Northwest Municipal Conference
Transportation Committee
Agenda
February 27, 2020
8:30 a.m.
NWMC Offices
1600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(map/parking permit attached)

I. Call to Order/Introductions

II. Approval of January 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)
Action Requested: Approval

III. NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan Presentation (Attachment B)
Staff will present on the final version of the Conference’s Multimodal Plan, how it is structured, and steps NWMC communities can take toward implementation. Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

IV. Legislative Issues (Attachment C)
Staff will provide an update on potential bills of interest in Springfield.
- HB 4248: Grade Crossing Protection
- SB 2303/SB 2963: Local Road; Police Vehicle
- SB 3183: Bicycle Pedestrian Ways
- SB 3555: Rules of Road – Bicycles
Action Requested: Discussion

V. Local Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) Update
Staff will provide an update on the status of the STP-L program for the remainder of the fiscal year. Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

VI. Agency Reports
a. CMAP
b. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
c. IDOT Highways
d. Illinois Tollway
e. Metra
f. Pace
g. RTA

VII. Other Business
VIII. **Next Meeting**  
The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee will be held on March 26, 2020, 8:30 a.m. at NWMC Offices.

IX. **Adjourn**
I. Call to Order/Introductions
President Frazier called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m. and those present introduced themselves.

II. Approval of December 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Mr. Kanapareddy moved approval of the December 5, 2019 meeting minutes. Trustee Zadel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) EV Ready Presentation
Ms. Makra provided background information about opportunities for municipalities to expand EV infrastructure. She noted that several
opportunities can be funded through Volkswagen settlement funds and the state capital bill. Ms. Makra then discussed how the MMC is developing an EV Ready guide to help municipalities plan for the future and hopes to create a recognition program similar to the SolSmart program administered by the MMC.

Mr. Milburn then discussed different types of electric vehicles and the development and advancement of electric vehicle supply equipment. He shared technical information about what is required to set up charging stations and other considerations municipalities need to make regarding placement, enforcement and financing.

After their overviews, both Ms. Makra and Mr. Milburn engaged in a listening session to solicit feedback and answer questions from members of the committee to help develop their EV Ready guide. They sought feedback on topics including: planning considerations; development; building codes and permitting; pricing and finance; and, information and training.

IV. NWMC Multimodal Plan Update
Ms. Johnson provided an update on the Multimodal Plan and the next steps in its development. She noted that the timeframe was shifted one month as the project lead had to tend to personal matters. In the meantime, she said the project team has published a map of sidewalk gaps within NWMC service territory as well as a draft street design tool box which will be made available for comment in early February.

V. Agency Reports
A. CMAP – Written report provided.
B. CCDOTH – Mr. Wright announced the availability of $8.5 million in Invest in Cook funds. The County is currently accepting applications until March 13 and is hosting public information sessions and a webinar about how to apply for the funds.
C. Metra – Ms. Renteria informed the committee that the Rebuild Illinois capital funding package resulted in $1.2 billion for Metra to invest in their rail cars and locomotives. They have published a public survey to solicit feedback about what features and amenities riders would like included in the new cars.
D. Pace – Mr. Andrews reminded the committee of public hearings that will begin next week and last until February 13. The hearings are intended to obtain feedback from members of impacted communities on the route changes proposed in the North Shore Coordination Plan.

VI. Other Business
No other business.

VII. Next Meeting
President Frazier noted the next meeting would take place on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at NWMC Offices.
VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Kanapareddy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. Trustee Benton seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
What We’ll Cover

• Overview of development process
• Structure & Content of the plan
• Timeline
• Additional resources
Project Team

- Steering Committee
- Surveys
- Social media & email communications
- Pop-up workshops
- NWMC Member Open House

Public Outreach and Engagement

- Pop-up Workshops
Member Open House

Structure

- **Introduction**
  - Who we are, service area
  - Purpose of the plan
- **Existing Conditions**
  - Survey results
  - Other data
- **What We Heard**
  - Summary of public engagement

Structure (cont.)

- **Improving Multimodal Connections**
  - Tools for street design
  - Tools for programs and policies
- **Implementation**
  - Priority bike corridors
  - Priority sidewalk segments
  - Resources for implementation
Existing Conditions

- Descriptions of existing regional trails
- Background on previous plans & progress
- Sidewalk assessment
- Transit access and use
- Travel modes and habits

Travel to Metra stations by NWMC Community

What We Heard

- Project brand and website
- Online engagement – surveys
- Pop-up workshops
- Open House
- Toolkits
- Steering Committee
Survey Results: Social Media Graphics

Improving Multimodal Connections

- Street Design Toolbox includes tools for:
  - Traffic Calming
  - Walking & Crossing the Street
  - Biking
  - Walking & Biking to Transit
  - Placemaking
  - Loading/Unloading Freight

Street Design Toolbox: Walking & Crossing the Street
Improving Multimodal Connections (cont.)

- Programs & Policies Toolbox includes tools for:
  - Walking & Biking
  - Transit
  - Traffic Calming
  - Parking
  - Design
  - Coordination

Implementation

- Priority bike corridor overview
- Individual snapshots include:
  - Map
  - NWMC Communities
  - Population, jobs, and crash data

Corridor Snapshot: Evanston-Elgin Bikeway
Implementation (cont.)

- Sidewalk gap analysis overview
- Breakdown by individual communities
- Project development tips
- Maintenance policies
- Funding opportunities
Timeline

- Project team currently incorporating final revisions from Steering Committee
- Executive Board: March 4, 2020
- Full NWMC Board: March 11, 2020

Additional Resources

- [www.nwmcmultimodalplan.org](http://www.nwmcmultimodalplan.org)
- All project deliverables
- Survey findings
- NWMC in the press
- Sidewalk Gap map
- Priority Corridors map with comments

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Summary of Illinois General Assembly Bills for Consideration:

**HB 4248: Grade Crossing Protection**
Rep. Robyn Gabel

**Synopsis:** Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Provides that the funds transferred each month to the Grade Crossing Protection Fund may go to the maintenance of safety treatments to deter trespassing. Deletes language providing that the Illinois Commerce Commission shall not order more than $2,000,000 per year in Grade Crossing Protection Fund moneys for pedestrian walkways. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Allows the Illinois Commerce Commission, after a hearing or by stipulated agreement, to authorize and order the terms of installation, operation, maintenance, and use of safety treatments requested by a public authority or rail carrier to deter trespassing on railroad property at a place other than a public crossing.

**SB 2303/2963: Local Road; Police Vehicle**
Sen. Dale Fowler

**Synopsis:** Amends the Illinois Hazardous Materials Transportation Act. Defines "Local Road" as any roadway, except for (i) a highway with 3 or more lanes, or (ii) an interstate highway. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Adds recreational off-highway vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, watercraft, and aircraft to the definition of a "police vehicle". Effective immediately. **SB 2963** defines a "Local road" as any State roadway, except for (i) a highway with 4 or more lanes, or (ii) an interstate highway. Effective immediately.

**SB 3183: Rules of Road – Bicycles**
Sen. Pat McGuire

**Synopsis:** Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that, in and within one mile of an urban area, the Department of Transportation shall establish and solely fund bicycle and pedestrian ways in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any State transportation facility. Effective immediately.

**SB 3555: Bicycle Pedestrian Ways**
Sen. John Curran

**Synopsis:** Amends the Bicycles Article under the Rules of the Road Chapter of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a person riding a bicycle upon a roadway in the State may treat: a stop sign as a yield sign; and a red light as a stop sign.
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From South: Take the Dempster West exit. Turn right on Rand Road (Route 12) to River Road (Route 45). Take River Road north to Golf Road. Turn right on Golf to the first traffic light (College Drive) and turn left.

Via the Kennedy Expressway
Take the Kennedy Expressway to the Tri-State Tollway (I-294 to Milwaukee). Exit at Dempster West and follow the directions (from South) above.