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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Transportation Committee
Thursday, January 30, 2014**

8:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices

1600 E. Golf Road, Suite 0700, Des Plaines

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – Chair Braiman**
- II. Approval of December 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action requested: Approve Minutes
- III. Illinois Route 53/120 Update**
Aimee Lee, Senior Manager, Strategic Planning & Programming for the Illinois Tollway will report on the work of the Finance Committee for the Illinois Route 53/120 project, including possible funding sources to narrow the project’s more than \$2 billion funding gap.
Action Requested: Discussion
- IV. Transit Governance Update**
NWMC staff will provide an update on the Governor’s Transit Task Force. For more information, please visit <http://www.dot.il.gov/nepublictransit.html>.
Action Requested: Discussion
- V. Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Update (Attachments B-D)**
NWMC staff will update implementation progress for the 2010 NWMC Bicycle Plan and provide information on the Des Plaines River Trail Corridor Plan.
Action Requested: Informational
- VI. CMAP Update**
An update on relevant activities from CMAP’s committees will be provided.
Action requested: Informational
- VII. Other Business**
- VIII. Next Meeting**
The next meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on February 27 at the NWMC Offices.
- IX. Adjournment**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 19, 2013
8:30 a.m.
NWMC Offices
1600 E. Golf Road, Suite 0700
Des Plaines, IL

Members Present:

Bill McLeod, Mayor, Village of Hoffman Estates, Acting Chair
Dean Argiris, President, Village of Wheeling
Jeff Berman, Trustee, Village of Buffalo Grove
Rod Craig, Mayor, Village of Hanover Park
Jane Grover, Alderman, City of Evanston
Bob Israel, Trustee, Village of Northbrook
Al Larson, President, Village of Schaumburg
Anne Marrin, City Administrator, City of Prospect Heights
Don Owen, Deputy Village Manager, Village of Glenview

Others Present:

Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway
Steve Andrews, Pace
Patricia Berry, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Bruce Christensen, Lake County Division of Transportation
Tim Grzesiakowski, Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC)
June Johnson, Village of Schaumburg
Rick Mack, Metra
Mike Pagones, Village of Arlington Heights
Robert Sabo, City of Prospect Heights
Deb Spencer, Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC)
Chris Staron, Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC)
Mike Walczak, NWMC

I. Call to Order

Chair McLeod called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Approval of November 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Mayor Craig, seconded by President Larson, the committee voted unanimously to approve the November 21, 2013 meeting minutes.

III. Transit Governance Update

Mr. Staron reported that the Governor's Task Force met last week and will be pushing back the final report with recommendations until the end of March. He said that the group continues to focus on the components of a "world class transit system." He said the committee has spent a lot of time reviewing the New York model, which has a consolidated system under one board. He said that the New York MTA Board has representatives from the governor, counties and New York City. He reported that unions and riders have non-voting positions on the board. He said that presenters have noted that New York's

turnaround came when the system was in crisis and unable to operate effectively. He further noted that the business community support was critical for New York's turnaround. He informed the committee that the Task Force has spent little time publicly discussing recommendations. He said ideas about ethics reform and changes to the appointment process have gotten a good amount of attention. He said discussion have commonly discussed the benefits of a consolidated system. He also reported that the Task Force has not discussed how to address the funding situation and capital backlog facing the Chicago region. Mayor Larson noted that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus has also been discussing the transit governance issue and a way to articulate a municipal position.

IV. Illinois Route 53/120 Update

Mr. Walczak reported that Finance Committee for the Illinois Route 53/120 project wants to include Cook County municipalities in the planning process and discussion of revenue sources. He said the last meeting reviewed a menu of revenue options that could be explored by the Tollway and Lake County to address the large funding gap projected for the project. He said that the Tollway and the Finance Committee are currently focusing on local funding sources. Mayor Braiman and others have asked for the Tollway to consider system-wide funding sources from increased tolls. Mr. Walczak noted that some funding options, such as value capture districts, would require state legislation. He said that the tolling of IL 53 in Cook County is being considered among the funding options. He reported that Tollway staff will attend the next Transportation Committee meeting to discuss the planning process.

V. Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) Commute Options Program Update

Mr. Grzesiakowski reported that MPC's pilot program is in response to the Moving Beyond Congestion report, which showed and rise in single occupancy commutes, and the lack of a unified transportation demand management program. He said that the Chicago Region has the distinction as being the only metropolitan region in the top ten without a unified program. He reported that MPC worked with sixteen employers trying to understand commuting patterns and the barriers to transit, telecommuting and carpools. He provided information on case studies on Champro in Wheeling, Grainger in Lake Forest, Illinois Tool Works in Glenview and Underwriters Lab in Northbrook. He said MPC is working to identify where a permanent program should be kept. The committee briefly discussed the benefits of this program and next steps.

VI. Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Update

Mr. Staron reported that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee spent its last meeting reviewing implementation progress on the 2010 bicycle plan. He said that implementation highlights will be available to the Transportation Committee at the next meeting. Mr. Walczak reported that the consultant team continues to work on the existing conditions report for the Des Plaines River Corridor plan and will soon be coming back to the steering committee with initial recommendations.

VII. CMAP Update

Ms. Berry reported that CMAP will soon be distributing the second issue of its municipal newsletter. She said that the Go To 2040 plan update is in full swing. She noted that the financial plan forecasts a funding shortfall for the region's transportation activities. She explained that the CMAP Transportation Committee will be reviewing reasonably expected

revenues over the plan horizon. She said the plan update should be released for public review in early summer.

VIII. Other Business

None

IX. Next Meeting

Chair McLeod reported that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 30.

X. Adjournment

On a motion by Alderman Grover, seconded by President Larson, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

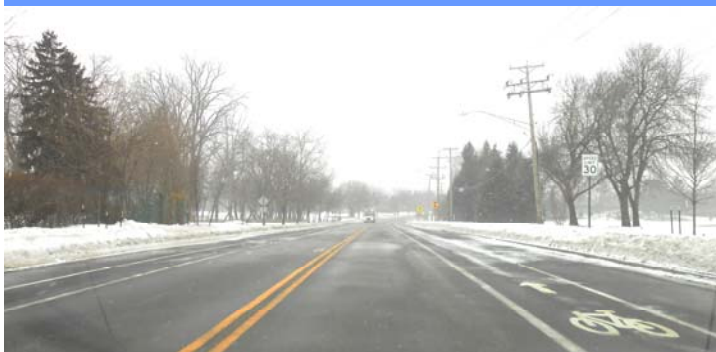
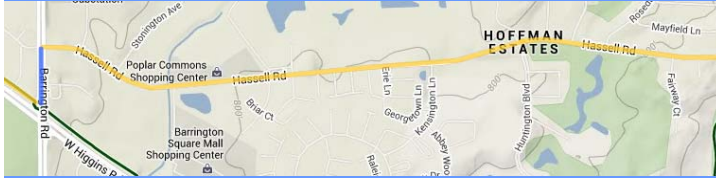
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NWMC Bicycle Plan: 2013 Implementation Highlights

Evanston-Elgin Bikeway

The *Village of Hoffman Estates* recently completed work on Hassell Road between Barrington Road and Fairway Court (project limits are shown in gold). The project included changes to the lane configuration to provide bicycle lanes and shared lane markings. The project also provides for safer left turn movements.

This project is part of the NWMC's Evanston-Elgin Bikeway, a series of bicycle facilities which will ultimately allow bicyclists to ride safely from the Fox River Trail to Lake Michigan.



Dundee Road Bikeway

The *Village of Wheeling* constructed a sidepath along Dundee Road between the Des Plaines River and the overpass of the Tri-State Tollway. The path addresses a critical gap on the Dundee Road Bikeway. The path also provides a connection to the 53-mile Des Plaines River Trail. The path will soon connect to a new pedestrian crossing signal at Portwine Road.

The planned Dundee Road Bikeway spans the northern portion of Cook County between the Fox River Trail and Lake Michigan.



NWMC Bicycle Plan: 2013 Implementation Highlights

Evanston-Elgin Bikeway

The *Village of Skokie* was awarded Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding to construct bike lanes on Church Street between Linder Avenue and McCormick Boulevard. The project limits are shown in red on the map below.

The bike lanes will complete a critically link on the Evanston-Elgin Bikeway, which is identified as Tier One Regional Bicycle Corridor in the NWMC Bicycle Plan. With the CMAQ funding secured, 72 percent of the nearly 38 mile corridor is either complete or programmed.



Deerfield Road Bikeway

The Lake County Division of Transportation was awarded Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding to construct a sidepath along Deerfield Road between Milwaukee Avenue and the Des Plaines River. This project completes a gap between the Buffalo Grove path network and the Des Plaines River Trail. The project is also using Transportation Enhancement funding from a previous grant cycle. TAP funding will allow the project to proceed to construction.

This project lies on the Deerfield Road Bikeway, which makes connects Lake Michigan and the Jensen Forest Preserve. It serves as a prominent east-west bikeway in southern Lake County. When completed the corridor will connect with three Metra stations in *Highland Park*, *Deerfield* and *Buffalo Grove*. The corridor also is well connected to the regional trail network.



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| | Existing bicycle facilities |
| | Completed facilities on NWMC Regional Corridor |
| | Planned NWMC Corridor |
| | Programmed NWMC Corridor |

**Tier One Bicycle Corridors
Implementation Progress**

Tier 1 Bikeways	Total Distance (miles)	<i>Existing Bicycle Facilities (miles) - January 2011</i>	<i>Existing Bicycle Facilities (miles) - March 2012</i>	<i>Existing Bicycle Facilities (miles) - January 2013</i>	<i>Existing Bicycle Facilities (miles) - January 2014</i>	<i>Miles Implemented (2011-2013)</i>
Evanston-Elgin Bikeway (Golf Road)	37.63	18.73	20.73	20.73	21.84	3.11
Skokie Valley Trail	22.36	13.27	13.27	14.31	14.31	1.04
Deerfield Road Bikeway	12.75	10.99	10.99	10.99	10.99	0.00
Elk Grove-Evanston Bikeway (Howard-Sibley)	19.88	14.20	14.20	14.20	14.20	0.00
Higgins Road Bikeway	17.95	8.83	8.83	9.49	9.49	0.66
Palatine Trail (Fairfield/Quentin Road)	28.02	18.99	18.99	18.99	18.99	0.00
Total	138.59	85.01	87.01	88.71	89.82	4.81

Tier 1 Bikeways	Total Distance (miles)	<i>Existing Bicycle Facilities (percent) - January 2011</i>	<i>Existing Bicycle Facilities (percent) - March 2012</i>	<i>Existing Bicycle Facilities (percent) - January 2013</i>	<i>Existing Bicycle Facilities (percent) - January 2014</i>	<i>Percent Implemented (2011-2013)</i>
Evanston-Elgin Bikeway (Golf Road)	37.63	50%	55%	55%	58%	8.3%
Skokie Valley Trail	22.36	59%	59%	64%	64%	4.7%
Deerfield Road Bikeway	12.75	86%	86%	86%	86%	0.0%
Elk Grove-Evanston Bikeway (Howard-Sibley)	19.88	71%	71%	71%	71%	0.0%
Higgins Road Bikeway	17.95	49%	49%	53%	53%	3.7%
Palatine Trail (Fairfield/Quentin Road)	28.02	68%	68%	68%	68%	0.0%
Total	138.59	61%	63%	64%	65%	3.5%

**Tier One Bicycle Corridors
Implementation Snapshot**

Tier 1 Bikeways (December 2013)	Total Distance (miles)	Existing Bicycle Facilities (miles)	Percent Existing	Programmed Miles	Percent Programmed
Evanston-Elgin Bikeway (Golf Road)	37.63	21.84	58%	5.31	14%
Skokie Valley Trail	22.36	14.31	64%	2.05	9%
Deerfield Road Bikeway	12.75	10.99	86%	0.40	3%
Elk Grove-Evanston Bkeway (Howard-Sibley)	19.88	14.20	71%	0.00	0%
Higgins Road Bikeway	17.95	9.49	53%	0.61	3%
Palatine Trail (Fairfield/Quentin Road)	28.02	18.99	68%	0.99	4%
Total	138.59	89.82	65%	9.36	6.75%