

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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**Northwest Municipal Conference**

**Transportation Committee**

**Thursday, March 23, 2017**

**8:30 a.m.**

**NWMC Offices**

**1600 East 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 Township
- Palatine
- Park Ridge
- Prospect Heights
- Rolling Meadows
- Schaumburg
- Skokie
- Streamwood
- Vernon Hills
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- I. Call to Order**
  
- II. Approval of February 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**  
**Action requested:** Approval of minutes
  
- III. Rand Road Corridor Plan – Village of Mount Prospect**  
Staff from Mount Prospect will discuss their recently adopted Rand Road Corridor Plan. The goals of the plan are to improve safety and make easier and quicker connections for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and commuters in the corridor.  
**Action Requested:** Informational
  
- IV. NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan**  
Staff will present the draft RFQ for updates to the NWMC Bike Plan to the committee for comments and approval  
**Action Requested:** Discussion/Approval
  
- V. Forest Preserves of Cook County - Invest in Cook Application (Attachment B)**  
The Forest Preserves of Cook County has submitted an application for Invest in Cook funding to improve the rail crossing on the Des Plaines River Trail. Staff will propose contributing to this project using funds from the NWMC special projects fund.  
**Action Requested:** Discussion/Approval
  
- VI. Legislative Issues**  
Staff will provide an update of the potential bills of interest in Springfield as well as federal transportation policy.  
**Action requested:** Informational
  
- VII. CMAP Update**  
An update on relevant activities from CMAP’s committees will be provided.  
**Action requested:** Informational
  
- VIII. Agency Reports**
  
- IX. Other Business**
  
- X. Next Meeting**  
The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. NWMC offices.
  
- XI. Adjourn**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, February 23, 2017**  
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**Members Present:**

Bill McLeod, Mayor, Village of Hoffman Estates, Co-Chair  
Jerry Turry, Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood, Co-Chair (via phone)  
Rod Craig, Mayor, Village of Hanover Park  
Peter Falcone, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Prospect Heights  
Bob Israel, Trustee, Village of Northbrook  
Phil Kiraly, Village Manager, Village of Glencoe  
Al Larson, President, Village of Schaumburg  
Maria Lasday, Village Manager, Village of Bannockburn  
Anne Marrin, Administrator, Village of Fox Lake (via phone)  
Greg Summers, Development Services Director, Village of Barrington

**Others Present:**

Steve Andrews, Pace  
Larry Bury, NWMC  
Vicky Czuprynski, Illinois Tollway  
Jane Grover, CMAP  
Tim Grzesiakowski, TMA of Lake Cook  
Aimee Lee, Illinois Tollway  
Carl Lisick, Drive Clean Chicago  
Rick Mack, Metra  
Brian Pigeon, NWMC  
Andy Plummer, RTA  
Karyn Robles, Village of Schaumburg

**I. Call to Order**

Co-Chair McLeod called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and had those present provide introductions.

**II. Approval of January 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

On a motion made by Trustee Israel, seconded by Mayor Larson, the committee voted to approve the December 22, 2016 meeting minutes.

**III. Drive Clean Chicago Grant Program**

Mr. Lisick discussed Drive Clean Chicago, a \$14 million incentive program designed to encourage the adoption of alternative fuel vehicle in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties. He noted that the grant program consisted of three programs; clean truck, clean taxi and clean station funding.

Mr. Lisick also added that on Thursday, May 18 the GREEN DRIVE\$ conference and expo would be held at the NIU Conference Center in Naperville. The focus of this conference would be the development of municipal green fleets.

#### **IV. 2017 Illinois Tollway Program**

Ms. Czuprynski provided an update on the Illinois Tollway budget. Ms. Lee Discussed the I-90 expansion project. She described interchange improvements along the corridor and showed a video describing the SmartRoad technology which would be introduced on the corridor in early 2017. She noted that the Tollway was looking forward to the extension of IL 390, the Elgin-O'Hare expressway as well as planning for the central tri-state.

#### **V. I-94 Bus-on-Shoulder Demonstration**

Mr. Andrews discussed the I-94 bus-on-shoulder program noting that the idea was born from Pace's Vision 2020 report. He described the benefits of bus-on-shoulder operations, operating rules and signage. He showed the committee a map and demonstration of existing routes in the corridor as well as possible future routes running from Jefferson Park to Lake Cook Road and the Brown Line Kimball station to Lake Cook Road.

#### **VI. Legislative Issues**

Mr. Bury led the committee through the transportation-related bills currently introduced in the General assembly. The committee discussed each bill and decided to support HB 625, HB 2363, HB 3136, monitor SB 51, oppose HB 220, HB 3050. The committee directed staff to find more information on HB 2978. On a motion by Mayor Larson, seconded by Trustee Israel, the committee voted to approve these positions.

#### **VII. CMAP Update**

Mr. Pigeon noted that the recently passed MPO coordination rule was moving forward and that CMAP staff were meeting with DOT and congressional representatives to decide on next steps. He also reported that the STP allocation subgroup would be meeting following the next MPO Policy Committee meeting

#### **VIII. Agency Reports**

Mr. Grzesiakowski reported that the TMA of Lake-Cook annual construction preview meeting will be held on March 23.

Mr. Mack described efforts by Amtrak to expand service on the Hiawatha line and the potential effects this would have on Metra's on-time service. He noted that the rehab of the Mt. Prospect Metra station was nearly complete.

Mr. Plummer discussed the RTA access to transit improvement program, RTA sub-regional transit maps and Community Planning/TOD implementation reports.

#### **IX. Other Business**

Mr. Pigeon noted that the call for CMAQ and TAP applications had recently closed and that 14 applications had been submitted by the North Shore and Northwest Councils. He added that the draft CMAQ/TAP program would be released in June.

**X. Next Meeting**

Co-Chair McLeod reported that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2017.

**XI. Adjournment**

On a motion by Mayor Craig, seconded by Mr. Summers, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

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Attachment B

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TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Mike Walczak, Transportation Director

RE: Request for Special Projects funding for Des Plaines River Trail Improvements – Phase I Engineering (Golf Road to Central Road)

DATE: March 23, 2017

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**Recommendation:** Use NWMC Special Projects funds to provide a portion of the funding for Phase I Engineering on improvements to the Des Plaines River Trail from Golf Road to Central Road.

**Issue:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (FPCC) has applied for Invest in Cook funding for the Phase I Engineering on the project and has requested that the Northwest Municipal Conference be a participating sponsor. The estimated budget for the Phase I is \$100,000 and FPCC has asked NWMC to contribute \$20,000.

**Background:**  
The Des Plaines River Trail was identified as a regional bicycle corridor in the 2010 NWMC Bike Plan and is one of the few north-south corridors in the region. Between Golf Road and Central Road in unincorporated Des Plaines, the trail is bisected by tracks of the Union Pacific Railroad. Currently the trail officially ends on either side of the tracks and trail users who do cross to continue on the trail are trespassing on Union Pacific property. No gates or other activated warning devices are present.

To develop a solution for this existing gap in the trail, the Forest Preserves of Cook County want to undertake a Phase I Engineering Study for the best solution. Options being considered include an alternate alignment to avoid the crossing, a grade separation (bridge or underpass) at the crossing, or other improvements at the crossing. By conducting a Phase I Engineering Study, the project will be eligible for federal funding for future phases in programs including the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

The rail crossing project was identified in the 2014 NWMC Des Plaines River Corridor Plan as one of the top five “Special Improvements Projects”, which would offer the greatest potential benefit to increased safety and enjoyment along the trail.

*Executive Director*  
Mark L. Fowler

The draft project cost of the Phase 1 engineering is \$100,000. FPCC has applied for \$50,000 from the Invest in Cook program and has committed \$30,000 from their budget. Due to our interest in seeing improvements made to the trail for recreational and transportation benefits, FPCC requested NWMC become a participating sponsor and contribute the remaining \$20,000. The rough budget from FPCC staff is:

- \$15,000 – Topographic and tree survey
- \$25,000 – Preliminary Plans
- \$20,000 – General Plan and Elevation Drawing
- \$5,000 - Environmental Coordination
- \$5,000 – Meetings and Administration
- \$15,000 – Geotechnical Investigation
- \$5,000 – Misc.
- \$10,000 – 10% contingency