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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee**

Agenda

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

10:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices and via Video Conference

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Meeting ID: 895 0116 9485

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- Buffalo Grove
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- I. Call to Order/Introductions**

- II. Approval of March 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes

- III. Project Sidewalk Presentation**
University of Illinois-Chicago Assistant Professor Yochai Eisenberg and Research Assistant Sierra Berquist will provide a presentation on Project Sidewalk, a multi-year project funded by the National Science Foundation to map, analyze, and visualize accessibility data of sidewalks in the Chicago region.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- IV. Annual Bike-Ped Committee Field Trip Ideas**
Staff requests feedback on potential destinations and dates for the Committee’s annual summer outing.
Action Requested: Discussion

- V. Local Project Updates**
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- VI. Other Business**

- VII. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC Offices and via video conference.

- VIII. Adjourn**

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Attendance:

- Nellie Beckner, Village of Mount Prospect (co-chair)
- Jim Baxa, Village of Northbrook (co-chair)
- Andrew Binder, Village of Barrington
- Dave Simmons, Elk Grove Village
- Jessica Hyink, City of Evanston
- Herb Porter, Village of Hanover Park
- Phil Green, Village of Hoffman Estates
- Scott Mangum, Village of Lincolnwood
- Tim O’Brien, Village of Niles
- A.C. Buehler, Village of Northbrook Bicycle Task Force
- Ross Klicker, Village of Wheeling
- Jenny Horn, Village of Hoffman Estates

Others Present:

- Eric Heiker, City of Des Plaines
- Ryan Rivard, City of Rolling Meadows
- Alex Riegler, Village of Streamwood
- Danielle Horn, Village of Wilmette
- Audrey Wennink, Metropolitan Planning Council
- Mark Fowler, Northwest Municipal Conference
- Larry Bury, Northwest Municipal Conference
- Kendra Johnson, Northwest Municipal Conference
- Eric Czarnota, Northwest Municipal Conference

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Ms. Beckner called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. Approval of February 15, 2022, Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)

Mr. Simmons moved approval of the February 15, 2022 meeting minutes. Ms. Horn seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. NWMC Multimodal Plan Annual Survey Results

Staff presented a summary of the results received from the annual Multimodal Transportation Plan survey and noted that online GIS maps for Priority Sidewalks and Bicycle Corridors will be updated with this new data at a later time.

Mr. Simmons asked if this was the first year for responses to this survey. Ms. Johnson confirmed that it was the first year.

Mr. Mangum made a recommendation that staff should try to map only the improvements that were made in the past calendar year.

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Ms. Johnson responded that staff would be working on updating the GIS maps that are available on the NWMC website and could try to create a separate layer for each year's survey results.

Mr. Baxa asked that a list of all projects implemented be created to easily see where projects were implemented in the past year. Ms. Johnson responded that staff could compile this information and send it out to the committee after the meeting.

V. Local Project Updates

Mr. Baxa informed the committee that Northbrook's Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission would be meeting with Epstein consultants to review their Bike plan. He noted that this would be an annual process to review completed projects and current priorities. Mr. Baxa reported that the Skokie Valley Trail project is currently experiencing delays due to communication issues with Union Pacific.

Ms. Horn announced that the Wilmette Village Board approved a master bike and active transportation plan, along with a 5-year implementation plan to help projects continue to move forward.

Mr. O'Brien noted three projects that the Village of Niles is currently working on. Phase II design was recently approved for the Cleveland Street and Caldwell Avenue project that improves a crossing into a forest preserve. Improvements to Oakton Street, which is a joint project between Skokie, Niles, and Morton Grove, will be targeting a June letting. Finally, Mr. O'Brien announced that Phase I work will begin for the Monroe Street and Milwaukee Avenue crossing improvements.

Ms. Horn informed the committee that the Village of Hoffman Estates is submitting an Invest in Cook application for Phase I Engineering funding for bike accommodations and resurfacing along Gannon Drive and noted that this project would also help link two Priority Bicycle corridors. She mentioned that the Village is also working on another Invest in Cook application for Phase II engineering funding for Beverly Road bike accommodations. Finally, Ms. Horn noted that the Village is working with Cook County on a bike path extension on Central Road from the forest preserve to the Park N' Ride at I-90 and Barrington Road.

Mr. Simmons provided an update from Ride Illinois regarding a letter sent to the Governor requesting that they follow guidance set by the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding infrastructure bill funding. He noted that the Illinois Bike Summit will be take place in Urbana on October 12 and to contact him with projects or initiatives to highlight as they are looking for presenters or panelists for the event.

VI. Other Business

Ms. Beckner asked that members contact staff with potential ideas for field trips or group rides that they'd like to do this spring or summer.

VII. Next Meeting

Ms. Beckner noted that the next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC Offices and via video conference.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Buehler moved adjournment of the meeting at 10:57 a.m. Ms. Horn seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.