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Northwest Municipal Conference Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee Agenda

**Tuesday, October 13, 2026
10:30 a.m.**

NWMC Offices or via Video Conference

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 850 1147 1119

Passcode: 258982

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. Approval of September 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes
- III. Illinois Active Transportation Plan**
IDOT staff will share the recently completed Active Transportation Plan, the Local Implementation Guide, and the IDOT Council on Bikeways.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
- IV. Local Project Updates**
Committee members will have an opportunity to provide updates on local projects.
Action Requested: Discussion
- V. Funding and Planning Opportunities**
Staff will provide an update on funding and planning opportunities.
1) [Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program \(CMAQ\)](#),
[Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP-L\)](#), and [Surface Transportation Shared Fund \(STP-SF\)](#) – December 18
Action Requested: Informational
- VI. Other Business**
- VII. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.
- VIII. Adjourn**

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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2026
10:30 a.m.**

NWMC Offices and via Video Conference**Members Present**

Terri Gens, Trustee, Mount Prospect, Chair
Bill McLeod, Mayor, Hoffman Estates
Phil Green, Hoffman Estates
Sonia Zala, Hoffman Estates
Jesal Patel, Mayor, Lincolnwood
Luke Foresman, Mount Prospect
Lara Sanoica, Mayor, Rolling Meadows
Rachel Applegate, Schaumburg
Erik Sanchez, Skokie
Aldair Vargas, Streamwood
Ross Klicker, Director of Community Development, Wheeling
Scott Mangum, Community Development Director, Winnetka

Others Present

Adam Dow, Village of Buffalo Grove
Kathy Thake, Village of Kenilworth
Aram Beladi, Village of Northbrook
Ralph Banasiak, Daily Herald
Dave Simmons, Ride Illinois
Mark Fowler, Northwest Municipal Conference
Larry Bury, Northwest Municipal Conference
Eric Czarnota, Northwest Municipal Conference
Brian Larson, Northwest Municipal Conference

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Trustee Gens called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

II. Approval of May 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Sanoica motioned to approve the May 12, 2026 minutes. Ms. Applegate seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. ITEP Projects for the NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan Pipeline

Mr. Larson shared examples of Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) projects from the membership and partners that advanced the NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan.

Mr. Banasiak asked whether ITEP involves federal funding. Mr. Larson replied no, ITEP is a solely state funded program.

IV. Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee Policy Action Groups

Mr. Czarnota discussed three policy action topics for consideration by the Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee that were raised last year. He first said that NWMC staff are looking at policies addressing construction detour routes and alternate accommodations for vulnerable road users. Mr. Czarnota commented that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and local municipalities are supposed to have a detour plan, which is enforced by IDOT. He said there appears to be a breakdown in planning and agreements, with the feasibility of alternative accommodation and ease to declaring something not feasible. Mr. Czarnota said that NWMC staff can develop language regarding a policy to bring back to the committee to submit to IDOT.

Mr. Czarnota then reported on a follow up to the interest in a policy and best practices guide on working with third parties on project right of way acquisition. He said that NWMC staff can work on developing a toolbox to be shared among the membership.

Mr. Czarnota finally reported on development of an update to the NWMC Multimodal Plan. He stated that COVID affected the release of the prior Multimodal Plan, with data from before the transit ridership and travel demand shifts. He commented that this process is at the beginning stage and NWMC staff are investigating what needs to be updated in the plan. Mr. Czarnota said that the previously mentioned right-of-way best practices guide could be an addendum to the Multimodal Plan.

Trustee Gens asked whether there is an update on e-mobility devices regarding enforcement of the new state-level regulations. Mr. Czarnota said NWMC staff can look into this, but noted that the new regulations take effect January 1, so a discussion at a 2027 committee meeting could develop and provide feedback to the Secretary of State's office. Trustee Gens requested the Committee to have a reminder on the new regulations and a discussion on how to enforce them given limited local resources. Mr. Klicker said Wheeling is developing a social media campaign, planned to launch in November as a "think before you buy" campaign oriented towards families. He said that Wheeling has received a lot of information from Ride Illinois and recommended using their material.

V. Local Project Updates

Mayor Patel said that the Devon Avenue streetscape project, a joint project with Chicago approved in 2013, is currently finishing up. He commented that completion was amended to also include a Metropolitan Water Reclamation District project. Mayor Patel reported that Devon Avenue is a great example of a project that despite initial delays, now works well. He also highlighted the Pratt Avenue bridge as a similar joint project. Mayor Patel recommended that e-mobility regulations would be best coordinated with schools, parents, and retailers.

VI. Funding and Planning Opportunities

Mr. Larson provided an update on funding and planning opportunities, including the [Cook County Highway Passes Study](#) and [ITEP](#).

VII. Other Business

Mr. Simmons reported that Ride Illinois has developed a chart of the types of e-mobility devices and their requirements and regulations under the new state law.

Mr. Larson said that if individuals did not receive the Transportation Newsletter to notify NWMC staff, or to sign up on the NWMC website.

VIII. Next Meeting

Trustee Gens said that the next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.

IX. Adjourn

Ms. Applegate moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Mayor Patel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.