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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee**

Agenda

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

11:00 a.m. (Note Time Change)

NWMC Offices or via Video Conference

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84787615475>

Meeting ID: 847 8761 5475

Passcode: 712577

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. Approval of February 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes
- III. E-Bike Discussion**
Staff will lead a discussion regarding how E-bikes are being regulated, the challenges communities face and how to address them.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
- IV. Legislative Discussion**
Staff requests committee feedback on several pieces of bike-related legislation currently pending before the Illinois General Assembly. Staff will provide the Committee’s feedback to the NWMC Legislative Committee:
 1. [HB 1875](#): **VEH CD-BICYCLES-STOP SIGNS** - Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "immediate hazard". Provides instances in which an individual operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign may proceed through the intersection without stopping at the stop sign.
 2. [HB 2454](#): **TORT IMMUNITY-LOC GOVT-BIKES** - Amends the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. Provides that a person operating a bicycle is deemed to be an intended user of every roadway and portion of roadway on which bicyclists are permitted to ride.
 3. [SB1521](#): **ELECTRIC VEHICLE REBATE-BIKES** - Amends the Electric Vehicle Rebate Act. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing as long as funds are available, a person may apply for a rebate in specified amounts following the purchase of an electric bicycle in Illinois. Prohibits the rebate amount from exceeding the purchase price of the electric bicycle. Contains eligibility requirements. Requires a person who is awarded a rebate to retain ownership of the electric bicycle for a minimum of 12 consecutive months. Provides that a person may apply for and receive a rebate only once in a 10-year period and that only one rebate may be awarded per person per electric bicycle. Contains other provisions.

4. [SB1559: IDOT-TRAFFIC STUDIES](#) - Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study following the occurrence of any crash involving a pedestrian fatality that occurs at an intersection of a federal or municipal highway.

Action Requested: Informational/Discussion, with positions to be forwarded to NWMC Legislative Committee

V. Local Project Updates

Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

VI. Funding Opportunities

Staff will provide an update on the following funding opportunities that will close within the next month:

1. [Invest In Cook](#): Friday, March 21
2. [RTA/CMAP](#) Planning Technical Assistance Program: Friday, March 21

Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

VII. Other Business

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.

IX. Adjourn

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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
NWMC Offices or via Video Conference**

Members Present

Mayor Lara Sanoica, Interim Chair, City of Rolling Meadows
A.C. Buehler, Village of Northbrook
Caroline Tittle, Village of Elk Grove Village
Phil Green, Village of Hoffman Estates
Scott Mangum, Village of Lincolnwood
Luke Foresman, Village of Mount Prospect
Larry Schroth, Village of Palatine
Rachel Applegate, Village of Schaumburg
Erik Sanchez, Village of Skokie
Scott Nielsen, Village of Streamwood
Ross Klicker, Village of Wheeling
Ron Milanesio, Village of Wilmette

Others Present

Sarah D. FioRito, City of Evanston
Dayna Adamczyk, Village of Glenview
Laura Ditanto, Village of Libertyville
Aram Beladi, Village of Northbrook
Tom Murtha, CMAP
Ralph Banasiak, Daily Herald
Dave Simmons, Ride Illinois
Eric Czarnota, Northwest Municipal Conference
Brian Larson, Northwest Municipal Conference

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Mayor Sanoica, standing in for Trustee Porter, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

II. Approval of January 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Schroth moved approval of the January 14, 2025 meeting minutes. Mr. Buehler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Strava-Metro Presentation

Mr. Czarnota and Mr. Larson presented on [Strava Metro](#), a free privately developed program marketed for transportation planners. The program can be used to analyze patterns, improve safety, and evaluate projects.

Mr. Murtha said that Strava users must opt in to data sharing, and that many, but not all, Strava users share their activity, with data sharing built to be more fun for users.

Mr. Simmons shared that Ride Illinois uses Strava Metro data to review IDOT projects.

IV. Current Events Updates

Mr. Czarnota provided updates about the Executive Orders regarding federal grants and Metropolitan Mobility Act legislation, including recent NWMC discussion with MMA proponents. He also discussed the Road Usage Charge Act for a statewide user mileage fee pilot program as well as the Labor Alliance for Public Transportation and United We Move transit legislation. He added that staff will continue to monitor developments.

V. Local Project Updates

Ms. FioRito said that the Regional Transportation Authority hosted its Transit is the Answer Coalition meeting this morning, and that Evanston is speaking with the Chicago Transit Authority regarding service needs, including school and beach access. She added that Evanston intends to bring all three transit agencies together look at localized operational troubleshooting coordination of service to be a potential model for the region.

Mr. Foresman said that the [Mount Prospect Arterial Bike Network study](#) draft plan is going before its Village Board on Tuesday, February 19. He added that the Village has also launched the [Mount Prospect Transit Study](#), which includes [a survey open to all using transit in Mount Prospect](#), and is looking to engage with seniors and students.

Mayor Sanoica asked what kinds of insights Mount Prospect is hoping to gain from those outside Mount Prospect. Mr. Foresman replied that the Village would like to see what other communities are doing and share their efforts in order to build off each other.

Mr. Simmons shared that Ride Illinois will be hosting the [Illinois Bike and Ride Summit](#) in Springfield on May 7 and 8, and hopes to have representation from the northwest suburbs.

Mr. Mangum shared that the [North Shore Channel Trail is currently promoting a public survey](#).

VI. Funding Opportunities

Mr. Larson provided an update on the following funding opportunities that would close within the next month, including [US DOT PROTECT Grants](#), [AARP Community Challenge Grants](#), and [Invest In Cook](#).

Ms. FioRito asked whether prior receipt of Invest in Cook funding would preclude a receiving a future grant. Mr. Czarnota said there were not any limitations based on prior funding. Mayor Sanoica responded that conversations with Cook County commissioners provided insight into whether a project could fall onto the application short list. Mr. Mangum said he was aware of numerous communities who were successful in multiple applications.

VII. Other Business

Mr. Czarnota noted that the new version of the winter weather maintenance survey will be released soon by the NWMC.

VIII.

Next Meeting

Mayor Sanoica announced that the next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.

IX.

Adjourn

Mr. Mangum moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Ms. Applegate seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.