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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee**

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

10:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices

1600 E. 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
- Wheeling
- Wilmette
- Winnetka

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- I. Call to Order/ Introductions**

- II. Approval of March 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approval of Minutes

- III. NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan (Attachment B- sent under separate cover)**
Staff will present the draft RFQ for updates to the NWMC Bike Plan to the committee for comments and approval
Action Requested: Discussion/Approval

- IV. Legislative Update**
Staff will provide an update on relevant pending legislation in the Illinois General Assembly.
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 May 16, 2017.
Action Requested: Informational

- VIII. Adjournment**

**Northwest Municipal Conference
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Tuesday, March 21, 2017
Draft Meeting Minutes
10:30 a.m.
NWMC Offices**

Committee Members Present:

Arlene Juracek, Chair, Village of Mount Prospect
AC Buehler, Vice Chair, Village of Northbrook
Richard Bascomb, Village of Schaumburg
Jim Baxa, Village of Northbrook
Nellie Beckner, Village of Mount Prospect
Mike Hankey, Village of Hoffman Estates
Andrew Jennings, Village of Wheeling
Brooke Jones, Village of Wheeling
Joe Kenney, Village of Glenview
Darren Monico, Village of Buffalo Grove
Derek Peebles, City of Des Plaines
Harry Spila, Village of Palatine

Others Present:

Matt Lawrie, Village of Mount Prospect
Brian Pigeon, NWMC
Mike Walczak, NWMC
Terry Witt, Spindoctor Cycleworks

I. Call to Order/ Introductions

Mayor Juracek called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. and asked those present for introductions.

II. Approval of February 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Pigeon noted one edit to the draft minutes. On a motion by Trustee Buehler, seconded by Mr. Hankey, the committee voted to approve the minutes with the edit noted by Mr. Pigeon.

III. NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan

Mr. Walczak provided an overview of the draft request for qualifications for an update to the NWMC Bicycle plan. He first discussed Section II. which describes past activities and why the scope would include multi-modal components. He noted that staff was seeking input from the committee to flesh out some of the requirements.

Trustee Buehler asked the committee if there was anything they wish had been included in the 2010 plan. Mr. Peebles suggested that public input for the original bike plan included events with large maps and the 2010 planning did not include that. Mr. Walczak noted that technological improvements could speed that process along. Mr. Peebles added that there are more bike clubs today than before and they could be helpful in outreach. He suggested that under Task 2 snow shoveling should be included. Mayor Juracek concurred noting that seasonality is an important consideration.

Ms. Beckner suggested that the requirements related to consultant billed hours, workshops and committee meeting attendance be further developed. Mr. Walczak noted that the draft RFQ did not include an analysis of ride sharing and asked if that should be included. Mayor Juracek said she felt it would expand the scope too much. Trustee Buehler concurred.

Mr. Hankey asked if bike share would be included. Mr. Walczak replied that it could be mentioned as something to explore as a best practice.

Mr. Walczak encouraged the committee to submit any other comments before the next meeting.

IV. Forest Preserve District of Cook County Invest in Cook Application

Mr. Walczak described the existing conditions at the Des Plaines River Trail crossing at the Union Pacific railroad tracks in Des Plaines. He noted that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County had submitted an application for Invest in Cook funds for a Phase I study of alternatives to the current crossing. He added that FPDCC had asked NWMC to contribute \$20,000 to the project. He further noted that the Conference has a Special Projects Fund designed to assist projects that benefit the Conference region as a whole.

Mayor Juracek asked if any other projects were competing for SPF funds. Mr. Walczak replied no. Trustee Buehler said he felt the project was of regional significance and asked when the FPDCC would be involved. Mr. Walczak replied that FPDCC was leading the project and that the timeline would be to complete the Phase I study in time to submit an application for CMAQ funds in the 2019 call for projects.

Mr. Jennings asked if FPDCC has reached out to UP. Mr. Peebles said he has worked with UP recently and feels comfortable with their responsiveness.

Mayor Juracek asked where the trail would go. Mr. Walczak replied that the trail would likely go along E. River Road or Golf Rd. noting that those options would likely be easier than routing the trail over or under the tracks.

Mr. Walczak discussed the Special Projects fund as a possible fund source for the NWMC Multimodal Transportation plan and that taking from the SPF for both that plan and the FPDCC project could be problematic. He added that CMAP would be opening a call for projects for the Local Technical Assistance program which could fund the Multimodal

Plan. He noted that if the FPDCC application did not receive Invest in Cook funds, not SPF funds would be expended.

On a motion by Trustee Buehler, seconded by Mr. Baxa, the committee voted to approve the request to use Special Projects Fund money to support the FPDCC project and forward that request to the NWMC Transportation Committee.

V. CMAQ/TAP Call for Projects

Mr. Pigeon and Mr. Walczak described the 14 applications submitted for CMAQ and TAP funding from the Northwest and North Shore Councils of Mayors.

VI. Project Updates

None

VII. Other Business

Mr. Walczak noted that CMAP and the RTA would be hosting an all-day symposium on Local Technical Assistance at Roosevelt University on Tuesday, May 16. He noted that this conflicts with a future NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting. He added that the meeting may be moved to accommodate those wishing to attend the symposium.

Mayor Juracek noted that legislation in the Illinois General Assembly sponsored by Representative David Harris to classify striking a pedestrian in a crosswalk as a felony was moving forward.

Mr. Pigeon reported that legislation sponsored by Sen. Duckworth repealing the recent US DOT rule on MPO coordination passed unanimously in the Senate and that Rep. Dan Lipinski had introduced similar legislation in the House.

VIII. Next Meeting

Mayor Juracek announced that the next meeting was scheduled for April 18.

IX. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Baxa, seconded by Trustee Buehler, the committee voted to adjourn at 11:24 a.m.