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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee**

Agenda

**Tuesday, February 10, 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 January 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes

- III. Bicycle Friendly Community Awards and Honorable Mentions**
NWMC staff will recognize the recent NWMC members who received the [League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community](#) Award (Silver: *Evanston*; Bronze: *Niles*) and Honorable Mentions (*Grayslake, Skokie*). Nathan Bruemmer, of the Village of Niles, will share how the application was developed, what was already in place and what new efforts were needed, and how the community intends to use this status going forward. NWMC staff will afterwards lead a discussion on the program, whose next application cycle closes in June.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- 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) [IDOT ADA Transition Planning and Self-Evaluation Webinar](#) – February 11
 - 2) [US DOT BUILD Grant](#) – February 24
 - 3) [AARP Community Challenge Grant](#) – March 4
 - 4) [Invest in Cook](#) – March 20*Action Requested:* Informational

- VI. Other Business**

- VII. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 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, January 13, 2026
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
Luke Foresman, Village of Mount Prospect
Nathan Bruemmer, Village of Niles
Rachel Applegate, Village of Schaumburg
Erik Sanchez, Village of Skokie
Aldair Vargas, Village of Streamwood
Ross Klicker, Village of Wheeling
Scott Mangum, Village of Winnetka

Others Present

Andrew Barna, Village of Bartlett
Adam Dow, Village of Buffalo Grove
John Fredian, City of Des Plaines
Eric Heiker, City of Des Plaines
Sarah D. FioRito, City of Evanston
Chris Tomich, Village of Morton Grove
Lou Arrigoni, Village of Park Ridge
Ron Milanesio, Village of Wilmette
Kathleen Ebeling, CBBEL
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 10:37 a.m.

II. Approval of November 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Mangum motioned to approve the November 11, 2025 minutes. Trustee Porter seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Implementation of the Busse Highway Road Diet and Bikeway

Mr. Arrigoni presented on the process of 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](#). He discussed reconfiguration coordination with IDOT and noted it completes a significant section of the [NWMC Northwest Bikeway Priority Corridor](#). He said that driver awareness of striping has taken time as some use the outer bike lanes as passing lanes.

Ms. FioRito asked about the response to the business district segment where riders are diverted to the sidewalk. Mr. Arrigoni mentioned that the signage indicating riders to use driveways has created some confusion.

Trustee Gens asked how long IDOT will take to complete lighting. Mr. Arrigoni said the village anticipates spring 2026 to complete the lighting, a section of missing sidewalk and landscaping.

Trustee Gens asked whether the municipality did any public outreach about the changes. Mr. Arrigoni said the village bike commission conducted outreach to residents but noted that it's hard to conduct sufficient outreach for non-resident commuter traffic.

Trustee Porter asked what grants were used for modifications. Mr. Arrigoni said no grants were used as IDOT was working on a street resurfacing and was willing to incorporate Park Ridge's plans, so Park Ridge only paid for planning and design efforts.

Mr. Mangum asked whether bike route signage was installed and if NWMC signage was included. Mr. Arrigoni said regional signage isn't installed yet, just local and IDOT signage.

IV. Local Project Updates

Ms. FioRito shared that Evanston will be releasing its bicycle pilot voucher report and developing Divvy bike expansion efforts. She said that Evanston is also in the process of developing school transportation education. Ms. FioRito noted that Evanston has also had its first steering committee for its upcoming bike plan project. She shared that Evanston is also developing the next stage of its bus pad implementation project. Mr. Larson asked if the bus pad project will only be for local roads. Ms. FioRito responded yes, although IDOT will be conducting a study of Church Street Bridge as part of the effort.

V. Funding and Planning Opportunities

Mr. Larson provided an update on funding and planning opportunities, including the [RTA Access to Transit](#) program, where he showcased the [new public CMAP eTIP map platform](#) that can be used to highlight funding sources for project ideas.

Trustee Gens encouraged communities to use the new CMAP eTIP map if they are looking for what other communities have done with various funding sources.

VI. Other Business

Mr. Larson provided a synopsis on the NWMC e-Mobility Device Working Group. He shared that the working group meetings began back on November 24th and the group met almost every week up until the beginning of January. Mr. Larson said that the working group consisted of local elected officials, municipal staff, a city manager, law enforcement, advocacy groups, legal, DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and Rep. Didech and Rep. Canty. He said the group focused on 3 legislative buckets: providing a clear definition of e-mobility devices based on classification and capabilities; identifying appropriate user age and/or licensing requirements; and, specifying locations where use is allowed or restricted. He noted a consensus was

formed from the working group that the state should define the vehicles and local municipalities should determine where they would be permitted. He added that the finalized legislative language was submitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) on January 9 by Rep. Didech on behalf of the working group, and that NWMC staff will continue working on the proposal with Rep. Didech, his staff and the LRB.

Mr. Larson also shared that the NWMC met with the Illinois Secretary of State's office during this process, noting that this is an issue the Secretary's office is closely monitoring. Mr. Larson said that the Secretary of State held a stakeholder meeting in September and is working on their own draft of e-mobility legislation, reporting that Sen. Villivalam and Rep. Hernandez would be carrying that bill. Mr. Larson said that conversations with the Secretary of State's office indicated it seemed like there were a lot of similarities between the NWMC and Secretary's proposals but there were still some subtle differences specifically regarding age. He noted that the NWMC proposal was shared with the Secretary's office, that NWMC staff were added to the stakeholder email list, and that they will receive updates from the Secretary's office and share them with NWMC members.

Trustee Gens thanked Mr. Czarnota and Mr. Larson for their work focusing the group on standardized and easily understood definitions.

Ms. FioRito asked about movement on legislation, and where age limits would be in place and sidewalk limitations. Mr. Larson noted that the earlier deadline was to meet LRB language review.

Trustee Porter asked about different kinds of vehicles and whether age was intended to be addressed. Mr. Fowler noted that discussions and negotiations would shape language, and legal challenges could happen. He said that once language is okayed by the LRB, NWMC staff would share it with the group.

Trustee Gens requested that communities engage in Bike and Roll to School Day on May 6, noting that multiple agencies and organizations engaging in traffic safety education is key. She asked members about interest in hearing about Evanston's bike education pilot program and received general support. Trustee Gens asked NWMC staff to act on the Committee's request.

Mr. Czarnota noted that some Outlook calendar items are not appearing on the correct date for some users and that NWMC staff will work on addressing this issue.

VII. Next Meeting

Trustee Gens announced that 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

Mr. Mangum moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Mr. Bruemmer seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.