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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee**

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

10:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices

1600 E. Golf Road, Suite 0700, Des Plaines

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/ Introductions**

- II. Approval of April 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approval of Minutes

- III. Des Plaines River Trail at UP Railroad Steering Committee**
Staff will discuss recent discussions on improvements to the Des Plaines River Trail crossing at the UP railroad.
Action requested: Informational/Discussion

- IV. NWMC Multimodal Plan Update**
Staff will provide and update on the NWMC multimodal plan.
Action requested: Informational

- V. City of Chicago Dockless Bikeshare Pilot Project**
Staff will discuss an ongoing pilot project bringing dockless bikeshare systems to the City of Chicago.
Action Requested: Informational

- VI. Local Project Updates**
Municipalities and others will be asked to provide updates on bicycle and pedestrian related projects.
Action Requested: Information/Discussion

- VII. Other Business**

- VIII. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for August 21, 2018 at the NWMC offices.
Action Requested: Informational

- IX. Adjournment**

**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Tuesday, April 17, 2018
Draft Meeting Minutes
10:30 a.m.
NWMC Offices, Des Plaines**

Committee Members Present:

AC Buehler, Trustee, Village of Northbrook (co-chair)
Jim Baxa, Village of Northbrook
Mike Hankey, Village of Hoffman Estates
Jessica Hyink, City of Evanston
Patrick Knapp, Village of Schaumburg
Derek Peebles, City of Des Plaines
Harry Spila, Village of Palatine

Others Present:

Lindsay Bayley, CMAP
Brooke Casolari Village of Wheeling
John Carlisle, City of Park Ridge
Matt Gomez, Active Transportation Alliance
Laura McCarty, Village of Lincolnwood
Wayne Mikes, Bike Palatine
Kealan Noonan, Village of Fox Lake
Briget Schwab, Village of Arlington Heights
Brian Pigeon, NWMC
Mike Walczak, NWMC

I. Call to Order/ Introductions

Trustee Buehler called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. and asked those present for introductions.

II. Approval of March 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Hankey, seconded by Mr. Peebles, the committee voted to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

III. Trail Connect Chicagoland

Mr. Gomez provided an overview of the Active Transportation Alliance, its history and mission. He described the grant which funds Trail Connect Chicagoland and the campaign's six goals: Identifying existing regional trail networks and assess problems, form subcommittees focused on priority gaps, create vision plan, launch stakeholder summit, educate advocates, lay groundwork for "friends of" groups.

Mr. Gomez noted that the program launched in March and was in its beginning phases with a Stakeholder summit planned for July. He discussed the priority trails map noting that in the northern suburbs this included extending the Des Plaines River Trail from Touhy to North Avenue and developing East-West connections. He added that the North Suburbs group would be determining the priorities in that region.

Trustee Buehler asked what the North Suburbs group had done so far. Mr. Gomez replied that the initiative was launched 3 weeks prior and this was the first outreach so far. He added that municipalities could participate as trail access is a component of this initiative as well.

IV. NWMC Multimodal Plan Update

Ms. Bayley discussed the CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program and application timeline. She discussed the draft scope of work for updates to the NWMC Bicycle Plan and described the process for selecting the project consultant.

Ms. Bayley asked the committee what the priorities for the multimodal plan should be. The committee determined that there should be a focus on getting people to transit. They said that the plan should explore the possibility of regional bike share and how to deal with large scale developments or redevelopment projects. Lastly, the committee determined that East-West connections should be a priority.

Ms. Bayley Asked how detailed the sidewalk analysis should be. Mr. Walczak replied that it should look at routes designated Collector or above. Mr. Peebles added that he would like to see sidewalk maintenance best practices. Ms. Bayley asked to define the study area. Mr. Walczak replied that it should be the conference membership area unless a logical trail connection existed outside of that area.

Ms. Bayley provided a recap of priorities and noted that the NWMC bicycle and Pedestrian Committee would serve as the steering committee for the plan. Mr. Hankey asked who would select the project consultant. Ms. Bayley replied that CMAP and NWMC staff would select the consultant.

V. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Policy

Mr. Pigeon reported that the Federal Highway Administration had reauthorized the interim approval of rectangular rapid flashing beacons at road crossings. He noted that the previous interim approval remained rescinded and that municipalities looking to use RRFBs would need approval under the new interim approval. He advised those with questions to contact FHWA.

VI. Local Project Updates

Mr. Spila discussed Phase II connections to Harper College. Mr. Baxa noted that a Phase II scope of services for the Skokie Valley Trail has been finalized. Trustee Buehler added that the Northbrook Bike Plan was ongoing and revisions were underway. Mr. Carlisle noted that the Park Ridge draft bike plan was presented to the city council. The plan recommends financial commitment for “low-hanging fruit” projects and recommended joining the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, signage and studying Busse Highway for a 4 to 3 conversion.

VII. Other Business

Trustee Buehler noted that the Illinois Bike Summit would be held Monday, May 7 at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

VIII. Next Meeting

Chair Buehler announced that the next meeting was scheduled for May 15, 2018 at the NWMC offices.

IX. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Peebles, seconded by Mr. Spila, the committee voted to adjourn.