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Northwest Municipal Conference Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee Agenda

Tuesday, April 8, 2025
10:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices or via Video Conference

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Meeting ID: 827 1834 0383
Passcode: 653566

- I. **Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. **Approval of March 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes
- III. **Safe Streets for All Discussion**
Staff will present on the Safe Streets for All NOFO that recently opened and how regional Safety Action Plans can enable communities to enact local safety projects across their communities.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
- IV. **Local Project Updates**
Committee members will have an opportunity to provide updates on local projects.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
- V. **Funding Opportunities**
Staff will provide an update on funding opportunities closing within the next month.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
- VI. **Other Business**
- VII. **Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2025 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, March 11, 2025
NWMC Offices and Via Video Conference**

Members Present

Trustee Herb Porter, Village of Hanover Park, Chair
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
Nathan Bruemmer, Village of Niles
Larry Schroth, Village of Palatine
Rachel Applegate, Village of Schaumburg
Ross Klicker, Village of Wheeling

Others Present

Daniel Hoscolo, Village of Arlington Heights
Andrew Barna, Village of Bartlett
Sarah D. FioRito, City of Evanston
Jonathan Trent, Baxter & Woodman
Ralph Banasiak, Daily Herald
Bela Filstrup
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 Porter, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

II. Approval of February 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Buehler moved approval of the February 11, 2025 meeting minutes. Ms. Applegate seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. E-Bike Discussion

NWMC staff led a discussion regarding how E-bikes are being regulated, the challenges communities face, and how to address them.

Ms. Tittle shared that the greatest concern is about how to enforce regulations without discouraging activity and biking. Ms. Applegate shared that Schaumburg has had an e-bike regulation for some time to be in compliance with state and federal laws, but wants to differentiate between speeds. Trustee Porter wondered about speed differentiation. Ms. FioRito said that Evanston is planning for regulation and recommended that questions be evaluated as to why a community might adopt regulations. Mr. Banasiak said that the county forest preserves adopted varying standards on e-bike regulations, but that speed may be the best regulatory factor, such as adopted by McHenry County. Mr. Klicker asked how the state regulates e-bikes. Ms. Applegate said the state is looking at licenses for distribution. Mr. Hoscilo agreed that there should be regulation in some form to clarify between e-bike and electric motorcycles. Mr. Buehler said that unless the police department is involved, communities cannot know what is enforceable from a legal and manpower standpoint, and that businesses are restricted due to insurance standards from fixing e-bikes. Mr. Czarnota shared that NWMC could research licensing requirements at the state level. Mr. Hoscilo said that regulations without active enforcement means some police department manpower is required.

Trustee Porter said that a big concern is sidewalk usage by e-bikes and that point of sale would provide the best opportunity for regulation and distinction. Ms. FioRito encouraged consideration of safety as a primary goal due to the micromobility benefits of e-bikes as an alternative to heavier vehicles that can create more dangerous conditions, and how to create space on streets for the different speeds of the more vulnerable e-bike and bicycles. Trustee Porter said that a concern is municipal liability where there is a lack of regulations caused by crashes. Mr. Barna said that the state requires a sticker on the bike regarding its class level.

Trustee Porter proposed hosting a discussion with other agencies, such as the county forest preserves and local police departments, to develop recommendations for the NWMC member communities. Mr. Banasiak recommended reviewing existing regulations and how effective they were. He said that the bike shop owners noted the biggest safety concerns are during accelerating and braking.

Mr. Banasiak asked whether any communities had experienced difficulty in receiving already approved biking and walking infrastructure grants. Mr. Czarnota said that STP funding had not changed.

IV. Legislative Discussion

NWMC staff requested committee feedback on several pieces of bike-related legislation currently pending before the Illinois General Assembly.

The committee discussed HB 1875, which provided instances in which an individual operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign may proceed through the intersection without stopping at the stop sign.

Mr. Mangum motioned approval that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee recommend supporting HB 1875, Ms. Applegate seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

The committee discussed HB 2454, which provided 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. Members expressed support for cyclist rights and protections on roadways, but concern that increased liability could lead municipalities to prohibit cyclists from certain roadways. Mr. Bury said that NWMC has been historically opposed to these kinds of bills due to increased liability.

Mr. Schroth motioned approval that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee recommend monitoring HB 2454, Ms. Applegate seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

The committee discussed SB 1521, which would establish an electric bicycle rebate program. Members noted the ownership retention requirement and supported the sliding income scale incentive program.

Mr. Mangum motioned approval that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee recommend supporting SB 1521, Ms. Applegate seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

The committee discussed SB 1559, which would require the Illinois 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. Members requested additional information on the review process and IDOT involvement, and how the requirement would be implemented. Trustee Porter said that NWMC Legislative Committee was generally opposed due to the law creating an unfunded mandate.

Mr. Mangum motioned approval that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee recommend monitoring SB 1559, Ms. Applegate seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

V. Local Project Updates

No updates were provided.

VI. Funding Opportunities

Mr. Larson provided an update on the following funding opportunities that will close within the next month, including [Invest In Cook](#) grants and the [RTA/CMAP](#) Planning Technical Assistance Program.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Next Meeting

Trustee Porter announced that 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

Mr. Buehler moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m. Mr. Mangum seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.