

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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**Northwest Municipal Conference  
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee  
Agenda**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026  
10:30 a.m.**

**NWMC Offices or via Video Conference**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88376206191>  
**Meeting ID: 88376206191**  
**Passcode: f7gc8a79**

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
  
- II. Approval of November 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**  
**Action Requested:** Approve Minutes
  
- III. Implementation of the Busse Highway Road Diet and Bikeway**  
Lou Arrigoni, Engineering Manager of Park Ridge, will share the process implementing the recently completed [Busse Highway Road Diet](#), which includes 3.1 miles of new bicycle facilities originally suggested in the [Park Ridge Bike Plan](#), reconfiguration coordination with IDOT, and completes a significant section of the [NWMC Northwest Bikeway Priority Corridor](#).  
**Action Requested:** Informational
  
- IV. Local Project Updates**  
Committee members will have an opportunity to provide updates on local projects.  
**Action Requested:** Discussion
  
- V. Funding and Planning Opportunities**  
Staff will provide an update on funding and planning opportunities.  
1) [RTA Access to Transit](#)  
**Action Requested:** Informational
  
- VI. Other Business**
  
- VII. Next Meeting**  
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2026 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, November 11, 2025  
10:30 a.m.**

**NWMC Offices and via Video Conference**

**Members Present**

- Terri Gens, Trustee, Village of Mount Prospect, Chair
- Katie Rivard, Village of Barrington
- Caroline Tittle, Elk Grove Village
- Herb Porter, Trustee, Village of Hanover Park
- Bill McLeod, Mayor, Village of Hoffman Estates
- Phil Green, Village of Hoffman Estates
- Luke Foresman, Village of Mount Prospect
- A.C. Buehler, Village of Northbrook
- Larry Schroth, Village of Palatine
- Lara Sanoica, Mayor, City of Rolling Meadows
- Rachel Applegate, Village of Schaumburg
- Erik Sanchez, Village of Skokie
- Scott Mangum, Village of Winnetka

**Others Present**

- Andrew Barna, Village of Bartlett
- Andrea Larson, Village of Buffalo Grove
- Sarah D. FioRito, City of Evanston
- Ron Milanesio, Village of Wilmette
- Kathleen Ebeling, CBBEL
- Ralph Banasiak, Daily Herald
- Dave Simmons, Ride Illinois
- 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 10:34 a.m.
  
- II. Approval of October 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes**  
Mr. Mangum motioned to approve the October 14, 2025 minutes. Trustee Porter seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**III. How the STP-L Call for Projects Can Advance Your Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Projects**

Mr. Czarnota and Mr. Larson reported on the recently opened Surface Transportation Program-Local (STP-L) Call for Projects and provided examples of recent member projects that successfully received STP-L funding to implement bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

Mr. Czarnota noted that NWMC staff can get municipal presentation of successful STP projects at a future meeting if the committee would be interested.

Ms. FioRito asked whether phase 1 needs to be completed in order to apply for STP funds. Mr. Larson replied that councils do not require phase 1 to be completed, but both council methodologies do provide higher scoring for projects that have made progress towards completion, so a project that hasn't completed phase 1 may score lower than a similar project.

**IV. Project Planning Timelines and Funding Opportunity Notifications**

Mr. Czarnota and Mr. Larson led a discussion on project planning and how far in advance potential funding opportunity reminders should be sent to ensure members have enough time to develop applications.

Mr. Green asked whether the question could be sent as a survey to provide time to think and respond. Mr. Czarnota replied that it could. Mr. Larson asked Mr. Green if he wanted the survey question to request a more general response or differentiate answers by funding source. Mr. Green requested the survey be more general, noting that different funding sources can experience different levels of delay.

**V. Local Project Updates**

Mr. Green reported that the Hoffman in Motion transportation plan was adopted by the Hoffman Estates Village Board, and the village is looking to begin implementation of the plan by end of year. He thanked Mr. Czarnota and Mr. Larson for reviewing the plan on behalf of the NWMC before the board's approval.

Ms. FioRito said that Evanston will be releasing its report on the bicycle access voucher program, including recommendations for future iterations in mid-December.

Mr. Fowler reported that he and Mr. Czarnota attended and provided remarks at the Streamwood Route 59 bicycle and pedestrian bridge opening ceremony.

Ms. Tittle said that the first structural steel beam of the new bicycle and pedestrian bridge across Arlington Heights Road to Busse Woods in Elk Grove Village has been installed.

**VI. Funding and Planning Opportunities**

Mr. Larson provided an update on funding and planning opportunities, including the STP-L Call for Projects, Cook County O'Hare Bike Network Study, and the CMAP One Regional Voice 2025.

Mr. Banasiak asked who the Illinois representatives are on the House Transportation Committee. Mr. Simmons noted that Representatives Garcia and Bost are on the committee. Ms. FioRito encouraged emphasizing the anti-congestion benefits of providing non-car options and clearly articulating that providing transportation choice as a more compelling rationale in

federal appropriations conversations with lawmakers. Trustee Gens agreed that walking and biking is an economic development driver.

**VII. Other Business**

Trustee Gens thanked veterans for their service.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

Mr. Larson announced that the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will host an in-person social and networking event in place of the Tuesday, December 9, 2025 meeting at 10:30 a.m., and no virtual option will be available.

Trustee Gens announced that the next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2026 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 11:15 a.m. Mr. Mangum seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*