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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee**

Agenda

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

10:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices or via Video Conference

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88376206191>

Meeting ID: 88376206191

Passcode: f7gc8a79

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**

- II. Approval of April 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes

- III. 2026-2027 Meeting Dates (Attachment B)**
Staff will present the proposed meeting dates for 2026-2027.
Action Requested: Approve Proposed Meeting Dates

- IV. How High Injury Networks and County Safety Action Plans Can Improve Your SS4A Grant Applications**
CMAP and NWMC staff will present on the High Injury Networks (HIN) identified in the [countywide Safety Action Plans](#) adopted last year, and how the corridors and intersections identified can assist communities in applying for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grants. Examples of successful regional safety interventions will be highlighted.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- V. 2026 NWMC Summer Field Trip Location (Attachment C)**
NWMC staff will present an overview for the 2026 Summer Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Field Trip, to be held on Tuesday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- VI. E-mobility Legislation Update**
NWMC staff will present an update on e-mobility legislation under consideration by the Illinois General Assembly.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- VII. Local Project Updates**
Committee members will have an opportunity to provide updates on local projects.
Action Requested: Discussion

- VIII. Funding and Planning Opportunities**
Staff will provide an update on funding and planning opportunities.
 - 1) [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) – May 26
 - 2) [Love Your Block](#) – June 1

- 3) [Railroad Crossing Safety Program](#) – June 8
- 4) [League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community](#) – June 17
- 5) [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#) – July 23

Action Requested: Informational

IX. Other Business

X. Next Meeting

The NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will not meet as previously scheduled on June 9, 2026. Instead, the Committee will host its annual NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Field Trip at 10:30 a.m., in person at Harper College. Please contact NWMC staff to RSVP.

The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.

XI. Adjourn

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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
10:30 a.m.**

NWMC Offices and via Video Conference

Members Present

- Terri Gens, Trustee, Village of Mount Prospect, Chair
- Katie Rivard, Village of Barrington
- Caroline Tittle, Elk Grove Village
- Herb Porter, Trustee, Hanover Park
- Bill McLeod, Mayor, Village of Hoffman Estates
- Phil Green, Village of Hoffman Estates
- Luke Foresman, Village of Mount Prospect
- Nathan Bruemmer, Village of Niles
- A.C. Buehler, Village of Northbrook
- Larry Schroth, Village of Palatine
- Marisa Krawiec, Village of Schaumburg
- Erik Sanchez, Village of Skokie
- Ross Klicker, Village of Wheeling
- Scott Mangum, Village of Winnetka

Others Present

- Andrea Larson, Village of Buffalo Grove
- Eric Heiker, City of Des Plaines
- Sarah D. Fiorito, City of Evanston
- Kathy Thake, Village of Kenilworth
- Ron Milanesio, Village of Wilmette
- Ralph Banasiak, Daily Herald
- Dave Simmons, Ride Illinois
- Todd Smith, River Trails Middle School
- Cristy Tracz, River Trails Middle School
- Larry Bury, Northwest Municipal Conference
- Eric Czarnota, Northwest Municipal Conference
- Brian Larson, Northwest Municipal Conference

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
Trustee Gens called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

- II. Approval of March 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
Mr. Bruemmer motioned to approve the March 10, 2026 minutes. Mr. Buehler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Bike/Roll to School Day

Mr. Smith and Ms. Tracz presented on Bike and Roll to School Day at River Trails Middle School in Mount Prospect. They noted that communications and scheduling are handled at the school level, using student assistants, and contacts with the Mount Prospect Police Department, a local bike shop, and outreach to the mayor's office. Ms. Tracz added that police officers assist with traffic control at nearby major intersections and busy roadways to encourage driver compliance with local speed limits before joining for an after-school rally. Mr. Smith said that the school has previously hosted bike safety classes in conjunction with the event.

Mr. Bruemmer asked what percentage of students have a bike, and whether parents are okay with kids biking alone, whether they need a chaperone, or if there are any other issues related to independent travel. Ms. Tracz responded that they are unsure of percentages but have a large number of consistent riders and large number of participants each year, with supportive parents. She added that chaperones are only needed in the case of transporting student equipment for extracurriculars. Mr. Smith said the district provides extra bike racks for the event as they typically overfill existing bike racks, and that they are interested in exploring the possibility of hosting a bike bus.

Ms. FioRito asked if education efforts include on-street engagement, how long they are, and whether they manage other logistics regarding liability or waivers. Mr. Smith said education is classroom only delivered via slides and provides only basic instruction as some nearby streets do not have sidewalks. He added that no waivers are used for the event.

Mr. Banasiak asked about the involvement of parent-teacher associations (PTA) with the event, whether for planning or funding. Ms. Tracz said the PTA is not directly involved and efforts are focused on student leaders. She added that the school originally used several grants to provide extra prizes. Mr. Banasiak shared that some PTA's have Health and Safety Committees that are sometimes utilized. Mr. Smith said they had reached out to the Active Transportation Alliance and received various materials to give away.

Mr. Larson asked about ages of participants in the leader group. Ms. Tracz said the leaders are 7th and 8th grades, and initially started with teacher recommendations before becoming an application process and believed that 4th and 5th graders could be part of the process. Mr. Smith said their elementary school hosts a walk to school event instead of biking, providing signs for suggested routes to school.

Trustee Gens shared that community partnerships have included the Lions Club for local bike events.

Ms. Krawiec shared that Schaumburg has five schools signed up for Bike and Roll to School Day and enlists help from their public works and police departments, with the level of participation varying by school.

Mr. Larson shared a NWMC presentation on Bike and Roll to School Day, including levels of statewide and local participation over the last several years. He noted that there has been significant fluctuation and change in which communities have seen engagement, which oftentimes means a loss of a local champion, whether school or municipal staff member, or a parent volunteer.

Mr. Banasiak shared that many schools don't register their events with the national organization so the reported number is lower, noting that District 15 in Palatine normally has two to three schools registered online but around nine to ten schools actually participating. Trustee Gens suggested municipalities could encourage schools to register, such as through municipal recognition of the event.

IV. Non-Roadway Facilities Snow Removal Survey

Mr. Czarnota provided an analysis of the results received from the recent Non-Roadway Facilities Snow Removal Survey. He shared that most communities clear sidewalks, downtowns, and bike paths, noting that there was a large difference between mileage covered between municipalities. Mr. Czarnota said most communities utilize trackless, multipurpose tractors. He said that responding members who are adjacent to Lake Michigan or along the Lake County border were more likely to have a comprehensive sidewalk/path clearing policy relative to their size. He said that most members plow following the storm, except for communities with comprehensive policies, which are more likely to clear during the storm. Mr. Czarnota shared that most school and park districts within the membership also clear sidewalks and paths. He noted that most members do not require snow clearance by property owners, and that complaints appear to be handled equally by either the public works or the community development departments, with some communities reporting active enforcement by their Police Department, adding that the number of complaints appear low in communities that have a comprehensive clearing policy.

Trustee Gens thanked the conference for the survey and agreed that snow removal is important to address.

V. 2026 NWMC Summer Field Trip Location

Mr. Czarnota and Mr. Larson led a planning discussion on potential sites for the 2026 Summer Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee Field Trip. Mr. Czarnota said that following a poll of the members, the Palatine-Quentin Road sidepath was selected, and that he will reach out to the Villages of Palatine and Rolling Meadows.

Mr. Banasiak shared that there is a new sidepath on Hartung Road that connects to the Quentin Road sidepath and could serve as an adjacent highlight.

VI. Local Project Updates

No updates provided.

VII. Funding and Planning Opportunities

Mr. Larson provided an update on funding and planning opportunities, including [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#), which closes May 26, highlighting upcoming webinars from the Vision Zero Network and the US Department of Transportation. He also shared that Cook County and the Active Transportation Alliance are offering technical support assistance for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) applications, with a deadline of May 10, and that ITEP applications would be opening in August.

VIII. Other Business

Trustee Gens shared that Mount Prospect is recognizing National Bike Month with social media and a posting on its website.

Mr. Larson shared that Arlington Heights will host its Community Bike Ride on May 9.

Trustee Gens said that May 15 is Bike to Work Day.

Mr. Simmons encouraged communities to share events with Ride Illinois on their [Illinois bicycle calendar](#).

Ms. Krawiec said Schaumburg will be hosting Bike Month in June, including events such as the Von Schaumburg Tour on June 7, Bike to Metra Day, and Bike Classic Challenge. Ms. Krawiec said their transportation department runs the events in partnership with Ride Illinois.

Ms. FioRito said Evanston will host Bike, Walk, and Roll to School Day with grade schools and Evanston Township High School. She said they are organizing an Evanston team for the [Active Transportation Alliance Bike Commuter Challenge](#) to align with a staff-focused class on City Cycling 101.

IX. Next Meeting

Trustee Gens announced that the next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.

X. Adjourn

Ms. Krawiec moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Mangum seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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TO: NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
FROM: NWMC Transportation Staff
DATE: May 5, 2026
RE: NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting Dates for 2026-2027

Below are the NWMC monthly Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting dates for 2026-2027. All meetings will be held at the NWMC Offices at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Suite 0700 in Des Plaines, with videoconference options so that meetings can take place in a hybrid format.

Tuesday	September 8, 2026	10:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Tuesday	October 13, 2026	10:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Tuesday	November 10, 2026	10:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Tuesday	December 8, 2026	10:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices (Networking Social)
Tuesday	January 12, 2027	10:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Tuesday	February 9, 2027	10:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Tuesday	March 9, 2027	10:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Tuesday	April 13, 2027	10:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Tuesday	May 11, 2027	10:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Tuesday	June 8, 2027	10:30 a.m. – TBD (Annual Committee Field Trip)

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