



NWMC Transportation Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

March 7	Understanding the Local Roads Process from Agreements through Construction - 8:00 a.m. Lisle Hilton, 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle (see article on page 3)
March 15	TMA of Lake Cook 2013 Highway Construction Meeting - 9:00 a.m. Baxter Healthcare, 1 Baxter Parkway, <i>Deerfield</i> (see article on page 4)
March 19	NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting - 10:30 a.m. NWMC Offices
March 20	North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee - 8:30 a.m. <i>Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street</i>
March 20	Dynamics of Effective Advisory Committees Webinar - 2:00 p.m. (see article on page 4)
March 28	NWMC Transportation Committee Meeting - 9:00 a.m. NWMC Offices
April 4	Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee - 8:30 a.m. <i>Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road</i>

Transportation Committee Considers Funding Sources and Legislation

The Transportation Committee met on Thursday, February 28 with a focus on transportation funding and legislation. Committee Chairman and *Rolling Meadows Mayor Tom Rooney* noted that, in February, the NWMC Board approved joining the Getting America to Work Coalition as well as resolutions supporting the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) congestion pricing campaign and a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant application for the Elgin-O'Hare Western Access project. These recommendations were made at the January Transportation Committee meeting.

Matt Maloney, Deputy Chief of Staff at

CMAP, gave a presentation to the Committee on potential regional revenue sources for transportation projects. Given the uncertainty of state and federal funding, CMAP believes that the region should explore strategies for funding more projects using regional sources. Among those currently being studied by CMAP are user fees (motor fuel tax, vehicle registration fee, vehicle miles traveled tax, parking fee or tax and impact fees); non-user fees (income tax, sales tax, real estate transfer tax, head tax) and project-specific mechanisms (value capture, congestion pricing, freight user fees). The political feasibility of the options is being weighed against the revenue potential and reli-

ability of the revenue stream. Mr. Maloney stressed that no recommendations have been made and more analysis needs to be done. The Committee provided feedback on the potential revenue sources and urged more analysis and continued conversations with municipal representatives.

Peter Skosey, Executive Vice President at the Metropolitan Planning Council, briefed the Committee on HB 1549, sponsored by Rep. Elaine Nekritz (D-Northbrook), which would create a statewide technical advisory group to recommend performance measures for IDOT to use to develop its program. The

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Transportation Committee voted to recommend Conference support of HB 1549.

NWMC staff also gave a summary of other transportation related bills in

Springfield that the conference is tracking including a bill (SB 1594) which would merge CMAP and RTA; two bills (SB 2139 and SB 2140) to ensure that a higher percentage of the state Road Fund is used on construction projects, and a bill (SB 2387) giving the RTA Chairman greater powers.



NWMC Communities Seek CMAQ Funding

The deadline to submit Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project applications was February 8. Regionally, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning received 145 applications requesting over \$1 billion in CMAQ funding. Nearly a quarter of the funding request comes from the Elgin O'Hare Western Access application, which includes numerous interchange and intersection improvements. In addition, NWMC members and Lake County submitted fifteen applications requesting over \$10 million in federal funding. The applications are outlined in the table below.

Applications from local sponsors appear to be down due to new Phase I Engineering requirements enacted by CMAP. Except in rare circumstances, Phase I Engineering is no longer eligible for

CMAQ funding. Additionally, for a project to be programmed, it must have Phase I Engineering complete or nearly complete. Although the number of applications submitted is lower than previous calls for projects, the funding requested remained relatively flat.

A number of applications address regional bicycle corridors identified in the 2010 NWMC Bicycle Plan. *Skokie's* Church Street bicycle lanes would serve as a critical link on the Evanston – Elgin Bikeway. *Streamwood's* Irving Park multi-use path would complete a segment of the Fox River – Busse Woods Bikeway. Lake County has submitted applications for projects that would serve to complete multi-use paths on the Deerfield Road Bikeway and the Palatine Trail along Quentin Road.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Discuss Funding Sources

On Tuesday, February 12, the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee met and reviewed successful Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) projects (see article above) and submitted Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program applications. Representatives from *Barrington, Hoffman Estates, Mount Prospect* and *Palatine* briefly presented their successful ITEP applications.

Regarding the CMAQ program, NWMC members and Lake County submitted fifteen bicycle and pedestrian related applications requesting over \$10 million in federal funding. A number of applications address regional bicycle corridors identified in the 2010 NWMC Bicycle Plan, including projects on the Evanston-Elgin Bikeway, the Skokie Valley Trail, the Deerfield Road Bikeway, the Fox River – Busse Woods Bikeway and the Palatine Trail (see full article at left).

Project Sponsor	Project Title	Phases Requested	Requested Federal Funds (all phases)
<i>Evanston</i>	Dodge Ave. Protected Bicycle Lanes	Construction	\$480,000
<i>Glenview</i>	West Lake Ave. and Greenwood Rd. Intersection Imp.	ROW	\$80,000
<i>Glenview</i>	Waukegan Rd. and Overlook Dr. Path	E2 and Construction	\$294,000
<i>Prospect Heights</i>	Willow Road sidewalks	Construction	\$284,000
<i>Rolling Meadows</i>	Euclid Avenue multiuse path	E2 and Construction	\$679,000
<i>Schaumburg</i>	Metra Station Bike Lockers	Implementation	\$36,000
<i>Skokie</i>	Gross Point Rd. Bike Lanes and Sidewalks	E2 and Construction	\$478,000
<i>Skokie</i>	Gross Point Rd. and Golf Rd. Intersection Improvement	E2, ROW and Construction	\$1,131,000
<i>Skokie</i>	Main St. Bicycle Lanes	E2 and Construction	\$456,000
<i>Skokie</i>	Church St. Bicycle Lanes	E2 and Construction	\$472,000
<i>Streamwood</i>	Lake Street sidewalks	Construction	\$348,000
<i>Streamwood</i>	Irving Park Multi-Use path	Construction	\$960,000
<i>Wilmette</i>	Skokie Valley Trail	E1	\$394,000
Lake County	Deerfield Road Shared-Use Path (Riverwoods)	E2, ROW and Construction	\$1,728,000
Lake County	Quentin Road Bike Path (IL Route 22 to White Pine Rd.)	Construction	\$2,583,000
Total			\$10,403,000



News from the North Shore Council of Mayors

The North Shore Council of Mayors continues to advance significant construction projects. In early February, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) awarded the *Village of Glenview's* Chestnut Avenue at Waukegan Road intersection improvement project. The project, which was let in January, contains over \$2.1 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding. The Chestnut Ave. and Waukegan Rd. intersection is the largest construction project in the North Shore Council of Mayors 2013 program. Glenview will

begin construction on the project later this year.

The next meeting of the North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 20 at the *Skokie Village Hall*. The committee will discuss progress of STP projects, recently approved Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) projects and pending Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) applications.



News from the Northwest Council of Mayors

The Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee will meet on Thursday, April 4 at 8:30 a.m. at the *Arlington Heights Village Hall*, 3rd floor, Community Room. Please send any agenda items to Mike Walczak by March 15.

Federally funded projects in the Northwest Council projected to be on IDOT's April letting include: *Rolling Meadows* - Arlington Park Metra Station - Commuter Drive Reconstruction and Bike Path (CMAQ and STP funded) and *Carriageway Drive* bridge replacement (BRP funded); *Elk Grove Village* - Busse Woods Path Bridge over Higgins Road

(TCSP and CMAQ funded); *Schaumburg* - Cambridge Drive and Syracuse Lane culvert replacement (BRP funded) and *Wheeling* - Dundee Road Sidepath (ITEP funded).

Understanding the Local Roads Process Seminar

On Thursday, March 7, the American Council of Engineering Companies – Illinois (ACEC-Illinois), Local Agencies, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will host a seminar entitled *Understanding the Local Roads Process from Agreements through Construction* on March 7, 2013 at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle. Attendees will learn about the latest policies and procedures to get your project programmed, planned, designed and constructed. Policy and decision makers from IDOT, FHWA, and local agencies will be on hand to discuss Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) initiatives, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, procurement laws, the IDOT process and much more. Break-out sessions will provide you an opportunity to get all of your questions answered.

The seminar is being is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., March 7 at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle (3003 Corporate West Drive). Six Professional Development Hours (PDH) credits will be given upon completion. Government agency employees will receive the discounted member rate of \$190. To learn more about the seminar and to register, please visit [here](#).



Illinois Tollway Awards \$4 Million Contract for Illinois Route 53/120 Extension Plan

On Thursday, the Illinois Toll Highway Authority Board approved of a \$4 million contract award to continue planning for the proposed extension of Illinois Route 53/120 in Lake County. The new contract will develop a detailed engineering concept, evaluate cost estimates, refine traffic and revenue analyses and survey customers' willingness to pay tolls on the proposed extension. Additionally, the contract includes services to study the environmental and economic impacts of the project. Work is expected to take eighteen months to complete.

This contract will build off the work of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council, which brought together public officials and representatives from business, labor,

planning and environmental groups to assist in the planning and potential building of the Illinois Route 53/120 Extension in Lake County. Its final report recommended that the Tollway proceed with further development of Illinois Route 53 as a four-lane, 45 mph tolled parkway.

Another key recommendation from the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council was development of a coordinated, corridor-wide land use plan. Last June, after reviewing the Council's report, the Tollway's Strategic Planning Committee agreed to participate in such a plan. Lake County and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) are working to advance the land use plan through CMAP's Local Technical Assistance program. The

process will actively engage each municipality along the corridor to develop an integrated plan for land use, transportation, economic development and open space. The Blue Ribbon Advisory Council recommended that the completed plan be adopted by Lake County and each municipality. The corridor plan process is expected to be underway by mid-2013.

The Illinois Route 53/120 Extension is expected to cost between \$2.3 and \$2.7 billion. Cost estimates developed as part of the detailed engineering concept will inform future discussions on how to finance the project and potential sources of revenue. This could include local and other sources, as recommended by the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council.



Illinois Tollway Ramps up Construction in 2013

The Illinois Tollway will begin construction in earnest on the major components of its multiyear *Move Illinois* capital program. On the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the tollway will start the reconstruction and widening of the eastbound lanes from I-39 to the Elgin Toll Plaza. Bridge widening and reconstruction projects will occur on the entire length of the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway. On Elgin O'Hare Western Access project, the tollway will pur-

sue advance work from Irving Park to Meacham Road. In addition, the Tollway will begin bridge construction at Rohlwing Road and Elmhurst Road over I-90. For more information about the work scheduled for 2013, please view the construction map on page 5 and visit the [Illinois Tollway website](#).



TMA of Lake Cook to Host 2013 Highway Construction Meeting

On Friday, March 15, the Transportation Management Association (TMA) of Lake-Cook is hosting its annual construction meeting. The Illinois Department of Transportation, Lake County, Cook County and the Illinois Toll Highway Authority will deliver presentations on planned construction, followed by a question and answer session. The TMA will also distribute its 2013 Highway Construction map. The meeting will be

held at 9:00 a.m. at Baxter Healthcare, 1 Baxter Parkway in *Deerfield*. For more information and to register, please visit the [TMA of Lake Cook website](#).



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APBP Dynamics of Effective Advisory Committees Webinar

The Association for Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) will hold a webinar on Wednesday, March 20 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. entitled *Dynamics of Effective Advisory Committees*. Pedestrian and Bicycle Committees have become a critical part of making bicycling and walking part of an effective transportation program. This webinar will explore examples of how advisory committees can be effective with perspectives from staff, citizen advocates and elected officials.

APBP will provide an attendance certificate to those who document their professional development hours; each 60-minute webinar provides one hour of training (.1 CEU). APBP applies to the AICP for Certification Maintenance credit for each webinar.

A webinar site license costs \$85 (\$50 for APBP members). Member discounts for five or more webinars are available. To register, please visit [here](#). To view the full 2013 webinar schedule, please visit the [APBP website](#).

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