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

**Tuesday, November 12, 2024
10:30 a.m.**

NWMC Offices or via Video Conference

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. Approval of October 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes
- III. UIC and Active Transportation Alliance Project Sidewalk (Attachment B)**
The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Project Sidewalk team and Active Transportation Alliance will share details about a virtual map-a-thon training and stipend program which will be launching this winter to help communities map their sidewalk and bikeway conditions.
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 is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10 at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.
- VII. Adjourn**

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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2024
NWMC Offices and Video Conference**

Members Present

Trustee Herb Porter, Village of Hanover Park, Chair
Phil Green, Village of Hoffman Estates
Scott Mangum, Village of Lincolnwood
Luke Foresman, Village of Mount Prospect
Nathan Bruemmer, Village of Niles
A.C. Buehler, Village of Northbrook
Rachel Applegate, Village of Schaumburg
Scott Nielsen, Village of Streamwood
Ross Klicker, Village of Wheeling

Others Present

Briget Schwab, Village of Arlington Heights
Andrew Barna, Village of Bartlett
Eric Heiker, City of Des Plaines
Sarah D. FioRito, City of Evanston
Laura Ditanto, Village of Libertyville
Jake O'Donnell, Village of Northbrook
Victoria Barrett, CMAP
Ralph Banasiak, Daily Herald
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 10:34 a.m.

II. Approval of September 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Buehler moved approval of the September 10, 2024 meeting minutes. Mr. Bruemmer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. CMAP Speed Management Report

Ms. Barrett presented the CMAP [speed management report](#), which was developed in response to regional traffic safety issues and concerns affecting northeastern Illinois. She described the factors that contribute to speed-related traffic safety risks and shared the report's recommendations on road design, speed limit policy, education, and equitable enforcement.

Mr. Porter asked why the United States sees higher fatality rate despite lower per capita bicycle usage than other countries. Ms. Barrett responded that per capita bike usage is disconnected from fatality rates and that multiple factors, including roadway design and strictness of enforcement programs, affect the fatality rate.

Mr. Simmons discussed the National Safety Council's recently published [Road to Zero truck report](#). Ms. FioRito said that Evanston will be piloting educational programs to assist with safety efforts. Ms. Barrett added that CMAP interviewed municipalities about traffic safety, including the City of Evanston. She said that if Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) are used at a crossing, including a "Yield for Pedestrians" sign in the middle of the crossing creates visual friction and an educational feature for drivers that increases caution.

Mr. Porter asked whether any communities had any experience with roundabouts. Mayor Sanoica highlighted the Des Plaines Golf Road and Wolf Road roundabout, which Mr. Magnum identified as an IDOT project. Mayor Sanoica mentioned that the Schaumburg roundabout was included as an example in Rolling Meadows' bike plan. Ms. Applegate said that Schaumburg has recently approved a roundabout in the village's residential area. Mr. Porter asked what was considered for location selection. Ms. Applegate said no right of way (ROW) was required, enabling a compact roundabout to be built in the existing ROW, and the project was directly proposed by the village board. Ms. Barrett agreed that additional ROW can be a barrier to roundabout construction, but the changed vectors of travel reduce the danger of crashes. Ms. Applegate noted that Schaumburg has seen reduced intersection conflicts and safer pedestrian crossings at the location.

Ms. Barrett reported on the [county Safety Action Plans under development](#) through Safe Travel for All federal grants, with a goal to position counties and municipalities for Safe Streets for All grants. She added that multiple outreach events will occur as part of the plan development process, with resulting action items for infrastructure, policy, and process. Ms. Barrett reported that October is Pedestrian Safety Month, with Walk and Roll to School Day on October 9, and [social media kits are available to promote safety actions](#). Mr. Larson reported that he will serve on the Cook County Safety Action Plan Steering Committee and requested that members provide any questions or feedback. Mr. Mangum announced that the safety maps for the Safety Action Plans are live and encouraged adding local safety concerns, which can enable communities to access safety-related funding.

Mr. Banasiak asked whether the numbers were flipped on the pedestrian and bicyclist graph. Ms. Barrett agreed that there was an error on the slide and that she would correct it.

IV. Other Business

Mr. Larson reported that [IDOT's Public Transportation Plan survey](#) is open through December. He added that IDOT's ITEP and SRTS Special Programs Assistance Conference will be held in Spring 2025, and that the Village of Glencoe received commendation for their school access route Safe Routes to School project at the IDOT Fall Planning Conference.

Mr. Larson reported on upcoming bicycle and pedestrian related webinars, including the [State DOT: Safe Systems Approach](#) on October 8, [How Cities Can Create Safer Streets](#) on October 15, the [Safe Systems Pyramid](#) on October 15, [Lighting Design for an Urban Environment](#) on October 29, and the [World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims](#) on November 17.

Mr. Simmons announced that Ride Illinois will be hosting its [Bike and Ride Summit from May 7 through 8, 2025](#) in Springfield and encouraged communities to participate.

Mr. Foresman announced that Mount Prospect will host its second community open house for its [Arterial Bike Network Study](#) on October 17.

V. Next Meeting

Trustee Porter announced that the next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12 at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.

VI. Adjourn

Mr. Mangum moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m. Mr. Buehler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Apply for a \$300 Stipend with Project Sidewalk!

Project Sidewalk is a fun, free, online tool that uses crowdsourcing to collect data on sidewalk and bikeway accessibility.

Active Transportation Alliance is teaming up with University of Illinois-Chicago's (UIC's) Project Sidewalk team to offer stipends for up to 10 volunteer groups and individuals committed to virtually mapping the conditions of their local sidewalks and bikeways.



Apply for a stipend to learn how to use Project Sidewalk and map sidewalk and bikeway barriers in your own community this winter!

What's involved?

- **Training:** Attend two virtual training sessions in December/January and commit to mapping the sidewalk and bikeway conditions in your community.
- **Support:** We'll host optional monthly calls this winter and spring to work with you on strategies for using your findings to advocate for improvements in your community.
- **Flexibility and fun:** The \$300 stipend is designed to support your Project Sidewalk efforts, whether you want to host a pizza party for a group of volunteers, offer prizes for completing tasks, or use it for advocacy initiatives based on your findings.

Who should apply?

Community advocates, pedestrians, bicyclists, and anyone passionate about making Chicagoland more accessible! You're encouraged to involve others from your community as you map your streets.

Apply today and help us make our streets better for all!

Apply for the Project Sidewalk stipend program by **Monday, November 25** here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ChicagolandPS>

Questions? Contact Maggie Czerwinski at Maggie@activetrans.org.

