



NWMC Transportation Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

- October 23** **TMA of Lake Cook Fall Meeting - 9:00 a.m.**
Baxter Healthcare, One Baxter Parkway, *Deerfield* (see article Page 4)
- October 27** **NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee - 10:30 a.m.**
NWMC Offices- *please note this is the fourth Tuesday of the month*
- October 28-29** **Illinois Bike Summit**
Champaign (see article Page 3)
- October 29** **NWMC Transportation Committee - 8:30 a.m.**
NWMC Offices- *please note this is the fifth Thursday of the month*

Transportation Committee Talks Metra PTC, Federal and State Funding Woes

The NWMC Transportation Committee met September 24 and heard from Metra Director of Community Affairs Rick Mack on two important topics. Metra, along with other railroads nationwide, are threatening to stop operations on December 31 unless there is an extension of the deadline to install Positive Train Control (PTC) technology on all trains. The committee recommended a resolution to the NWMC Board in support of extending the deadline for compliance with federal PTC regulations. Mr. Mack also discussed the Ventra mobile application, which will allow riders of CTA, Metra and Pace to purchase and display tickets from their smartphone.

The Committee also discussed the status of transportation funding on the federal

and state levels. In Washington, a new six-year federal bill has been passed by the Senate, but only has three years of funding identified. The House has yet to take up the new bill and will likely consider an extension of the current bill, which expires October 29. In Springfield, Motor Fuel Tax distributions to municipalities continue to be withheld while payments for ongoing construction work have also been halted. Neither situation is likely to be resolved without budget compromises.

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29, 8:30 a.m. at NWMC offices. Please note that this is the fifth Thursday of the month

Tell Us How MFT Delay is Affecting Your Municipality

NWMC would like to know how the State of Illinois' delay in distributing Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds is affecting your municipality.

Have you delayed a road construction project?

Will it impact your purchase of road salt?

Will you need to transfer General Funds to cover items traditionally paid for with MFT?

Please contact Chris Staron, cstaron@nwmc-cog.org or 847-296-9200, ext. 131 with your story.



Northwest Council Selects New Projects, Targets Unspent Balance

At its October 2 meeting at *Barrington Village Hall*, the Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee approved 31 new project applications from this summer's call for projects. Many were programmed in the council's active program with an eye towards spending down the Council's balance of unspent Surface Transportation Program funds. See the tables below and on page 3 for all of the

programming details.

The newly created Ready-To-Go MYB list consists of resurfacing and lightning projects which have already received design approval from IDOT and can be quickly brought into the program in the future to help prevent a large unspent balance. The remaining projects were assigned to the traditional MYB list and can seek

funding in future years.

The Committee also approved cost increase requests from *Arlington Heights* (US 14 at Wilke intersection improvement), *Rolling Meadows* (Salt Creek Bike Path) and *Streamwood* (Irving Park Road reconstruction and widening) as well as functional classification requests from *Elk Grove Village* and *Streamwood*.

Fiscal Year 2016

Municipality	Route	Limits	Type	Phase	STP Funding
<i>Elk Grove Village</i>	Biesterfield Rd	Rohlwing to Meacham	Resurfacing	Construction	\$1,006,000
<i>Elk Grove Village</i>	Oakton St	Shadywood to Higgins	Resurfacing	Construction	\$735,200
<i>Hoffman Estates</i>	Hillcrest Blvd	Jones to Roselle	Resurfacing	Construction	\$696,000
<i>Hoffman Estates</i>	Moon Lake Blvd	Higgins to Golf	Resurfacing	Construction	\$668,000
<i>Palatine</i>	Colfax Rd	Quentin to Plum Grove Rd	Resurfacing	Construction	\$794,223
<i>Palatine</i>	Palatine Rd	Smith to Roselle	Reconstruction	Phase I	\$190,000
<i>Rolling Meadows</i>	Plum Grove Rd	Old Plum Grove to Limits	Lighting	Phase II	\$23,375
<i>Schaumburg</i>	Springinsguth Rd	Village Limits to Irving Park	Resurfacing	Construction	\$770,000
<i>Schaumburg</i>	State/National Pkwy	Plum Grove to Golf	Reconstruction	Phase II	\$221,750
<i>Schaumburg</i>	State/National Pkwy	Plum Grove to Golf	Reconstruction	ROW	\$423,200
<i>Schaumburg</i>	Wiley Rd	Plum Grove to Tower	Resurfacing	Construction	\$1,042,000
<i>Streamwood</i>	East Ave	at Irving Park Rd	Intersection Impr	Phase II	\$25,250
<i>Streamwood</i>	North Ave	at Lake St	Intersection Impr	Phase II	\$30,200
<i>Streamwood</i>	Irving Park Rd	Bartlett to Route 59	Lighting	Phase II	\$35,000
<i>Streamwood</i>	Park Ave	Lake to Irving Park	Resurfacing	Construction	\$440,000

Fiscal Year 2017

Municipality	Route	Limits	Type	Phase	STP Funding
<i>Streamwood</i>	East Ave	at Irving Park Rd	Intersection Impr	Construction	\$520,000
<i>Streamwood</i>	North Ave	at Lake St	Intersection Impr	Construction	\$866,200
<i>Streamwood</i>	Irving Park Rd	Bartlett to Route 59	Lighting	Construction	\$800,000

Fiscal Year 2018

Municipality	Route	Limits	Type	Phase	STP Funding
<i>Schaumburg</i>	State/National Pkwy	Plum Grove to Golf	Reconstruction	Construction	\$4,000,000

Ready to Go MYB List

Municipality	Route	Limits	Type	Phase	STP Funding
<i>Hoffman Estates</i>	Bode Rd	Woodlawn to Roselle	Resurfacing	Construction	\$776,000
<i>Hoffman Estates</i>	Harmon Blvd	Golf to Bode	Resurfacing	Construction	\$396,000
<i>Streamwood</i>	Park Blvd	Irving Park to Schaumburg	Resurfacing	Construction	\$768,000
<i>Streamwood</i>	Streamwood Blvd	Bartlett to Park Blvd	Resurfacing	Construction	\$648,000
<i>Streamwood</i>	Buttitta Dr	Barrington to East	Resurfacing	Construction	\$280,000

Multi-Year “B” List

Municipality	Route	Limits	Type	Phase	STP Funding
<i>Arlington Heights</i>	Kensington Rd	Dryden to Village Limits	Resurfacing	Construction	\$1,407,440
<i>Barrington Hills</i>	Brinker Rd	County Line Rd to IL 62	Resurfacing	Construction	\$904,000
<i>Elk Grove Village</i>	JFKennedy/Elk Grove	Arlington Hts to Victoria	Resurfacing	Construction	\$1,167,200
<i>Elk Grove Village</i>	Lively Blvd	Landmeier to Higgins	Resurfacing	Construction	\$742,400
<i>Niles</i>	Waukegan Rd	Main St to Milwaukee Ave	Lighting	Construction	\$3,000,000
<i>Niles</i>	Milwaukee Ave	Greenwood to Albion	Lighting	Construction	\$4,000,000
<i>Palatine</i>	Plum Grove Rd	US 14 to Aldridge	Resurfacing	Construction	\$1,827,271
<i>Palatine</i>	Palatine Rd	Smith to Roselle	Reconstruction	Phase II	\$133,750
<i>Palatine</i>	Palatine Rd	Smith to Roselle	Reconstruction	ROW	\$100,000
<i>Palatine</i>	Palatine Rd	Smith to Roselle	Reconstruction	Construction	\$ 3,576,250
<i>Rolling Meadows</i>	Kirchoff Rd	Plum Grove Rd to Hicks Rd	Lighting	Phase II	\$19,250
<i>Rolling Meadows</i>	Kirchoff Rd	Plum Grove Rd to Hicks Rd	Lighting	Construction	\$305,200
<i>Rolling Meadows</i>	Rohlwing Rd	US 14 to Kirchoff Rd	Lighting	Phase II	\$32,500
<i>Rolling Meadows</i>	Rohlwing Rd	US 14 to Kirchoff Rd	Lighting	Construction	\$572,000
<i>Rolling Meadows</i>	Plum Grove Rd	Old Plum Grove to Limits	Lighting	Construction	\$370,600
<i>Schaumburg</i>	Algonquin Rd	at Hammond Dr	Intersection Impr	Phase II	\$71,500
<i>Schaumburg</i>	Algonquin Rd	at Hammond Dr	Intersection Impr	ROW	\$29,500
<i>Schaumburg</i>	Algonquin Rd	at Hammond Dr	Intersection Impr	Construction	\$1,277,600
<i>Schaumburg</i>	Meacham Rd	Higgins to Golf	Resurfacing	Construction	\$2,722,000
<i>Schaumburg</i>	National Pkwy	Woodfield to Golf	Reconstruction	Phase II	\$179,000
<i>Schaumburg</i>	National Pkwy	Woodfield to Golf	Reconstruction	ROW	\$95,500
<i>Schaumburg</i>	National Pkwy	Woodfield to Golf	Reconstruction	Construction	\$3,209,000



Register Now for Illinois Bike Summit

The fourth annual Illinois Bike Summit will be held on Wednesday, October 28 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the I-Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign. The summit includes an opening plenary session, a lunchtime session and four other time slots offering breakout session choices. Other options before, during and after the main program include niche topic "coffee talks", group meetings, a local bike tour, a networking reception and more. On Thursday, October 29 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. there will be a national-level training session on the National Association of City Transportation Officials' (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Design Guide for professional planners and engineers. The training is limited to 60 participants.

Register for the Summit and NACTO training at www.illinoisbikesummit.org. Summit Registration Fees are \$35 for LIB members, \$50 for non-members and \$25 for students. The NACTO Training registration is \$100. This year's event is organized by the League of Illinois Bicyclists and Champaign County Bikes.



Bike/Ped Committee Kicks off Year

The NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee met September 15 and received an update on the implementation of the 2010 NWMC Bike Plan. Staff discussed recent projects including the completed southern section of the Skokie Valley Trail in *Skokie*, the new Central Road Bike Shoulder project in *Des Plaines* as well as other upcoming projects along the regional bicycle corridors identified in the plan. The committee discussed local funding strategies and potential grants as well as opportunities to work with other agencies including IDOT, Cook County and the Forest Preserves to implement cooperative projects. The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices.



North Shore Technical Committee Discusses 2016 Projects

The North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee met September 23 at the *Skokie Village Hall* to discuss and approve modifications the council's Surface Transportation Program (STP) for federal fiscal years 2016-2019. The committee approved a 3% cost increase for all active projects to account for inflation, which will total \$746,421 over the five-year program. The council anticipates spending approximately \$7.8 million in STP funds in 2016 and authorized

staff to seek advanced funding for those projects at the next Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting.

The committee also thanked outgoing Technical Committee Chairman and Northbrook Village Engineer Paul Kendzior for his service. The next meeting of the North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee will be held Wednesday, December 16, 8:30 a.m. at the *Skokie Village Hall*. Please note that this is the third Wednesday of the month.



Illinois 53/120 Land Use Committee Discusses Draft Report

The Land Use Committee of the Illinois Route 53/120 extension met on September 24 in *Libertyville* to review a draft of a Land Use Strategy Report for the corridor. The draft report recommends a framework for the corridor's ecological, transportation, land use development and future market forecasts. It also recommends best practices for development in the corridor and ways to link transportation and land use. The draft report is available by visiting <http://www.lakecorridorplan.org/>.

While the overall reception from the committee was positive, numerous committee members voiced support for additional language stressing the advisory nature of the report due to continuing concerns over retaining local control of land use decisions. The committee will next meet on November 5 to discuss comments received from corridor municipalities, other agencies and the general public. Lake County plans to present the strategy report to each municipality in early 2016, with adoption coming later next year



TMA of Lake Cook Fall Meeting Features New Tollway Director

The Transportation Management Association (TMA) of Lake-Cook will hold its fall meeting on Friday, October 23 at 9:00 a.m. at Baxter Healthcare, One Baxter Parkway, in *Deerfield*. New Illinois Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov will update TMA members and guests on current Tollway initiatives including the

Jane Addams expansion/reconstruction, Elgin-O'Hare Western Access construction, Route 53/120 extension in Lake County and tollway construction work on the Tri-State Tollway.

Please RSVP by October 20 to Tim Grzesiakowski, tim_grzesiakowski@baxter.com.

CMAP to Host Form-Based Codes Training Workshop

On Friday, October 16, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and the Form-Based Codes Institute are conducting a workshop entitled, "FBC 101: The ABCs of Form-Based Codes." According to the workshop flyer, "This intensive one-day class shows how form-based codes are essentially different from conventional land use regulation, and how they can solve many of the problems created by conventional zoning. It gives a useful overview of the process of creating a form-based code. The class combines presentations and discussion with a hands-on exercise in observing and documenting a community's built form – in the Greektown neighborhood!"

The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at CMAP's offices in the Willis Tower, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 in Chicago. Mayors, managers, municipal planners and code-enforcement officers are encouraged to attend. The cost of the workshop is \$250; however, those who sign up prior to October 3 will receive a \$25 discount and organizations sending three or more individuals will receive a \$50 discount per person. Registration includes a light breakfast, lunch and all course materials.

To register, please visit <http://formbasedcodes.org/0/courses/fbc-101-chicago-il>.



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