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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee**

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

10:30 a.m.

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1600 E. Golf Road, Suite 0700, Des Plaines

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/ Introductions**

- II. Approval of April 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approval of Minutes

- III. Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Applications**
Staff will discuss submitted applications for the 2016 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) from the region.
Action Requested: Informational

- IV. Publications from the Federal Highway Administration**
Staff will discuss recent bicycle and pedestrian guidebooks published by the Federal Highway Administration.
Action Requested: Informational

- V. Project Updates**

- VI. Other Business**

- VII. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will be scheduled for July 19, 2016.
Action Requested: Informational

- VIII. Walking Tour of Central Road Bicycle Shoulder**
Staff from the City of Des Plaines will lead the committee on a short walking tour of recent improvements along Central Road.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- IX. Adjournment**

Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
Draft Meeting Minutes
10:30 a.m.
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Committee Members Present:

Trustee AC Buehler, Co-Chair, Village of Northbrook
Jim Baxa, Village of Northbrook
Mike Hankey, Village of Hoffman Estates
Andrew Jennings, Village of Wheeling
Joe Kenney, Village of Glenview
Scott Mangum, City of Des Plaines
Anne Marrin, Village of Mount Prospect
Derek Peebles, City of Des Plaines
Harry Spila, Village of Palatine
Chris Stilling, Village of Buffalo Grove

Others Present:

Brian Daly, CMAP
Jesse Elam, CMAP
Carrie Haberstitch, Village of Skokie
Matt Lawrie, Village of Mount Prospect
Dan Randolph, Village of Niles
Nancy Wagner, Active Transportation Alliance
Brian Pigeon, NWMC
Mike Walczak, NWMC

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Trustee Buehler called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. and asked those present for introductions.

II. Approval of March, 2016 Meeting Minutes

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

III. Regional Greenways and Trails Plan Update

Mr. Elam discussed the history of the regional trails and greenways plan from its inception under NIPC, noting that the most recent update to the plan was completed in 2009. He noted that CMAP was reaching out to municipalities and COGs for input and that the purpose of the meeting was to show the existing plan and proposed changes. Ms. Wagner asked how long the process would be and Mr. Elam replied that CMAP staff would like to have a draft plan by the summer to take to the CMAP Transportation Committee. Mr. Daly discussed the additions, deletions and realignments. He said that staff attempted to include local and conference level plan routes where applicable. The committee discussed the proposed changes.

Mr. Peebles asked what the Forest Preserve's role in the plan would be. Mr. Daly replied that they have been present at previous meeting but CMAP staff would meet with them individually.

The committee discussed the condition of the Des Plaines River Trail.

Mr. Jennings asked about the proposed deletion of Central rd. as a corridor. Mr. Daly noted that the proximity of Glenview Rd. and Beckwith Rd would make a route on Central Rd redundant.

Mr. Daly noted that the plan focused on off-street accommodations but did include some on-street facilities where off-street is not feasible.

Mr. Randolph asked if funding was available for these routes. Mr. Elam replied that there was not specific funding set aside for these projects but the plan could be a guide for local governments.

Trustee Buehler asked whether comments should be directed to CMAP or NWMC staff.

Mr. Elam replied that comments should be sent to NWMC staff within two weeks.

IV. Skokie Complete Streets Policy

Ms. Haberstich discussed the Village of Skokie's receipt of technical assistance funding for a complete streets policy in July of 2015. She noted that the funding came through the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Cook County Department of Public Health and the Active Transportation Alliance. She discussed the process for developing the policy and relevant committees that assisted in its development. She noted that the Village planned to implement a "pop-up" project in August or September 2016.

Ms. Wagner noted that Active Transportation Alliance would be following up with the Village to assess their implementation.

Trustee Buehler asked if the policy was on the Village of Skokie's website. Ms. Haberstich confirmed that it was.

Mr. Peebles commented that the committee would be very interested in hearing about the results of this policy.

V. Open Calls for Projects

Mr. Pigeon discussed an upcoming call for ITEP projects noting that a call for projects would open May 2. Mr. Walczak added that ITEP will fund Phase I Engineering. Mr. Peebles asked if flexible federal match would be available for these projects. Mr. Pigeon and Mr. Walczak confirmed this.

Mr. Walczak discussed the RTA access to transit call for projects noting that an information session would be held April 29. He added that these projects would be bundled and considered for the next call for CMAQ projects, opening in January 2017 and that funds would not be available until the fall of 2017. He also noted that application would require Phase I to be underway. Ms. Haberstich noted that this meant Phase I Engineering and not Phase I Planning. Mr. Walczak confirmed this.

Ms. Wagner discussed the curb-protected bike lane along Clybourn Avenue in Chicago and that in response to positive feedback on that project, IDOT was looking for potential locations for a similar project in the suburban Chicago region. Mr. Spila asked if there were any ROW requirements for the projects. Ms. Wagner replied that the project would have to be on an IDOT route. Mr. Jennings asked if there were any length requirements. Ms. Wagner replied that she would check but assumed IDOT was looking for projects of similar length to the Clybourn project.

Mr. Walczak asked if the project needed to be in IDOT's current program and Ms. Wagner said no.

VI. Project Updates

Mr. Peebles noted that the Central Rd. shoulder project would be completed in a few weeks.

VII. Other Business

Mr. Walczak publicized a NACTO training being organized by Ride Illinois which would be held Tuesday, May 24 at CMAP's offices in Chicago. Mr. Pigeon added that the training would cost \$90 and an option hardcover copy of the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide would cost \$40.

VIII. Next Meeting

Trustee Buehler noted that the next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

IX. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Peebles, seconded by Mr. Spila, the committee adjourned at 11:44 a.m.