

## Mitch Hirst



### Hometown

New Lenox, Illinois

### Recent positions include:

Assistant Modeling Analyst, CMAP

### About

I started at CMAP a little over 6 months ago and have really been enjoying it so far. I work on the transportation modeling team where I help to calibrate, validate, and run the various transportation models at CMAP. In addition to that work, I also have some project work that touches on various sustainability, climate, and transportation issues within the CMAP region.

### Notable memory

Unfortunately, my time in Chaddick overlapped with the COVID-19 pandemic, so there was little face to face interaction. However, the various online Chaddick events always gave me something to look forward to during such a trying time. Without in-person classes, Chaddick became an easy way to connect with peers in my own program as well as the public policy program at DePaul. I also enjoyed the opportunity to assist Joe with several research projects. Working with Joe is an absolute delight as he is always open to new ideas from students. He makes you feel like a true collaborator with a stake in the project.