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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee**

Agenda

**Tuesday, November 11, 2025
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 October 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes

- III. How the STP-L Call for Projects Can Advance Your Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Projects**
NWMC staff will report on the recently opened Surface Transportation Program-Local (STP-L) Call for Projects and provide examples of recent member projects that successfully received STP-L funding to implement bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
Action Requested: Informational

- IV. Project Planning Timelines and Funding Opportunity Notifications**
NWMC staff will lead 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.
Action Requested: Discussion

- V. Local Project Updates**
Committee members will have an opportunity to provide updates on local projects.
Action Requested: Discussion

- VI. Funding and Planning Opportunities**
Staff will provide an update on funding and planning opportunities.
 - 1) STP-L Call for Projects
 - 2) [Cook County O’Hare Bike Network Study](#)
 - 3) [CMAP One Regional Voice 2025](#)*Action Requested:* Informational

- VII. Other Business**

- VIII. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 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
Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 14, 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
Lara Sanoica, Mayor, City of Rolling Meadows
Rachel Applegate, Village of Schaumburg
Erik Sanchez, Village of Skokie
Bille Roth, President, Village of Streamwood
Aldair Vargas, Village of Streamwood
Ross Klicker, Village of Wheeling
Scott Mangum, Village of Winnetka

Others Present

Andrea Larson, Village of Buffalo Grove
Eric Heiker, City of Des Plaines
Sarah D. FioRito, City of Evanston
Doug Hammel, Village of Glenview
Laura Ditanto, Village of Libertyville
Ron Milanesio, Village of Wilmette
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 10:30 a.m.

II. Approval of September 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Buehler moved approval of the September 9, 2025 meeting minutes. Trustee Porter seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. NWMC E-Mobility Summit/Legislative Working Group

Mr. Larson and Mr. Czarnota summarized the NWMC's E-Mobility Devices Summit held on September 22. Mr. Larson noted that over 80 individuals attended the summit, both virtually and in person. He highlighted the diversity of ordinance requirements and their potential impact on the Priority Bike Corridors outlined in the NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan. He emphasized that the summit coalesced around the idea that this diversity is caused by a lack of clarity in state law, placing the burden on municipalities to resolve. He added that the recording of the summit and educational materials are available for distribution.

Mr. Czarnota said that based on feedback from the summit panel and attendees, municipalities need greater clarity from the state, simplification of the transportation definitions and an education program to address concerns. He noted that there was a desire to form a working group to lead discussion on e-mobility legislation on a state-level or single item to reduce fragmentation, and that NWMC staff would look to include 2-3 members from each interest area in said working group.

Mr. Fowler thanked Trustee Gens and staff, noting the legislators' interest in involvement on the working group, but also the desire to keep the group size manageable to have work product available during the spring legislative session.

Ms. FioRito said that the current state legislation landscape places a higher burden on usage of e-mobility devices but a lower burden for motor vehicles and recommended that the working group address the discrepancy and bring those requirements into alignment.

Mr. Simmons shared that Ride Illinois' conversations with state legislators indicate an interest in addressing all the different device definitions, including interest in high-speed electric scooter definitions that could address the age difference.

Ms. Larson asked whether there was a public education component and how to get material out to build public awareness. Mr. Czarnota replied that outreach was discussed at the Summit but was not substantive. Mr. Larson added that Deerfield and Schaumburg shared their public outreach materials during and after the Summit. Trustee Gens agreed on the importance of education and asked whether the NWMC could host a dropbox on example materials. Mr. Larson said he could create one.

Trustee Porter noted that Hanover Park is expanding its bike facilities and is looking at the importance of providing clear locations on permitted locations where device bans are in place. He asked what communities have done to facilitate public awareness at restricted locations. Trustee Gens said that Mount Prospect is framing its downtown as a walk-only location and providing signage. Mr. Foresman said Mount Prospect's ordinance notes that signage will be used to indicate where bikes are required to use sidewalks, such as at crossings, despite the general prohibition.

Mr. Buehler raised concern that motorized single-wheel devices are proliferating and asked whether the number of wheels is considered in existing laws. He also emphasized that mobility devices language needs to distinguish between mobility devices used for disabilities versus general transportation. Mr. Larson responded that most community ordinances have carved out devices required for individuals with disabilities, and that state law limits scooters to two wheels in tandem and e-bikes to two or more wheels. Mr. Simmons added that Ride Illinois is meeting with Illinois Secretary of State Giannoulis after the General Assembly veto session to discuss potential changes.

IV. Local Project Updates

Trustee Gens reported that Park Ridge recently built out new buffered bike lanes, which were completed at the end of September.

Mr. Czarnota announced that the Surface Transportation Program Local (STP-L) will be opening later this month, which can help build out bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. He added that the NWMC recently hosted a workshop on the STP-L process. He noted that any communities in Lake County would also be able to apply for STP funds with the call for projects administered by the Lake County DOT opening soon. Mr. Larson said that the North Shore Council of Mayors would be partnering with McHenry County for a workshop covering the two groups' new Safety Improvement evaluation technique later in October.

V. Funding and Planning Opportunities

Mr. Czarnota shared an update on funding and planning opportunities, including the Cook County O'Hare Bike Network Study and CMAP One Regional Voice 2025.

VI. Other Business

Trustee Gens shared Mount Prospect's recent involvement with the Walk, Bike, and Roll to School program on October 8 and asked how communities can utilize the program to encourage middle schools to participate, and whether funding is the main barrier. Mr. Czarnota agreed that funding is a barrier in addition to actual capacity, adding that there is a limit to the number of contractors available for projects. Mr. Larson noted that 9 NWMC communities, comprising 20 schools, participated in the most recent Walk and Roll to School Day. Mr. Czarnota noted that NWMC provided an informational Bike and Roll to School Day program at a prior meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, and that NWMC is available to assist with resources putting this together. Mr. Simmons noted that event and program success has been closely tied to support from elected officials. Trustee Gens said that she is available to write a template letter of support that other elected officials can share with their communities to build support and find other ways to make the program easier to implement.

VII. Next Meeting

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

Mr. Larson asked that communities notify staff if they will be unable to attend due to the meeting's overlap with Veterans Day.

VIII. Adjourn

Mayor Sanoica moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. Mr. Mangum seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.