-PASS Sticker Tags to add new vehicles or replace old transponders.

In addition, customers can find out if they qualify for [I-PASS Assist](#), the Illinois Tollway's program helping income-eligible individuals and families realize the benefits of I-PASS.

Are you interested in hosting an event that you'd like our I-PASS On Demand team to attend? Fill out an [I-PASS On Demand Request Form](#).

Our I-PASS On Demand team is ready to help you plan and promote an event to serve your residents.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelsey Passi at kpassi@getipass.com



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Metra unveils 2026 construction program

Improvements planned at 20 stations and 22 crossings

CHICAGO (April 8, 2026) – Metra and its railroad and municipal partners are taking on a wide variety of projects during the 2026 construction season, including improvements to 20 stations, replacement of 22 grade crossings, and three major tie replacement projects.

In addition to new projects, progress continues to be made on a multiyear project to upgrade track, electrical and signal systems on the **Metra Electric Line** to accommodate the expansion of service on the South Shore Line. The 2026 construction program also includes numerous smaller infrastructure improvements across Metra’s 11 lines, ensuring Metra customers continue to enjoy safe and reliable service.

“We plan to take full advantage of the construction season and available funding to address projects across the railroad,” said Metra CEO/Executive Director Jim Derwinski. “Metra is grateful for the significant financial support we have received in recent years to address a backlog of critical capital projects. However, infrastructure maintenance is an ongoing need, and that’s why we will continue to work with our funding and governance partners to identify, plan, and carry out projects that support our system today and in the future.”

Work is being performed by Metra’s in-house crews, employees of Metra’s freight partners as well as private contractors. Metra is also contributing funds for station repairs and upgrades that will be performed by a municipality or its contractors.

In Metra’s 2026 capital program, \$32.3 million is allocated for station and parking improvements, \$37.7 million for track maintenance, \$22.3 million for bridge projects, \$5.2 million for rail crossing replacements, and \$59.1 million for signal, electrical and communications maintenance and upgrades. Funding for some of the projects included in this release was allocated in prior years’ capital programs or came from outside sources, including municipalities and Metra’s freight partners.

Timing of the projects listed below may change and, when warranted, projects may be added to or removed from this list. A complete list of planned projects on Metra-controlled and BNSF lines is attached to this release. A comprehensive list of projects planned on the three lines owned by Union Pacific was not available.

STATION IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements are planned for 20 of Metra's 243 stations this year. Projects at another 47 stations are currently in the design process for construction in later years. Accessibility and state of good repair improvements are the focus of smaller projects at 26 stations that began in 2025. Improvements planned under this program for 2026 include seven stations on the **Rock Island Line** and the Cicero and Western Springs stations on the **BNSF Line**. Improvements may include ramps, handrails, curbs and gutters, parking lots, pavement markings, signage, retaining walls, canopy alterations, and other alterations required to meet accessibility criteria.

Along the **Metra Electric Line**, Metra is continuing a multiyear effort to rebuild the Chicago State/95th Street Station and rehabilitate the South Water Street entrance to Millennium Station. On the **Rock Island Line**, Metra will continue a project to replace the platform, rehab parking areas and build new warming shelters at 115th Street/Morgan Park Station. Work will also continue on the construction of a new infill station at Auburn Park (79th and Lowe), which is scheduled for completion by the end of the year. On the **BNSF Line**, improvements will include the rehabilitation of the historic LaGrange Road Station and new platforms at Westmont.

Work is nearing completion on the replacement of the platforms at Grayslake and Morton Grove on the **Milwaukee District North Line**, Midlothian on the **Rock Island Line**, Pingree Road on the **UP Northwest Line** and Kedzie on the **UP West Line**.

TRACK IMPROVEMENTS

Metra and its railroad partners plan to replace approximately at least 51,000 railroad ties this year. On the **Rock Island Line**, Metra forces will replace 16,562 ties between Mokena and Joliet. Metra forces will also replace 18,500 ties and 23,949 feet of rail between Rondout and Fox Lake on the **Milwaukee District North Line**. BNSF plans to replace 16,000 ties between Hinsdale and West Eola (Aurora). Metra and contractors will also continue infrastructure work in preparation for the installation of a fourth track on the **Metra Electric Line**.

ROAD CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS

Metra and its railroad partners plan to make improvements to 22 rail crossings in 2026. Five crossing replacements are planned on the **Metra Electric** branch lines (Ridgeland Avenue, Clyde Avenue and Chappel Avenue on the South Chicago Branch and Parnell Avenue and Normal Avenue on the Blue Island Branch). There are six crossing replacements planned on the **Rock Island Line**, one on the **Southwest Service** and five more between the **Milwaukee District North and West** lines. On the **BNSF Line**, road crossings will be replaced at Loomis Street in Naperville, Prospect Avenue in Clarendon Hills, and Hollywood Avenue in Riverside. Replacements are also planned at LaGrange Road and Harlem Avenue and multiple pedestrian crossings depending upon funding availability.

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

A major project to rebuild 11 120-year-old bridges between Fullerton Avenue and Addison Street in Chicago on the **UP North Line** continues, with Segment 1 of the project (the Fullerton, Clybourn, and Wrightwood bridges and adjoining retaining walls) currently out for bid. The \$337 million project will also replace 4 miles of track structure and 1.75 miles of retaining walls. On the **Rock Island Line**, Metra will continue work on the replacement of the bridge at Morgan Street in Chicago and plans to begin the rehab of Bridge 86 over 78th Street as part of the new Auburn Park Station project.

Bridges are a critical part of Metra's infrastructure. More than half of the 446 bridges on Metra-owned lines are more than a century old. Currently, there is no dedicated federal funding program, specifically dedicated to improving commuter rail bridges. To address this critical need, Illinois Senator Tammy Duckworth and Congressman Mike Quigley have introduced the *Building Rail Infrastructure for a Durable & Growing Economy (BRIDGE) Act*, which would establish a first-ever \$1.5 billion annual competitive grant program to fund the long-overdue maintenance, replacement and rehabilitation of commuter rail bridges across the country.

Even though funding has yet to be secured, Metra knows that preparation is essential and has developed a 20-year plan to replace or rehabilitate 210 bridges, requiring about \$3 billion in investment. Design is complete or nearly complete on nine bridges with 30 more bridges in the pipeline for preliminary engineering.

SIGNAL/COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVEMENTS

Multiple signal improvement projects are planned or underway across the Metra system in 2026. Collectively, these projects, which can take multiple years to implement, strengthen system reliability, increase operational flexibility, and support the long-term modernization of Metra's signal network. Communications crews will also be deployed across the system to install improved electronic signage, speaker systems, and security systems.

On the **Metra Electric**, several signal improvement projects are underway, including upgrades to signals and interlockings between Millennium Station and Roosevelt Road to accommodate the NICTD 4th Track expansion and future service increases; the installation of full bi-directional signaling between Roosevelt Road and 65th Street; and the installation of new grade crossing equipment between Yates and 93rd Street on the South Chicago Branch Line, including SMART gate technology that allows continual remote monitoring of crossing devices to identify performance issues and enable proactive maintenance

Work will continue on the renewal of the 16th Street interlocking on the **Rock Island Line** following last year's replacement of the 16th Street Tower. The project will focus on a new track configuration between the 16th Street diamonds and Archer Avenue. Metra will also complete installation of a new control point at 75th Street on the **Southwest Service**. This control point replaces the old Forest Hill Junction with CSX, which was eliminated by a flyover funded through the CREATE program.

Two signal projects are planned on the **Milwaukee District West Line**, including the renewal of signal and grade-crossing equipment between Tower B12 in Franklin Park and Galewood in Chicago. Work includes modernization of signal systems, upgraded circuitry, and improved crossing protection, including SMART gates. A second project will upgrade signal systems at multiple crossings in Elmwood Park.

To minimize impacts on Metra riders, most work will be performed during off-peak hours and on weekends, which could result in delays to trains during those times. Riders are advised to check [metra.com/constructionnotices](https://www.metra.com/constructionnotices) for information about how service may be impacted. Riders can also use Metra's train tracker, available at [metratracker.com](https://www.metratracker.com), to check the status of their trains.

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Metra 2026 Construction/Capital Improvement Projects

STATIONS

BNSF Line

- LaGrange Road, LaGrange – Rehab of historic station
- Westmont – New extended and elevated platforms
- Cicero – ADA and state of good repair improvements
- Western Springs – ADA and state of good repair improvements

Rock Island Line

- Auburn Park, Chicago – Ongoing construction of new infill station
- 99th Street/Beverly, Chicago (Beverly Branch) – ADA and state of good repair improvements
- 103rd Street Washington Heights, Chicago (Beverly Branch) – ADA and state of good repair improvements
- 111th Street/Morgan Park, Chicago (Beverly Branch) – ADA and state of good repair improvements
- 115th Street/Morgan Park, Chicago (Beverly Branch) – Renovation of the station including new platforms, parking areas, lighting, and shelters
- Vermont Street (Blue Island) – ADA and state of good repair improvements
- Robbins – ADA and state of good repair improvements
- Midlothian – Platform renewal and ADA and state of good repair improvements
- Joliet – ADA and state of good repair improvements

Milwaukee District North Line

- Morton Grove – Platform construction and new lighting
- Grayslake – Platform renewal

Metra Electric Line

- Millennium/South Water – Ongoing rehab of entrance and elevators
- 95th Street/Chicago State – Ongoing rehab of station facility including ADA accessibility

UP North Line

- Kenosha – City-managed project to replace elevator

UP Northwest Line

- Pingree Road – Continued work to repair platform, retaining walls, and ADA ramp

UP West Line

- Kedzie – Platform repair and replacement

CROSSINGS

Rock Island Line

- 94th Street, Chicago (Beverly Branch) – Crossing replacement
- 105th Street, Chicago (Beverly Branch) – Crossing replacement
- Vermont Street, Chicago (Beverly Branch) – Crossing replacement
- 97th Street, Chicago – Crossing replacement
- 104th Street, Chicago – Crossing replacement
- 119th Street, Chicago – Crossing replacement

Southwest Service

- 54th Avenue, Oak Lawn – Crossing replacement

Milwaukee District North Line

- Conway Road, Lake Forest – Crossing replacement
- Dempster Street, Morton Grove – Crossing replacement

Milwaukee District West Line

- Walnut Avenue, Itasca – Crossing replacement
- Prospect Street, Roselle – Crossing replacement
- McClean Boulevard, Elgin – Crossing replacement

Metra Electric Line

- Ridgeland Avenue, (South Chicago Branch) – Crossing replacement
- Clyde Avenue (South Chicago Branch) – Crossing replacement
- Chappel Avenue (South Chicago Branch) – Crossing replacement
- Parnell Avenue (Blue Island Branch) – Crossing replacement
- Normal Avenue (Blue Island Branch) – Crossing replacement

BNSF Line

- Loomis Street, Naperville – Crossing replacement
- Prospect Avenue, Clarendon Hills – Crossing replacement
- Hollywood Avenue, Riverside – Crossing replacement
- Harlem Avenue, Berwyn – Crossing replacement
- LaGrange Road, LaGrange – Crossing replacement

TRACK

Rock Island Line

- Mokena to Joliet – Replace 16,562 ties

Milwaukee District North Line

- Rondout to Fox Lake – Replace 18,500 ties
- Rondout to Fox Lake – Replace 23,949 feet of rail

Metra Electric Line

- Chicago – Continuation of track and infrastructure improvements to accommodate fourth track for South Shore (NICTD) service expansion

BNSF Line

- Hinsdale to West Eola (Aurora) – Replace 16,000 ties on Track 1

BRIDGES

Rock Island Line

- Chicago – Project to replace Bridge 86 over 78th Street as part of the new Auburn Park Station

BNSF Line

- Keeler Avenue, Chicago – Retaining wall rehabilitation
- Between Drake and Central Park Avenues, Chicago – Retaining wall rehabilitation

UP North Line

- Fullerton Avenue to Addison Street, Chicago – Ongoing project to replace 11 bridges

SIGNAL & COMMUNICATIONS

Rock Island Line

- Chicago – Continuation of 16th Street interlocking renewal including new track configuration between 16th Street and Archer Avenue

SouthWest Service

- Chicago – Install new control point at 75th Street to replace the former Forest Hill interlocking

Metra Electric Line

- Chicago – Continue signal infrastructure upgrades between Millennium Station and Roosevelt Road to accommodate South Shore (NICTD) expansion project
- Chicago – Install bi-directional signaling between Roosevelt Road and 65th Street to modernize infrastructure to support higher operating speeds and increase operational flexibility
- Chicago – Install new grade crossing equipment, including SMART gate technology, on South Chicago Branch between Yates Avenue and 93rd Street

Milwaukee District West Line

- Franklin Park to Galewood (Chicago) – Multi-year project to modernize and upgrade signal and grade crossing equipment, including SMART gate technology
- Elmwood Park – Signal system upgrades at multiple crossings
- Thatcher Avenue, River Grove – Signal system upgrades at crossing
- River Road, River Grove – Signal system upgrades at crossing
- Naperville Road, Bartlett – Signal system upgrades at crossing

Attend Pace’s Hire-on-the-Spot Events

At Pace’s Hire-on-the-Spot Events, candidates will complete a pre-employment assessment for professional bus operator (driver) positions and interview with division staff. **Same-day job offers will be made for bus operator positions!**

Every Thursday at 9:00am or 1:00pm:

(Applicants should plan to attend a three-hour session)

For jobs in Des Plaines, Elgin, Evanston, Melrose Park, or Waukegan,
Attend the Hire-on-the-Spot at Pace Headquarters
550 W Algonquin Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60005

For Jobs in Aurora, Bridgeview, Markham, or Plainfield,
Attend the Hire-on-the-Spot at Pace Central Training & Customer Relations Facility
2107B W 163rd Place, Markham, IL 60428

Every Weekday (except on Thursdays) between 1:00pm to 3:00pm

At these Pace Divisions, candidates can show up and be interviewed by division staff right on the spot!

Elgin – 975 S. State St, Elgin
Plainfield – 14539 S Depot Dr, Plainfield
North Aurora – 400 Overland Dr, Aurora
Waukegan – 1400 W. 10th St, Waukegan

Candidates must complete an application online before an event, bring a valid Illinois driver’s license and a Court Purpose DMV or Secretary of State Motor Vehicle Report (MVR or “Driving Record Abstract”).

Working for Pace has many advantages:

- Competitive starting pay
- Paid on-the-job and on-going training
- Promotion from within
- Working close to home
- Excellent health insurance benefits
- Outstanding retirement benefits
- Paid vacation and other paid time off
- Safe, clean work environment

What to expect at the event:

- Learn directly from Pace staff about rewarding career opportunities.
- Bring your Motor Vehicle Report (also called Driver’s Abstract) from the IL Secy of State.
- If you’re ready to apply and get interviewed, bus operator candidates can take a 90-minute Customer Service Assessment.
- Get hired right on the spot! Get paid during your training period. Start earning a pay check right away.

To obtain your Motor Vehicle Report



**Scan this QR code or visit:
apps.ILSoS.gov/DrivingRecord/**

Once obtained, the document can be emailed to: MVR@PaceBus.com

For more information on job postings



**Scan this QR code or visit:
PaceBus.com/careers**

See available jobs and apply online today!

Pace Locations

Pace Headquarters

550 W. Algonquin Rd. Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Pace Heritage Division

14539 S. Depot Dr. Plainfield, IL 60544

Pace North Shore Division

2330 Oakton St. Evanston, IL 60202

Pace River Division

975 S. State St. Elgin, IL 60123

Pace South Holland Division

405 W. Taft Dr. South Holland, IL 60473

Pace West Division

3500 W. Lake St. Melrose Park, IL 60160

Pace Fox Valley Division

400 Overland Dr. North Aurora, IL 60542

Pace North Division

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April Local Government Update

RTA Board adopts ADA Paratransit Action Plan 2, increasing ride caps for rideshare and taxi programs

At its March meeting, the [RTA Board of Directors](#) adopted a [second ADA Paratransit Action Plan](#) making critical changes to improve service and provide financial stability for two subsidy programs – the Rideshare and Taxi Access Programs (RAP and TAP). The RTA Board adopted the first Action Plan in June 2025 to slow cost growth and provide funding to address a growing budget deficit and looming fiscal cliff the regional transit system was facing. With funding certainty provided by the signing of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) Act, the RTA Board adopted the second Action Plan to raise the monthly caps from 30 to 40 subsidized rides per month upon request from eligible riders. The second Action Plan also makes permanent fare restoration, matching both programs with traditional ADA Paratransit fares; makes permanent Ride Free benefits for certified paratransit riders on fixed route service; and will further advance the alignment of county RAP(s) with the regional program.

RTA Community Planning and CMAP Technical Assistance Program Call for Projects open through April 17

The 2026 RTA [Community Planning](#) and Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Technical Assistance Program Call for Projects is open March 30–April 17. RTA and CMAP staff are offering two virtual open house sessions during which applicants can ask questions about the application process, about specific project ideas, and anything else related to the Call for Projects. Potential applicants can participate at any time during the open house sessions on the following dates:

- Thursday, April 2, 2026 — 9:30–10:30 a.m. [Register here.](#)
- Wednesday, April 8, 2026 — 1:30–2:30 p.m. [Register here.](#)

Applicants can email questions to applications@rtachicago.org or reach out to RTA Government Affairs staff to be connected with the Local Planning team.



Local Government Update

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Explore 2025 RTA planning projects and successes in interactive annual report

Every year, the RTA assists local governments throughout northeastern Illinois on projects that strengthen the region's transit system through two programs: [Community Planning](#) and [Access to Transit](#). These programs provide funding and technical assistance for local governments to plan for and create pedestrian-friendly, multi-modal, equitable, and accessible communities. The RTA recently published its [2025 Annual Report](#), highlighting 26 projects around the region supported by these programs that are starting soon, in progress, or recently completed. [Read more on the RTA Connections blog.](#)



Bring more sidewalks, biking options, and trails to your community

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Want help preparing a strong application for one of the largest funding sources in Illinois for walking, biking, and trail projects?

The [Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program \(ITEP\)](#), administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), funds projects that improve safety, access, and connectivity – such as sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, curb extensions, bike lanes, side paths, and multi-use trails.

- Total funding available: \$157 million (largest ever!)
- Max award: \$5 million per project
- Applications open August – October 2026
- Match assistance available for high-need communities

Free Technical Assistance (TA) Available

The Active Transportation Alliance (ATA) and Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) are offering free support to help 15 suburban Cook County municipalities submit strong, competitive ITEP applications:

- One-on-one coaching + work plan (3 sessions with ATA staff)
- Help developing your application narrative
- Support gathering data, maps & community input
- Peer learning with other communities

Bonus: Seven participating communities will receive \$2,000 (via a raffle) to fund small-scale safe streets improvements like pedestrian crossing signage or bike racks.

Eligibility

- Suburban Cook County municipalities or partners
- Communities planning to apply for ITEP in 2026
- Teams ready to commit to the process (June–September support + virtual trainings)
- Priority given to [CMAP Cohort 3 & 4 communities](#) (all encouraged to apply!)

To Apply

To request technical assistance on your 2026 ITEP application, [please complete the request form](#) by **Monday, May 11** and follow the QR code to learn more about the program.



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