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**Northwest Municipal Conference  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee**

**Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

**10:30 a.m.**

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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order/ Introductions**
  
- II. Approval of December 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**  
*Action Requested: Approval of Minutes*
  
- III. Complete Streets Coalition Update (Attachment B)**  
The latest meeting of the Active Transportation Alliance Complete Streets Coalition took place on Thursday, January 14. Staff will provide an overview of the meeting and next steps.  
*Action Requested: Informational/Discussion*
  
- IV. Fox River Trail to Old Stover Trail Bikeway Feasibility Study Implementation**  
With the study finalized, participants held a meeting on January 13 to discuss implementation of the recommended southern route. Staff will provide an update.  
*Action Requested: Informational*
  
- V. Bike Signage Implementation Strategies**  
NWMC staff will discuss possible strategies for implementing signage along completed portions of the NWMC regional network.  
*Action Requested: Informational/Discussion*
  
- VI. Project Updates**
  
- VII. Other Business**
  
- VIII. Next Meeting**  
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will be scheduled for February 16, 2016.  
*Action Requested: Informational*
  
- IX. Adjournment**

**Northwest Municipal Conference  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee  
Tuesday, December 15, 2015  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
10:30 a.m.  
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**Committee Members Present:**

Mayor Arlene Juracek, Co-Chair, Village of Mount Prospect  
Jim Baxa, Village of Northbrook  
Bill Blanchard, Village of Schumburg  
Mike Hankey, Village of Hoffman Estates  
Andrew Jennings, Village of Wheeling  
Joe Kenney, Village of Glenview  
Scott Mangum, City of Des Plaines  
Natalie Ossowski, Village of Barrington  
Harry Spila, Village of Palatine  
Chris Stilling, Village of Buffalo Grove

**Others Present:**

Ed Barsotti, Ride Illinois  
Nellie Beckner, Village of Mount Prospect  
Brooke Jones, Village of Wheeling  
Mike Kerr, Christopher B. Burke Engineering  
Sat Nagar, City of Evanston  
Derek Peebles, City of Des Plaines  
Nathan Roseberry, TY Lin  
Shane Schneider, Village of Glenview  
Christopher Staron, NWMC  
Brian Pigeon, NWMC  
Mike Walczak, NWMC

**I. Call to Order/ Introduction**

Mayor Juracek called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and asked those present for introductions.

**II. Approval of October 27, 2015 Minutes**

On a motion by Mr. Spila, seconded by Mr. Hankey, the committee voted to approve the minutes as presented.

**III. Evanston Sheridan Road Improvements**

Mr. Nagar described the existing bicycle infrastructure in the City of Evanston and the scope of the Sheridan road project. He discussed community involvement in the planning process and the affected historical districts.

Mr. Kerr discussed the traffic and pedestrian volumes along the route. He analyzed Strava bike data, accident reports, and lane widths and discussed parking and tree removal along the project length.

Mr. Roseberry described several proposed bus stop concepts, station design and a capacity analysis. He discussed snow removal and drainage issues and played a computer simulation of the completed route.

**IV. Ride Illinois Rebranding and Activities**

Mr. Barsotti discussed the League of Illinois Bicyclists rebranding to Ride Illinois. He described the 2015 Illinois Bike Summit, its results and plans for the 2016 summit. He discussed NACTO trainings, a ticket diversion program, the Mayors Bike Safety Challenge and efforts to enhance motorist directed signage. The committee discussed the pros and cons of ‘Bikes May Use Full Lane’ signs and MUTCD-compliant alternatives.

**V. Project Updates**

Mr. Peebles described the status of the Central Road bike shoulder project in Des Plaines and asked if anyone would be interested in viewing it after the meeting.

**VI. Other Business**

Mr. Walczak described a recent meeting of bike commuters and interested parties at Astellas pharmaceuticals in Northbrook.

**VII. Next Meeting**

Mayor Juracek noted that the next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee was scheduled for January 19, 2016.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The committee unanimously voted to adjourn.



### Coalition Purpose, Goals & Objectives

The purpose of the Chicagoland Complete Streets Coalition is to serve as a forum for learning and networking in order to advance Complete Streets implementation in the greater Chicago region.

Facilitated by the Active Transportation Alliance, the Coalition's goals are to:

1. **Build demand and support among a diverse set of stakeholders** for the Complete Streets philosophy of a balanced transportation system;
2. **Advance systemic changes at the local and regional level** that promote Complete Streets policies, principles and practices; and
3. **Identify and advance equity-promoting strategies** in Complete Streets implementation, funding, and assistance for all communities.

The Coalition will accomplish these goals by:

- Exploring national best practices;
- Exchanging case studies from the region;
- Hosting and sharing both technical and non-technical workshops and trainings;
- Sharing and learning about funding opportunities and strategies;
- Sharing ways to prioritize and integrate equity and social justice considerations;
- Discussing ways to create top-level support from local elected officials and leaders;
- Exploring methods for developing grass-roots demand among diverse stakeholders; and
- Learning how to build a sustained culture of Complete Streets.