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Northwest Municipal Conference Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee Agenda

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
10:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices or via Video Conference

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89322425477>

Meeting ID: 893 2242 5477

Passcode: 047899

I. Call to Order/Introductions

II. Approval of January 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)

Action Requested: Approve Minutes

III. Strava-Metro Presentation

Staff will present on [Strava Metro](#), a free privately developed program marketed for transportation planners that can be used to analyze patterns, improve safety, and evaluate projects.

Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

IV. Current Events Updates

Staff will provide updates on what they know about the Executive Orders regarding federal grants and MMA legislation.

Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

V. Local Project Updates

Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

VI. Funding Opportunities

Staff will provide an update on the following funding opportunities that will close within the next month:

1. [US DOT PROTECT Grants](#): Monday, February 24
2. [AARP Community Challenge Grants](#): Wednesday, March 5
3. [Invest In Cook](#): Friday, March 21

Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

VII. Other Business

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.

IX. Adjourn

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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025
NWMC Offices and via Video Conference**

Members Present

A.C. Buehler, Interim Chair, Village of Northbrook
Caroline Tittle, Village of Elk Grove Village
Phil Green, Village of Hoffman Estates
Luke Foresman, Village of Mount Prospect
Nathan Bruemmer, Village of Niles
Larry Schroth, Village of Palatine
Mayor Lara Sanoica, City of Rolling Meadows
Rachel Applegate, Village of Schaumburg
Erik Sanchez, Village of Skokie
Scott Nielsen, Village of Streamwood

Others Present

Sarah D. FioRito, City of Evanston
Dayna Adamczyk, Village of Glenview
Matt Lawrie, Village of Mount Prospect
Aram Beladi, Village of Northbrook
Mark Fowler, Northwest Municipal Conference
Larry Bury, Northwest Municipal Conference
Eric Czarnota, Northwest Municipal Conference
Brian Larson, Northwest Municipal Conference

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Mr. Buehler, standing in for Trustee Porter, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

II. Approval of December 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were corrected to indicate that Mr. Beladi is representing the Village of Northbrook.

Mayor Sanoica moved approval of the December 10, 2024 meeting minutes. Ms. Applegate seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Winter Bike-Ped Infrastructure Maintenance

Mr. Czarnota and Mr. Larson presented findings from NWMC surveys regarding contractual snow plowing and sidewalk snow removal and facilitated a discussion on the successes and challenges municipalities encounter when addressing winter weather impacts on bike and ped infrastructure. Mr. Larson also highlighted a recent [Federal Highway Administration guide on maintenance best practices](#).

Mr. Buehler asked if the surveys captured different responses depending on type of use. Mr. Czarnota responded that snow removal questions were generalized, with questions divided between road and sidewalk facilities.

Ms. FioRito noted the Chicago sidewalk clearance pilot and wondered whether any communities had analyzed how to adopt a similar municipal-wide program. Mr. Larson mentioned some non-NWMC member communities in the region which have municipal-wide programs. Mr. Czarnota stated that the NWMC could research municipal programs on behalf of the membership. Ms. Tittle noted that Elk Grove Village's analysis of a municipal ice clearance program would require doubling of manpower, but resident interest is increasing. Ms. Tittle asked if a survey could be developed on what areas are being cleared and how communities enforce property owner clearance requirements.

Mayor Sanoica inquired about communities' experience with inter-governmental agreements (IGA) for facility maintenance, as most of the trails in Rolling Meadows are on park district property. Ms. Tittle mentioned that Elk Grove Village has an IGA with the township for snowplowing. Mayor Sanoica noted that forest preserves and park district facilities close after sundown which then limits those paths as a network connection. Mr. Schroth shared that Palatine has an IGA with their park district and school district to ensure routes are open and clear.

IV. Local Project Updates

Ms. Applegate shared that Schaumburg is developing a new bike path along Schaumburg Road and Martingale Road and will have an open house on Wednesday February 12.

Mayor Sanoica reported attending preconstruction meetings with IDOT on the Illinois Route 53 bridge replacement.

V. Other Business

No other business.

VI. Next Meeting

Mr. Buehler announced that the next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.

VII. Adjourn

Mr. Nielsen moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. Ms. Applegate seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.