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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

10:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices

1600 E. Golf Road, Suite 0700, Des Plaines

AGENDA

- MEMBERS**
 Antioch
 Arlington Heights
 Bannockburn
 Barrington
 Bartlett
 Buffalo Grove
 Carpentersville
 Cary
 Crystal Lake
 Deer Park
 Deerfield
 Des Plaines
 Elk Grove Village
 Evanston
 Fox Lake
 Glencoe
 Glenview
 Grayslake
 Hanover Park
 Highland Park
 Hoffman Estates
 Kenilworth
 Lake Bluff
 Lake Forest
 Lake Zurich
 Libertyville
 Lincolnshire
 Lincolnwood
 Morton Grove
 Mount Prospect
 Niles
 Northbrook
 Northfield
 Northfield Twp.
 Palatine
 Park Ridge
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- I. Call to Order/ Introductions**
- II. Approval of February 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approval of Minutes
- III. Bikeway Feasibility Study Update**
Consultants from Sam Schwartz Engineering will update the committee on the progress of the Bikeway Feasibility Study.
Action Requested: Informational
- IV. Local Technical Assistance Projects**
Staff will provide information on the Arlington Heights Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, part of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program administered by CMAP.
Action Requested: Informational
- V. Other Business**
- VI. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will be scheduled for April 21, 2015.
Action Requested: Informational
- VII. Adjournment**

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Draft Meeting Minutes
10:30 a.m.
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Committee Members Present:

Mayor Arlene Juracek, Co-Chair, Village of Mount Prospect
Trustee A.C. Buehler, Co-Chair, Village of Northbrook
Jim Baxa, Village of Northbrook
Nellie Beckner, Village of Mount Prospect
Ashley Engelmann, Village of Lincolnwood
Mike Hankey, Village of Hoffman Estates
Andrew Jennings, Village of Wheeling
Joe Kenney, Village of Glenview
Anne Marrin, Village of Fox Lake
Derek Peebles, City of Des Plaines
Harry Spila, Village of Palatine

Others Present:

Ed Barsotti, League of Illinois Bicyclists
Bill Blanchard, Village of Schaumburg
Erik Cook, Village of Skokie
John Donovan, FHWA
Brook Jones, Village of Wheeling
Scott Magnum, City of Des Plaines
Brian Pigeon, NWMC
Mike Walczak, NWMC

I. Call to Order/ Introduction

Co-Chair Buehler called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and asked those present for introductions.

II. Approval of January 20, 2015 Minutes

On a motion by Mayor Juracek, seconded by Ms. Marrin, the committee voted to approve the minutes as submitted.

III. ADA Transition Plans

Mr. Donovan addressed the committee on the subject of ADA transition plans, noting that with the increase in demand for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, the amount of litigation for non-compliance is also increasing. He discussed ways municipalities can keep

their plans up-to-date and the deference that judges have given to municipalities trying in good faith to comply with the regulations. The committee discussed issues surrounding snow removal and Mr. Donovan encouraged good record keeping regarding snowfall totals, complaints filed and the response time to those complaints.

IV. Bikeway Feasibility Study

Mr. Walczak discussed the most recent meeting of the Bikeway Feasibility Study steering committee in Barrington. He noted that following the first public meeting on the project, the committee discussed public comments and revised their evaluation criteria for the potential routes.

V. CMAQ/TAP Applications

Mr. Pigeon reminded the committee that the final deadline to submit CMAQ/TAP applications to CMAP is March 3. He described the applications submitted from the North Shore Council of Mayors. Mr. Walczak described the applications submitted from the Northwest Council of Mayors.

VI. Other Business

Mr. Barsotti informed the committee that the Illinois Bike Summit was scheduled for October 28 in Champaign, IL. The league is currently seeking input on bit topics and speakers for the summit. He described the ongoing online bicycle safety quiz presented by the League and bicycle safety educational resources specific to police, school and municipal settings. The municipal focused resources include draft newsletter items and the Mayors Bicycle Challenge. He may be contacted at ed@bikelib.org

Mr. Pigeon noted that a cost increase request for the Village of Lincolnwood's Touhy Avenue Overpass project along the Skokie Valley Trail was approved and that the project would be moving ahead in the summer, pending reinstatement of funds from CMAP.

Mr. Walczak noted that he has been speaking to representatives from the Cook County Forest Preserve and League of Illinois Bicyclists about options for the rail crossings on the Des Plaines River Trail.

VII. Next Meeting

Co-Chair Buehler noted that the next meeting was scheduled for March 17, 2015.

VIII. Adjournment

On a motion by Mayor Juraeck, seconded by Ms. Marrin, the committee voted to adjourn.