

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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**Northwest Municipal Conference  
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee**

**Agenda**

**January 21, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

**NWMC Offices**

**1600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700**

**Des Plaines, IL 60016**

**(map/parking permit attached)**

- 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
- Park Ridge
- Prospect Heights
- Rolling Meadows
- Schaumburg
- Skokie
- Streamwood
- Vernon Hills
- West Dundee
- Wheeling
- Wilmette
- Winnetka

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. Approval of November 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**  
*Action Requested:* Approve of Minutes
- III. NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan Update**  
Staff will provide an update on the plan’s development and timeline, including an overview of recently released and upcoming deliverables. Members of the project team will also be available via phone to discuss the recently released [sidewalk map](#) and draft toolbox.  
*Action Requested:* Informational/Discussion
- IV. Local Project Updates**  
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- V. Other Business**
- VI. Next Meeting**  
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will take place on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at NWMC Offices.
- VII. Adjourn**

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**Northwest Municipal Conference  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee  
Tuesday, November 19, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Derek Peebles, City of Des Plaines (co-chair)  
Nellie Beckner, Village of Mount Prospect (co-chair)  
Bridget Schwab, Village of Arlington Heights  
Andrew Binder, Village of Barrington  
Maggie Jablonski, Elk Grove Village  
Jessica Hyink, City of Evanston  
Laura Linehan, Village of Fox Lake (via phone)  
Mike Hankey, Village of Hoffman Estates  
Tim O'Brien, Village of Niles  
A.C. Buehler, Village of Northbrook (via phone)  
Lara Sanoica, City of Rolling Meadows  
Patrick Knapp, Village of Schaumburg  
Alex Riegler, Village of Streamwood  
Danielle Horn, Village of Wilmette

**Others Present:**

Matt Weiss, Park Ridge Resident  
Dave Simmons, Ride Illinois  
Larry Bury, Northwest Municipal Conference  
Kendra Johnson, Northwest Municipal Conference

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

Mr. Peebles called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. and those present gave introductions.

**II. Approval of October 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

*Mr. Hankey moved approval of the October 15, 2019 meeting minutes as amended. Alderman Sanoica seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

**III. CMAP Activity-Based Model and Replica Analysis Tool Presentations**

Mr. Heither introduced himself, and Mr. Peebles asked the Committee for a show of hands to gauge familiarity with the subject. Mr. Heither then provided an overview of the Activity-Based model (ABM), including its newly published Calibration and Validation Report. Mr. Heither explained the capabilities of this new model and how it differs from standard travel demand models used by metropolitan planning organizations (MPO's). Mr. Peebles asked whether this model was used in the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and Mr. Heither replied that CMAP uses more localized models for those calculations. Mr. Peebles asked whether more traditional travel demand models account for varying modes of travel and Mr. Heither confirmed that they do not. Mr. Peebles commented that it was a positive

step to have active transportation modes included in the ABM. He noted that his local elementary schools had a 16% walk rate, and asked Mr. Heither whether this model would get down to that scale. Mr. Heither replied that the model's aggregations are on a zone scale, which is smaller than the traditional model. He estimated that for the NWMC region, the zones would be approximately half mile squares, so other destinations would be in the data and might not suit the purposes of only looking at the elementary school as destination. Alderman Sanoica asked what was used to validate the model. Mr. Heither explained that a variety of data sources, including regional travel surveys, census data, comparisons with traffic count data, and transit ridership data were used. He noted that most of these datasets are available at the regional scale, so it becomes more difficult at the municipal or township level.

Mr. Heither then presented information regarding the Replica tool, which IDOT is making available to public agencies for the next two years. Mr. Peebles asked about the geographic area that the tool covers. Mr. Heither replied that currently the tool covers the seven county metropolitan area, but would eventually include data from across the state. Mr. Peebles described the Strava application, which the City of Des Plaines uses to gather data on biking. He asked whether the Replica data is able to show walking trips along corridors in a similar way. Mr. Heither responded that the data is updated at least twice a year, and the smallest geography is block groups. Ms. Beckner asked whether the data is available for download, and Mr. Heither replied that it can be downloaded as pdf reports or as a CSV file. Mr. Hankey asked how communities could register for an account, and Mr. Heither provided contact info for the appropriate IDOT staff person. He added that the data can be shared with consultants, but they are not able to have their own account. He noted that there will be upcoming training sessions and that short informational videos are online now. He asked any Committee members who used the tool to share with CMAP staff how they used it and how it might be improved. Mr. Hankey asked the Committee if anyone had used the subscription version of Strava. Mr. Peebles replied that Des Plaines had looked into it, but right now he's only aware of Cook County and some consultants as having the subscription service. Mr. Peebles went on to note that accessing crash data from IDOT has been difficult in the past and asked if CMAP could advocate for improvements in any way. Mr. Heither responded that CMAP staff were currently managing a project to help clean up the data, so he would pass along Mr. Peebles' comments. Mr. Simmons also replied that he would bring up the subject at an upcoming meeting with IDOT staff.

#### **IV. NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan Update**

Ms. Johnson provided updates regarding the Multimodal Plan's development. She reminded the Committee of upcoming pop-up events in Deerfield and Morton Grove on December 6 and 7 respectively. She also noted the interactive priority corridors map was still available on the project website. Mr. Peebles discussed the opportunity for municipal staff to use this map to note which parts of each corridor were planned or programmed. Ms. Johnson replied that she would ask the project team for a deadline for this information to be submitted.

#### **V. Proposed 2020 Meeting Dates**

Ms. Johnson directed the Committee to the proposed dates noted in the agenda packet and Mr. Peebles asked whether there were any conflicts.

*Alderman Sanoica moved approval of the 2020 meeting dates. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

**VI. Local Project Updates**

Mr. Peebles asked the Committee for any local project updates. Mr. Knapp reported that the Roselle Road bike bridge had its ribbon cutting and was now open. Ms. Beckner complimented Schaumburg on their communication about the ribbon cutting event. Ms. Johnson noted that the Des Plaines River Trail project would have public meetings in January 2020. Trustee Buehler asked whether that was the Union Pacific flyover project, and Mr. Peebles clarified that this was a different project being led by the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Ms. Hyink reported that Evanston recently expanded their Divvy bike service to include e-bikes. She noted that they updated their city ordinances to do so and offered to share with any interested communities.

**VII. Other Business**

Mr. Peebles suggested that examples of road diets implemented by Committee members could be an interesting topic for future meetings and asked the Committee if there were any other suggestions. Mr. Hankey responded that Hoffman Estates could be part of that presentation. He also suggested bike detection as another potential topic. Mr. Simmons offered to give a presentation on the bike safety quiz that Ride Illinois offers as a resource. Mr. Peebles congratulated Mr. Simmons on his new role as Executive Director and welcomed him. Mr. Simmons thanked Mr. Peebles and noted that Ride Illinois has a transition plan in place. He asked the Committee to look out for details regarding the Illinois Bike Summit this summer at Harper College. Ms. Schwab asked the Committee for feedback regarding striping local roads for bike lanes when widening is not an option, and if anyone had pursued the option of a combined bike and parking lane. Mr. Peebles responded that Des Plaines implemented a signed bike route combined with parking lanes striped at 8 feet on a street with relatively low parking occupancy.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

Mr. Peebles reported that the next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

**IX. Adjourn**

*Mr. Hankey moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:32 a.m. Alderman Sanoica seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*



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