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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee**

Agenda

November 16, 2021

10:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices and via Zoom Video Conference

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Meeting ID: 846 1228 1793

Passcode: BP111621

- MEMBERS**
- Antioch
- Arlington Heights
- Bannockburn
- Barrington
- Bartlett
- Buffalo Grove
- 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
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- Prospect Heights
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- I. Call to Order/Introductions**

- II. Approval of October 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve of Minutes

- III. Evanston Shared Street Pilot Program (Attachment B)**
Evanston Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink will present a shared street pilot program that allowed pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers to safely share Greenleaf Street from McDaniel Avenue to Lake Shore Drive.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- IV. NWMC Multimodal Plan Annual Survey**
Staff will provide a brief overview of the multimodal plan survey, intended to be distributed annually to collect data on the progress of the NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan.
Action Requested: Informational

- V. Local Project Updates**
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- VI. Other Business**

- VII. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC Offices and via Zoom video conference.

- VIII. Adjourn**

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Lake Bluff
Lake Forest
Lake Zurich
Libertyville
Lincolnshire
Lincolnwood
Morton Grove
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Attendance:

Nellie Beckner, Village of Mount Prospect (co-chair)
Jim Baxa, Village of Northbrook (co-chair)
Andrew Binder, Village of Barrington
Jessica Hyink, City of Evanston
Adriana Webb, Village of Glenview
Herb Porter, Village of Hanover Park
Jennifer Horn, Village of Hoffman Estates
A.C. Buehler, Village of Northbrook Bicycle Task Force
David Powe, Village of Schaumburg
Ross Klicker, Village of Wheeling

Others Present:

Devin Kamperschroer, Village of Bartlett
Eric Heiker, City of Des Plaines
Brad Woodbury, Village of Lincolnshire
Elias Koutas, Village of Palatine
Ryan Rivard, City of Rolling Meadows
Alex Riegler, Village of Streamwood
Danielle Horn, Village of Wilmette
Jonathan Stelle, Village of Hanover Park
Dave Shah, Village of Hanover Park
Mark Fowler, Northwest Municipal Conference
Larry Bury, Northwest Municipal Conference
Kendra Johnson, Northwest Municipal Conference
Eric Czarnota, Northwest Municipal Conference

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Ms. Beckner called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

II. Approval of September 21, 2021, Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)

Ms. Johnson outlined a correction to the minutes. Ms. Horn moved approval of the September 21, 2021 meeting minutes as amended. Ms. Hyink seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. New Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects in the NWMC (Attachment B)

Staff provided an overview of new funding awarded to bicycle and pedestrian projects within the NWMC service territory from several federal, state and county funding programs and highlighted those that contributed to the NWMC Multimodal Plan. NWMC members that received funding include: Buffalo Grove, Des Plaines,

Evanston, Elk Grove Village, Glenview, Glencoe, Hoffman Estates, Highland Park, Lake Forest, Mount Prospect, Niles, Northfield, Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows, Streamwood and Wilmette. In all, 16 municipalities received \$24,455,135 of funding for 26 projects that stretch 18 miles across the NWMC region. Ms. Horn asked about the CMAQ Access to Transit projects not being included. Ms. Johnson said that she would add these projects.

V. Local Project Updates

Ms. Johnson reported that the priority streets and sidewalk comments to the NWMC multimodal transportation plan are being reviewed and will be sent to the membership.

VI. Other Business

Ms. Beckner requested any topics that the committee would like to discuss in the future be sent to her or staff to add to future agendas.

VII. Next Meeting

Ms. Beckner noted that the next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC Offices or via Zoom video conference.

VIII. Adjourn

Ms. Horn moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:01 a.m. Ms. Hyink seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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Evanston to use Greenleaf Street for pilot program encouraging shared street use

Brian L. Cox

4-5 minutes

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Barriers like this one at the intersection of Greenleaf Street and Sherman Avenue in Evanston were erected along a stretch of

Greenleaf Street as part of a pilot project. (Brian L. Cox / Pioneer Press)

Evanston has launched a pilot project designed to allow bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists to all share Greenleaf Street over a monthlong period.

If the pilot is deemed successful, the city may expand the program to additional areas next summer, said Jessica Hyink, transportation and mobility coordinator with the city.

“It’s really a low intervention to try to create awareness and to eliminate the cut-through traffic,” said Hyink.

Signage and barriers were placed along a 1.8-mile residential stretch of Greenleaf Street from McDaniel Avenue to Lake Shore Boulevard on the lakefront beginning July 19 and ending Aug. 16, Hyink said. The shared streets pilot project was developed to discourage cut-through traffic on Greenleaf Street, while providing opportunities for people walking, biking and driving to share access to and from commercial, residential and recreational centers.

During the pilot program, “Local Access Only” signs are being placed at major intersections, and other signs reading “Slow down, share the road” will be erected at minor intersections, Hyink said. It is hoped the signs will partially limit and slow down traffic entering Greenleaf Street at various intersections.

In addition, eight-foot tall barriers are being placed at the beginning and end of parking lanes along the street.





“It’s a visual direction to people using the street to slow down and to think what’s happening around them,” said Hyink.

The city does not yet have any plans to issues ticket to drivers as part of the pilot program.

“This is on the honor system, essentially,” Hyink said. “Right now, it’s more about testing to see if there are changes in cut-through traffic and also getting feedback from people who walk, bike and drive in the area ... if they have perceptions that traffic patterns change as a result.”

Major street construction along a section of Main Street to the south has caused increased traffic on Greenleaf Street but the pilot project was not implemented to address that.

“This is something that has been in discussion very separately of any of that work that’s happening,” Hyink said. “Making sure there are safe places for people who are vulnerable walking or biking ... that it’s that much more critical we do this project right now so they can get places safely.”

Access to businesses, driveways, alleys and on and off street parking along Greenleaf Street is being maintained during the pilot project, and emergency and delivery vehicles and large commercial trucks can access Greenleaf Street throughout the length of the pilot.

At the end of the pilot project, the city will remove all signs and restore the street to full use for vehicle traffic at major and minor intersections, Hyink said. The city is also planning to survey pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists as part of the project to gauge its effectiveness.

“If the pilot is received positively then next summer the city will consider expanding the program for the entire summer and expanding locations where it is implemented,” Hyink said. “If there is demand warranted we would consider a treatment like a bike boulevard to further improve long term bike and pedestrian safety.”

Brian L. Cox is a freelance reporter.