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Northwest Municipal Conference Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee Agenda

March 16, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Via Zoom Video Conference

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89677480099?pwd=SHd2bEhtZjM3ZmY3MTR2Y08zWkxYUT09>

- I. **Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. **Approval of February 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve of Minutes
- III. **Public Art for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety – Panel Discussion**
Mary Fedorowski, Owner – Overbite Studios, Jessica Hyink, Transportation and Mobility Coordinator – City of Evanston, and Ross Klicker, Director of Community Development – Village of Wheeling, will lead an informal discussion on their experiences with implementing public art projects that aim to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
- IV. **Legislative Update (Attachment B)**
Staff will provide an update on legislation introduced in Springfield that impacts bicycle and pedestrian issues and requests feedback from the Committee.
Action Requested: Discussion
- V. **Local Project/NWMC Multimodal Plan Updates**
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
- VI. **Other Business**
- VII. **Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom video conference.
- VIII. **Adjourn**

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**NWMC Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee
Via Video Conference
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Attendance:

Nellie Beckner, Village of Mount Prospect (co-chair)
Andrew Binder, Village of Barrington
Dave Simmons, Village of Elk Grove Village
Jessica Hyink, City of Evanston
Adriana Webb, Village of Glenview
Tim O'Brien, Village of Niles
A.C. Buehler, Village of Northbrook Bicycle Task Force
Ald. Lara Sanoica, City of Rolling Meadows
Patrick Knapp, Village of Schaumburg
Ross Klicker, Village of Wheeling

Others Present:

Briget Schwab, Village of Arlington Heights
Devin Kamperschroer, Village of Bartlett
Eric Heiker, City of Des Plaines
Scott Magnum, Village of Lincolnwood
Matt Lawrie, Village of Mount Prospect
Carrie Haberstick, Village of Skokie
Danielle Horn, Village of Wilmette
Heather Schady, Active Transportation Alliance
Caitlin Goodspeed, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mary Weber, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Deb Kutska, Oakton Community College
Mark Fowler, Northwest Municipal Conference
Larry Bury, Northwest Municipal Conference
Kendra Johnson, Northwest Municipal Conference
Matt Pasquini, Northwest Municipal Conference

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Ms. Beckner called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

II. Active Transportation Alliance Survey

Ms. Schady reported that Active Transportation Alliance (Active Trans) is advocating for legislation aimed to eliminate the local match requirement for bicycling and pedestrian projects completed on state roads. She discussed a survey that Active Trans is circulating designed to learn what impact IDOT's match policy is having on potential bicycle and pedestrian projects throughout the region and encouraged responses.

III. Signage Discussion

Ms. Johnson revisited the signage data collected during planning sessions for the NWMC Multimodal Plan to ensure the committee still agrees with the findings. She reiterated the Conference's ability to implement the plan included facilitating meetings and helping find consensus. She noted the Conference could provide resources to expand signage and wayfinding within the region. The committee agreed with the original findings, discussed additional features and specifications and potential means to create the signs when ready.

IV. Approval of January 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Hyink moved approval of the January 19, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Buehler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

V. Local Project/NWMC Multimodal Plan Updates

Mr. Knapp reported that the Village of Schaumburg received a State of Illinois Planning grant to begin exploring ways to improve bus access off of I-90.

Ms. Johnson reported that staff has been collecting GIS data from municipalities for the priority corridor and sidewalk maps and is preparing to publish web apps that will embed the maps on the Multimodal Plan section of the NWMC website.

Mr. Magnus reported the Village of Lincolnwood is exploring the process of applying for an Invest in Cook grant to build a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the North Shore Channel at Pratt Avenue.

Mr. Simmons shared concerns that the recently announced Cook County Bike Plan may be duplicating already existing work done in the NWMC Multimodal Plan and elsewhere. He reiterated the importance of working with Cook County to ensure alignment of priority routes and plan goals. Alderman Sanoica requested that the committee begins receiving updates on the progress of the development of the Cook County Bike Plan.

VI. Other Business

None.

VII. Next Meeting

Ms. Beckner noted that the next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Buehler moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

[HB 270/SB 1768/SB2366: BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN WAYS](#)

Rep. Anna Moeller, Sen. John Connor, Sen. Christopher Belt

Synopsis: Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that, in and within one mile of an urban area, the Department of Transportation shall establish and solely fund bicycle and pedestrian ways in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any State transportation facility. Effective immediately.

[HB 398: COMPLETE STREETS ACT](#)

Rep. Martin J. Moylan

Synopsis: Creates the Complete Streets Act. Requires the Department of Transportation to use federal or State funds allocated for transportation projects to improve safety, access, and mobility for users of the various modes of transportation. Creates the Complete Streets Advisory Board. Provides that the Governor shall appoint members representing various agencies, organizations, or interest groups to the Advisory Board. Provides that the Advisory Board, in coordination with a representative or representatives of the Department, shall prepare a report on the status of the implementation of the Complete Streets Initiative. Provides that the Advisory Board shall submit its initial report and recommendations to the Governor, the Department, and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2023, and annually on January 1 of each subsequent year. Defines the terms "Advisory Board", "Department", "multimodal", "multimodal planning or multimodal transportation planning", and "user or users". Effective immediately.

[HB 2950: SIDEWALKS&BIKE PATHS-FUEL TAX\\$](#)

Rep. Bob Morgan

Synopsis: Amends the Counties Code. Provides that, in the counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, Will, and McHenry, proceeds from the County Motor Fuel Tax Law may also be used for operating, constructing, improving, and acquiring land for shared-use paths for nonvehicular public travel, sidewalks, and bike paths. Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that "highway" includes shared-use paths for nonvehicular public travel, sidewalks, and bike paths. Provides that any county may acquire property for the construction, maintenance or operation of any shared-use path for nonvehicular public travel, sidewalk, or bike path within the county. Provides that the county board of a county with a population over 500,000 may also use motor fuel tax funds allotted to it for the construction and maintenance of shared-use paths for nonvehicular public travel, sidewalks, and bike paths. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.