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Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee
Agenda
Tuesday, November 10, 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 October 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)
Action Requested: Approve Minutes

III. E-Mobility Update
NWMC staff will share the latest information on the e-mobility laws to take effect January 1, 2027, including member and national public awareness campaigns. Staff will also discuss whether to develop a best practices workshop for a future date.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

IV. Evanston Bicycle Programs
Evanston staff will share the recently completed Bicycle Voucher Program and other bicycle and pedestrian related policies.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

V. Local Project Updates
Committee members will have an opportunity to provide updates on local projects.
Action Requested: Discussion

VI. 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

VII. Other Business

VIII. Next Meeting
The NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and Transportation Committee will host a joint in-person social and networking event on Tuesday, December 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices. No virtual option will be available.

The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2027, at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.

IX. Adjourn

ATTACHMENT A

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Members Present
Terri Gens, Trustee, Mount Prospect, Chair
Katie Rivard, Barrington
Adriana Webb, Glenview
Herb Porter, Trustee, Hanover Park
Ghida Neukirch, Highland Park
Bill McLeod, Mayor, Hoffman Estates
Phil Green, Hoffman Estates
Sonia Zala, Hoffman Estates
Jesal Patel, Mayor, Lincolnwood
Luke Foresman, Mount Prospect
AC Buehler, Northbrook
Rachel Applegate, Schaumburg
Erik Sanchez, Skokie
Aldair Vargas, Streamwood
Scott Mangum, Winnetka

Others Present
Kathy Thake, Village of Kenilworth
Matt Lawrie, Village of Mount Prospect
Kate Lockerby, Village of Niles
Aram Beladi, Village of Northbrook
Adam Gabalny, IDOT
Kathleen Ebeling, CBBEL
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 10:31 a.m.

II. Approval of September 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Mayor McLeod motioned to approve the September 8, 2026 minutes. Ms. Applegate seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Illinois Active Transportation Plan
Mr. Gabany reported on the recently completed IDOT Active Transportation Plan, the Local Implementation Guide, and the IDOT Council on Bikeways. He highlighted the

upcoming Economic Benefit Assessment Tool, anticipated to be released in December, which can be used to identify safety benefits, emissions and health outcomes.

Mr. Buehler inquired if bicyclist and pedestrian fatality rates have changed. Mr. Gabany said that 2026 has shown a decrease in both, but the state analyzes the data using a 5-year rolling average, which has remained elevated. Mr. Buehler asked if there has been a cost benefit analysis as to which types of interventions achieve safety goals. Mr. Gabany said IDOT conducts a cost analysis for Highway Safety Improvement Program projects, but other projects are approached on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Gabany said IDOT staff are available to do a pre- and post-construction analysis for communities interested in studying specific projects.

Trustee Gens asked about the primary goal of the Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Gabany said safety is the foremost priority, along with a modal shift to reduce congestion and emissions. Trustee Gens recommended focusing on those points when sharing the material with other elected officials, staff and the public.

Mr. Czarnota asked whether pedestrian and bicyclist data could be broken out in the future to differentiate traditional bicycles from e-bikes and e-motos. Mr. Gabany said crash reports are based on law enforcement crash report data, so a note will be added to crash reports to differentiate the devices.

Trustee Gens asked whether the Economic Benefit Assessment tool will be shared upon completion. Mr. Gabany said yes, and recommended subscribing to the IDOT Active Transportation mailing list to receive the quickest notification of when that would be available. Mr. Czarnota said that NWMC staff will also share the tool once it's available.

IV. Local Project Updates

Mr. Czarnota reported that multiple Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program letters of support were sent from the NWMC for member projects.

V. Funding and Planning Opportunities

Mr. Larson provided an update on funding and planning opportunities, including Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L) and Surface Transportation Shared Fund (STP-SF), closing December 18, and Invest In Cook, which will have an informational webinar on October 29.

VI. Other Business

No other business.

VII. Next Meeting

Trustee Gens announced that 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

Mr. Buehler moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Patel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.