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## Northwest Municipal Conference Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

### Agenda

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

10:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices

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(map/parking permit attached)

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. Approval of February 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**  
*Action Requested: Approval of Minutes*
- III. Multimodal Plan Public Outreach**  
The [website for the NWMC Multimodal Plan](#) has launched. It contains both information about the project and a public survey. Staff is requesting input on how to best gather survey responses and public comment.  
*Action Requested: Discussion*
- IV. Northwest and North Shore Council CMAQ and TAP Applications (Attachments B and C)**  
Staff will provide an overview of bicycle and pedestrian projects from the Northwest and North Shore Councils of Mayors that were submitted for CMAQ and TAP funding.  
*Action Requested: Informational*
- V. State Legislative Update (Attachment D)**  
Staff will provide an update on potential bills of interest at the state level. Staff also requests input from the Committee to help inform NWMC's legislative activities.  
*Action Requested: Discussion*
- VI. Local Project Updates**  
Municipalities and others will be asked to provide updates on bicycle and pedestrian related projects.  
*Action Requested: Discussion*
- VII. Other Business**
- VIII. Next Meeting**  
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 10:30 a.m.
- IX. Adjourn**

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**Northwest Municipal Conference  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee  
Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
10:30 a.m.  
NWMC Offices**

**Committee Members Present:**

Derek Peebles, Civil Engineer, City of Des Plaines (co-chair)  
A.C. Buehler, Trustee, Village of Northbrook (co-chair)  
Patrick Knapp, Transportation Planner, Village of Schaumburg  
Jessica Hyink, Transportation and Mobility Coordinator, City of Evanston  
Nellie Beckner, Assistant to the Village Manager, Village of Mount Prospect  
Adriana Webb, Capital Project Manager, Village of Glenview  
Andrew Jennings, Community Development Director, Village of Wheeling  
Andrew Binder, Planning and Zoning Coordinator, Village of Barrington

**Others Present:**

Matt Lawrie, Assistant Village Engineer, Village of Mount Prospect  
Aram Beladi, Project Manager, Village of Northbrook  
Alex Riegler, Civil Engineer, Village of Streamwood  
Adam Hall, Management Analyst, Village of Glencoe  
Mark Fowler, Executive Director, Northwest Municipal Conference  
Josh Klingenstein, Program Associate for Transportation, Northwest Municipal Conference  
Cole Jackson, Program Associate for Transportation, Northwest Municipal Conference  
Danielle Horn, Project Manager, Village of Wilmette

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

Trustee Buehler called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. and asked those present to provide introductions.

**II. Approval of January 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved on a motion by Ms. Beckner, seconded by Ms. Webb.

**III. Village of Glencoe Active Transportation Plan Presentation**

Adam Hall, Management Analyst for the Village of Glencoe, gave a presentation on the Village's Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Hall provided background on the initiation of the plan and gave an overview of the 18-month timeline for the plan's completion. He also noted that the plan was an intergovernmental effort, with the Village garnering support from the local School District and Park District Boards. Mr. Hall also reviewed the plan's funding and scope.

Mr. Hall continued, noting that the plan helps advance a number of ongoing planning initiatives in the Village. Finally, Mr. Hall reviewed the plan's deliverables. These included an existing conditions assessment, public engagement opportunities, and

final recommendations, including a community-wide active transportation network map and a project list and implementation matrix.

Trustee Buehler asked if the recommendations in the plan were in line with work done by the Forest Preserve. Mr. Hall responded that the plan had recommendations for connectivity to the North Branch Trail and other Forest Preserve facilities. Mr. Peebles asked where the network map could be found. Mr. Hall said that it was on the Village website. Mr. Peebles asked why the plan was created. Mr. Hall responded that it was primarily an initiative of the Sustainability Task Force set up by the Village. Mr. Hall then reviewed some of the main recommendations of the plan. Mr. Peebles noted that some communities have had negative experiences with implementing “sharrows” on their roads, and said that some cheaper thermoplastic was available that could help lower project costs. Mr. Hall finally noted that the Village had installed marked shoulders along Green Bay Rd. in areas where landscaped medians create narrower traffic lanes.

#### **IV. Steering Committee Organization and Multimodal Plan Update**

Mr. Klingenstein provided an update on the schedule for the NWMC Multimodal Plan. He noted that the first steering committee meeting would be held in April, and provided dates for the remaining steering committee meetings. He also reported that the Lakota group had completed a community engagement plan, and reviewed the deliverables mentioned in the plan. He noted that the project website would launch in March, and that it would include many opportunities for public engagement. Finally, Mr. Klingenstein reviewed the remaining schedule and presented the plan’s branding to the committee.

Mr. Klingenstein then reported on the proposed steering committee membership. He said that the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee would make up the core of the steering committee, and that other members would include representatives from Pace, Metra, IDOT, and the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways. He also mentioned that staff recommended including members from the Cook County Forest Preserve District, CTA, and the Lake County Department of Transportation, as well as members from advocacy groups such as the Active Transportation Alliance and Ride Illinois. Mr. Klingenstein asked the committee if any other members should be added. Trustee Buehler said that he did not think the proposed membership list needed to be changed.

#### **V. Discussion on “Scooter Bill” HB 1590**

Mr. Jackson provided an overview of Illinois House Bill 1590, which would regulate electric scooter use in the state. The bill would limit use of electric scooters to individuals over 16 years old with a valid drivers’ license, and would allow the scooters to be used on any designated bicycle facility. Trustee Buehler asked what vehicles would be included under the definition of a “scooter”. Mr. Peebles added that maximum speed should be a factor. Mr. Fowler said that the proposal would limit scooters to a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour.

Mr. Peebles asked if the bill allowed for scooters to be ridden on sidewalks if bicycles are not explicitly banned. Mr. Fowler said that the bill did allow for scooters to be ridden on sidewalks if not prohibited by local regulations. Trustee Buehler asked if home rule would be pre-empted by the bill, noting that the Village of Northbrook had already banned electric scooters. Mr. Fowler said he did not believe that the bill pre-empted home rule. Mr. Jackson noted that the license requirement raised equity concerns.

Mr. Fowler asked if any committee members had been approached by scooter companies. Ms. Hyink said that Evanston had been approached, but that the City currently bans electric scooters. Ms. Hyink noted that the City is reviewing permitting and may allow scooters later this year. Mr. Peebles asked if that ordinance had existed prior to the recent proliferation of electric scooters. Ms. Hyink said that it had. Trustee Buehler asked if most of the scooters being ridden in other cities were rentals. Mr. Klingenstein said that most are rentals, but Ms. Beckner noted that they are available for sale. Mr. Peebles said that he believed that electric scooters would be compatible with most existing bike infrastructure. Ms. Hyink also noted that it is possible to limit speeds using GPS technology. Mr. Klingenstein asked Mr. Fowler if he knew the likelihood of the bill being adopted. Mr. Fowler said he was unsure. Trustee Buehler said the committee would decline to take a position on the issue.

**VI. Local Project Updates**

Ms. Horn noted that the Village of Wilmette was wrapping up its Master Bike and Active Transportation Plan, and that Village staff would be happy to present at a future meeting. Trustee Buehler asked if there was a bicycle and pedestrian commission involved in the planning process. Ms. Horn said no and that the plan was initiated by Village staff and is being completed by a consultant. Ms. Horn also noted that the Village is applying for CMAQ and TAP funding for improvements to the Skokie Valley Trail. Ms. Webb added that there would be a May 29 public meeting to discuss the proposed improvements, and that Phase I engineering on the project was almost complete.

Mr. Knapp reported that Schaumburg would be revamping its bike to work week in May, noting that the Village would be setting up a bike pit stop at the Schaumburg Metra station. He also said that there would be a bike to work competition between corporations in the area. Ms. Hyink noted that Evanston was completing a Phase I study for a portion of Main St. in Evanston, and that it was unclear if the street was wide enough to accommodate a bike lane.

Mr. Klingenstein reported on updates from the City of Park Ridge, noting that the City had contracted with T.Y. Lin to complete a Phase I road diet study for Busse Road. He said the City believed that the work would be complete prior to the IDOT resurfacing project on Busse Rd. going to letting in April, but that he was unsure if the study would meet IDOT's required level of detail to include the recommendations in the project. Mr. Peebles added that Des Plaines had already submitted draft plans for its portion of the project, and that Park Ridge's section was less certain due to design challenges. Mr. Klingenstein also reported that the City had a striping contract to add bike lanes and sharrows on North Prospect Avenue. Finally, Mr. Klingenstein noted that the City Council would soon be deciding on the bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

**VII. Other Business**

Mr. Klingenstein noted that the next meeting was scheduled for March 26 at 10:30 a.m.

**IX. Adjourn**

The committee voted to adjourn on a motion by Ms. Hyink, seconded by Mr. Knapp.

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### Memorandum

TO: NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

FROM: Joshua Klingenstein, Program Associate for Transportation  
Cole Jackson, Program Associate for Transportation

RE: Northwest and North Shore Councils of Mayors CMAQ and TAP Applications  
– 2019 Call for Projects

DATE: March 21, 2019

The call for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects closed on Friday, March 15. The Northwest Council of Mayors received nine applications for CMAQ and/or TAP funding, while the North Shore Council received five applications. Please note that all bicycle facility projects are automatically evaluated for both CMAQ and TAP funding. Brief descriptions of each project are below, along with a list of the fund sources for which each project is applying. Location maps for each project are also provided in your packet.

### Northwest

#### **Des Plaines River Trail at Union Pacific Railroad (CMAQ, TAP)**

##### **Sponsor: Cook County Forest Preserve District**

Construct new bridge over the UP Railroad tracks to complete a gap in the existing Des Plaines River Trail.

#### **Quentin Road Bike Path (CMAQ, TAP)**

##### **Sponsor: City of Rolling Meadows**

Construct an 8' bike path along the north side of Hartung Road and the east side of Quentin Road.

#### **Golf Road and Meacham Road Multiuse Path (CMAQ, TAP)**

##### **Sponsor: Village of Schaumburg**

New multiuse path along Golf Road and Meacham Road, with ADA improvements and pedestrian signal improvements at intersections along the route.

#### **Irving Park Road at Bartlett Road Intersection Reconstruction (STP-Shared, CMAQ, TAP)**

##### **Sponsor: Village of Streamwood**

Reconstruction of the intersection of Irving Park Road and Bartlett Rd. with added turn lanes, modernized signals, new sidewalks, and a continuation of the multi-use path on Irving Park Rd.

**Buffalo Creek Multi-Use Trail Extension (CMAQ, TAP)****Sponsor: Village of Arlington Heights**

Multi-use trail extension of the Buffalo Creek Bike Path, traffic signal modifications, pedestrian signalization, crosswalk striping, and ADA ramp improvements at the intersection of Lake Cook Road and Wilke Road.

**Clearmont Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge over Salt Creek (CMAQ, TAP)****Sponsor: Elk Grove Village**

Replace existing bridge over Salt Creek and reconstruct structure to accommodate a shared bicycle and pedestrian. Path will be widened to meet multiuse path criteria.

**Rand Road Sidepath – Central Road to Elk Boulevard (CMAQ, TAP)****Sponsor: City of Des Plaines**

Construction of a new sidepath along the south side of Rand Road (US 12), excluding the 3/4-mile segment between Wolf Rd and Golf Rd for which construction is already funded.

**Rand-Central-Mount Prospect Intersections (STP-Shared, CMAQ)****Sponsor: Village of Mount Prospect**

Improve mobility at the triangle intersections of Rand, Central, and Mount Prospect Roads by modifying access, adding turn lanes, and modernizing traffic signals. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements include construction of a new shared-use path on the southwest side of Rand Road from Central Road to Isabella Street, as well as additional sidewalks connecting to commercial properties.

**US Route 14 Grade Separation at the Canadian National Railway (STP-Shared, CMAQ)****Sponsor: Village of Barrington**

Construction of a new roadway underpass at the Canadian National Railway Line. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements include an off-street shared-use path on the north/east side of US14, and on the south side of Lions Lane.

**North Shore****Skokie Valley Trail Improvements (CMAQ, TAP)****Sponsor: Village of Northfield**

Proposed multi-use HMA along Com-Ed right-of-way and portions of a discontinued Union Pacific Railroad line corridor. The project includes construction of new pedestrian bridge over the Skokie River.

**Connect Glencoe (CMAQ, TAP)****Sponsor: Glencoe Park District**

Fills a gap in the Green Bay Trail with a new 0.5-mile multi-use trail, improving connections and commutes between parks, transit, businesses, and community centers.

**Oakton Street Multi-use Path (CMAQ, TAP)****Sponsors: Village of Morton Grove, Village of Niles, Village of Skokie**

Construction of a 10' wide multi-use path along the south side of Oakton St. between Caldwell Ave. and Gross Point Rd. and along the east side of Caldwell Avenue between Howard St. and Oakton St.

**E. Lake Avenue / Waukegan Road Intersection Improvement (CMAQ)**

**Sponsor: Village of Glenview**

Intersection widening to provide right turn lanes on all four approaches, traffic signal modernization, resurfacing, ADA improvements, intersection lighting and transition lighting updates, and addition of pedestrian signals.

**Projects not related to Bike/Pedestrian Improvements:**

**Touhy/Cicero Avenue Intersection Improvements (CMAQ)**

**Sponsor: Village of Lincolnwood**

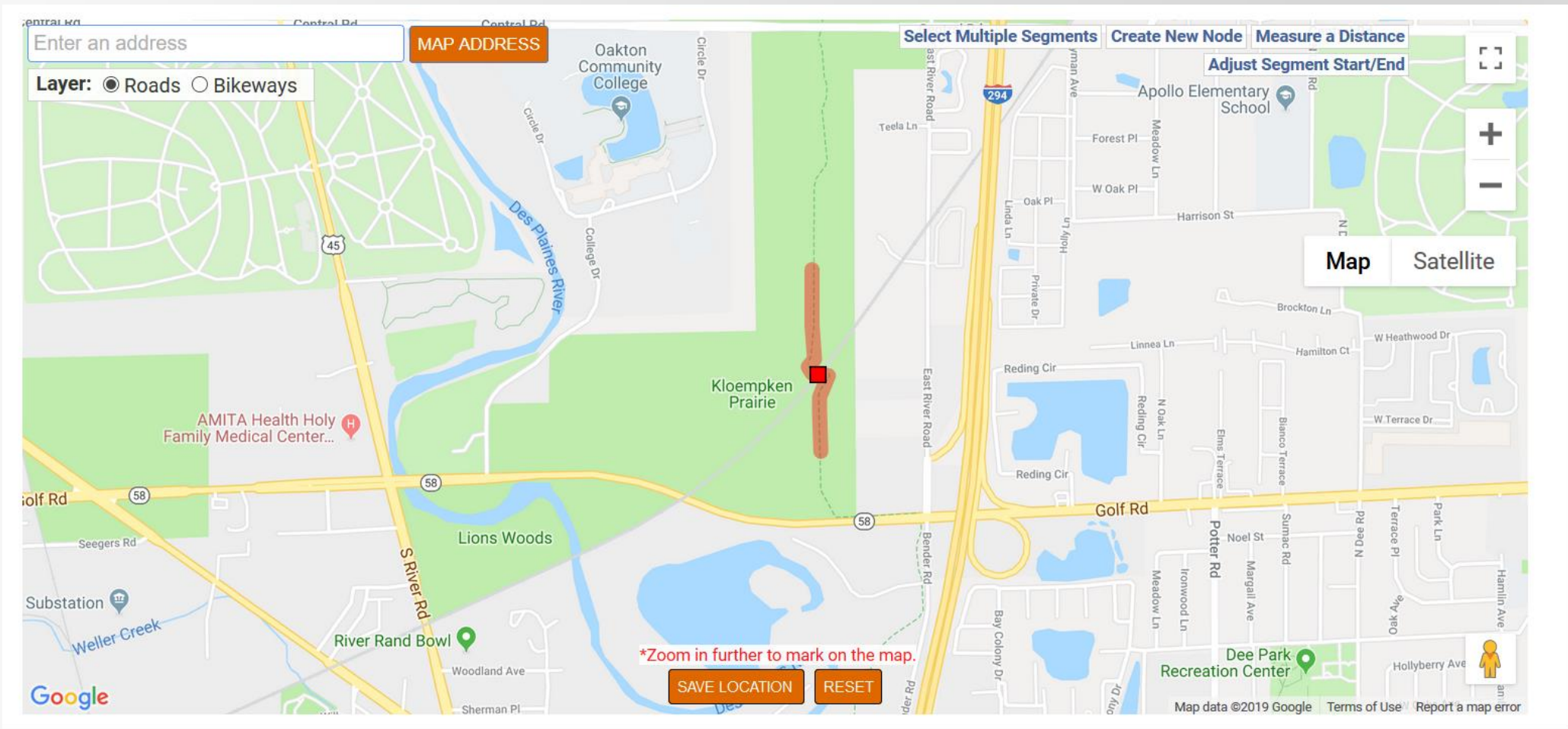
Improvements to the Touhy Avenue/Cicero Avenue Intersection to improve the flow of traffic. Improvements include a dedicated right turn lane on northbound Cicero Avenue, extending the Westbound Touhy Avenue bus pull out lane to allow the Pace Bus to pick up/drop off out of the flow of traffic, and creating an additional right turn lane on the eastbound Touhy Avenue I-94 exit ramp.

# NWMC CMAQ and TAP Applications

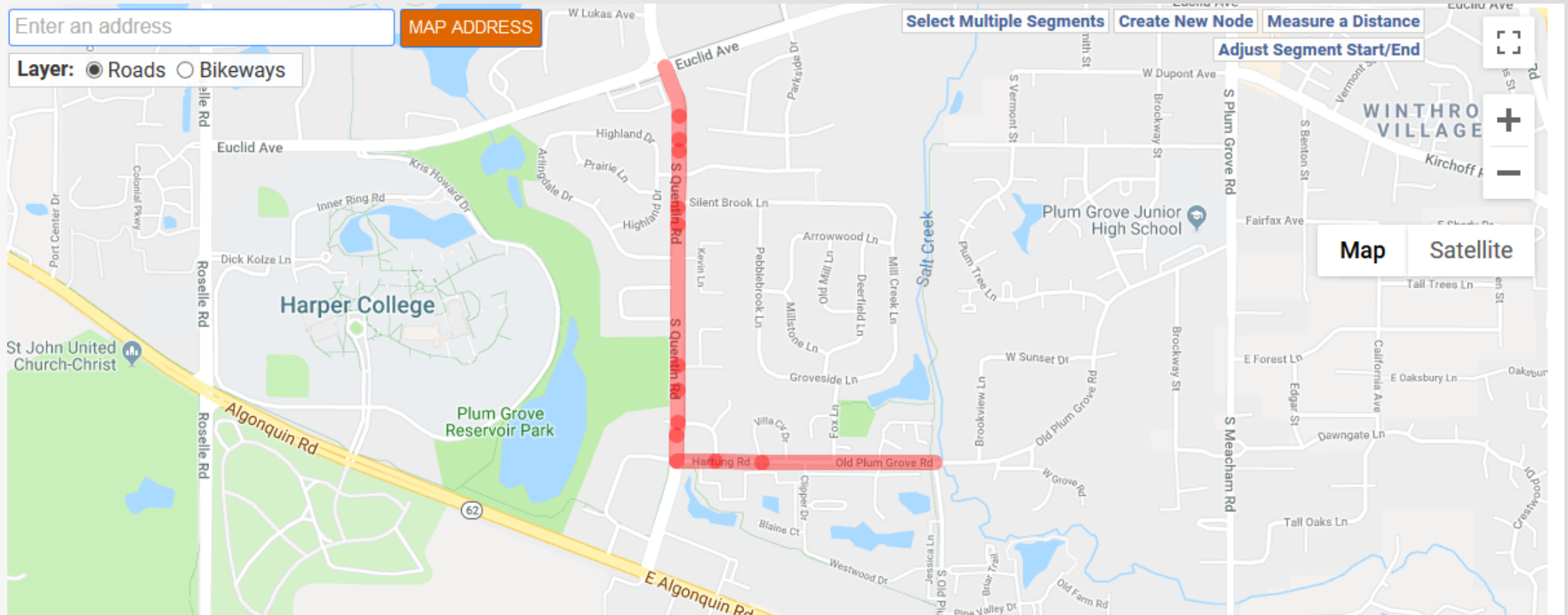
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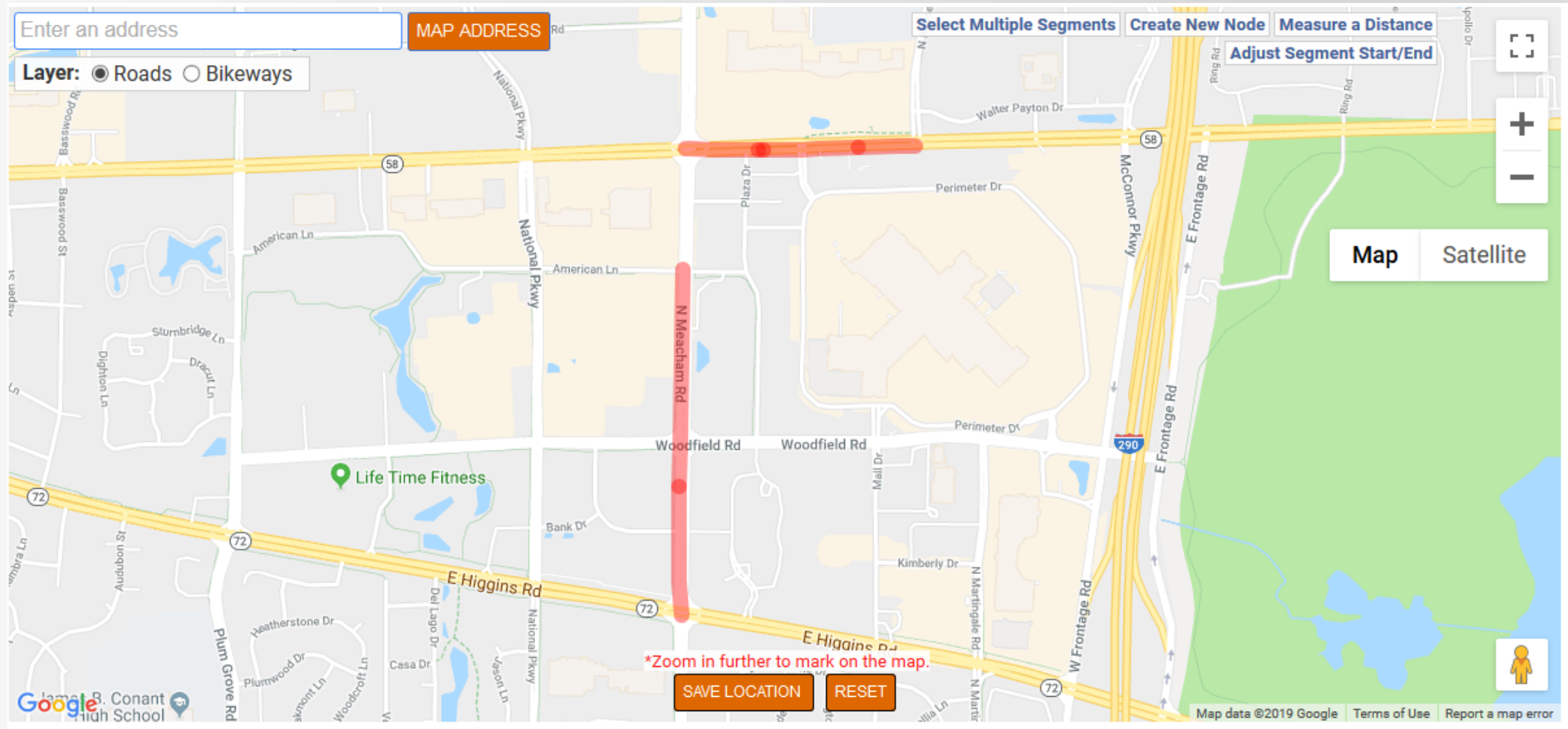
# Des Plaines River Trail at Union Pacific Railroad



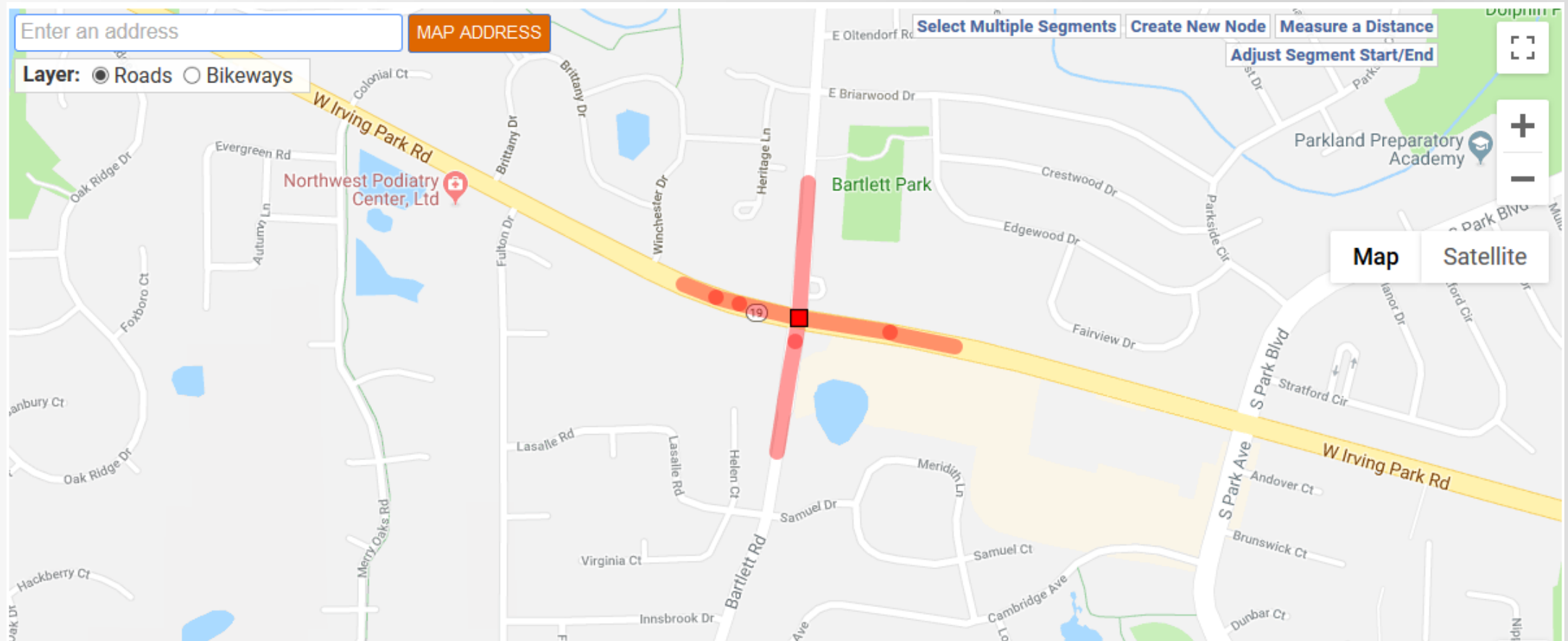
# Quentin Road Bike Path



# Golf Road and Meacham Road Multiuse Path

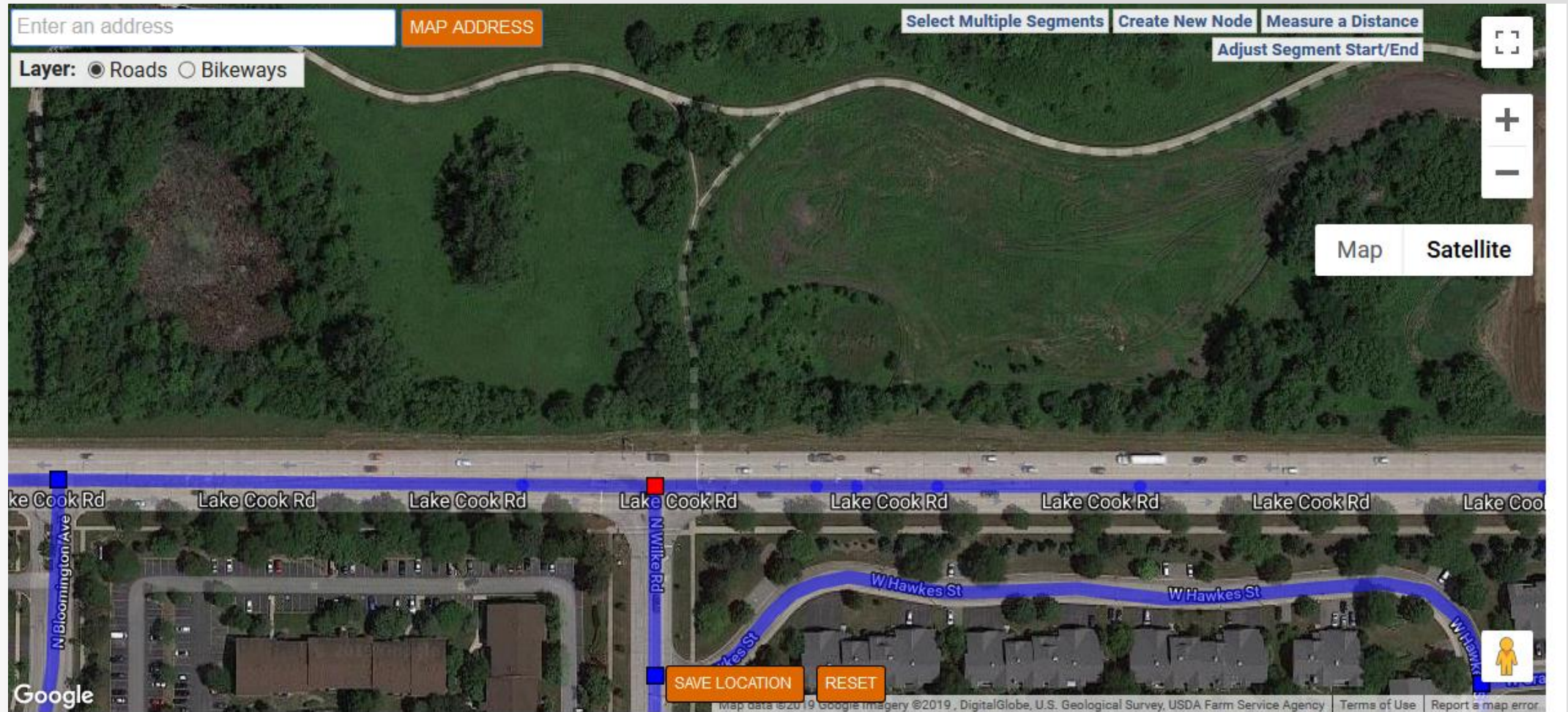


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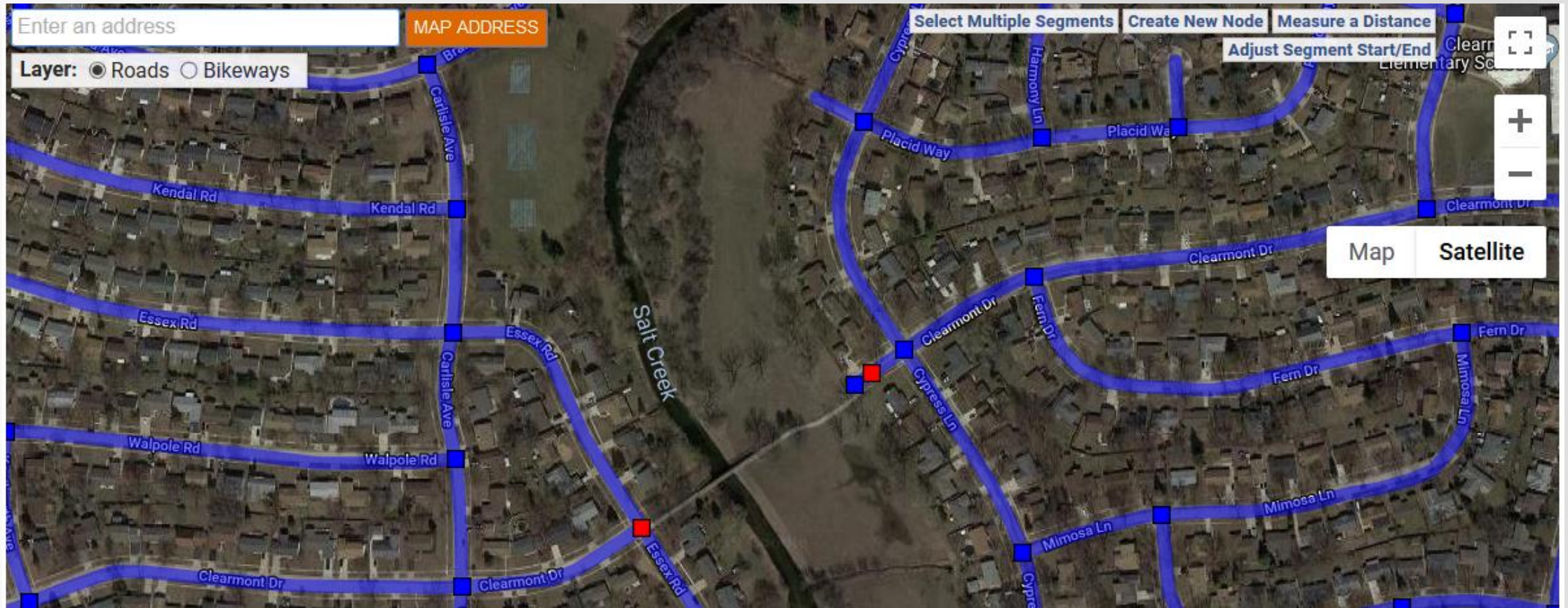


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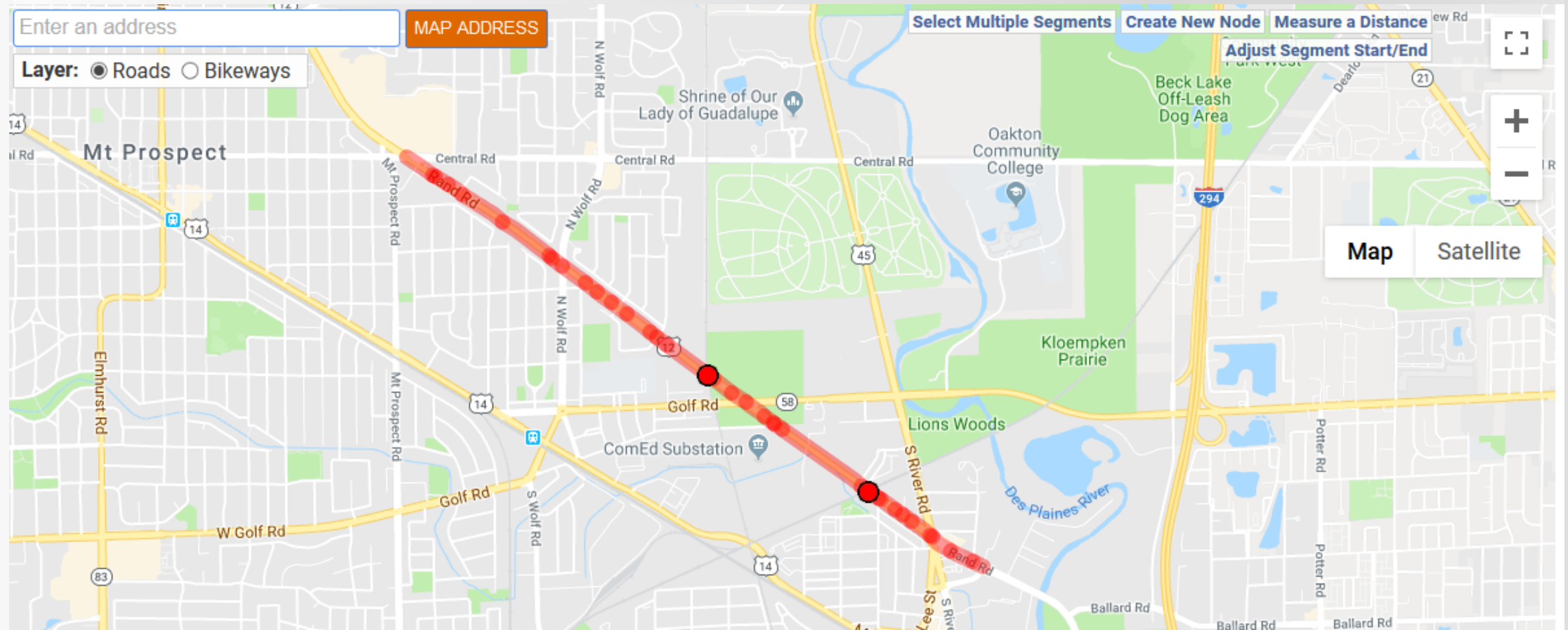




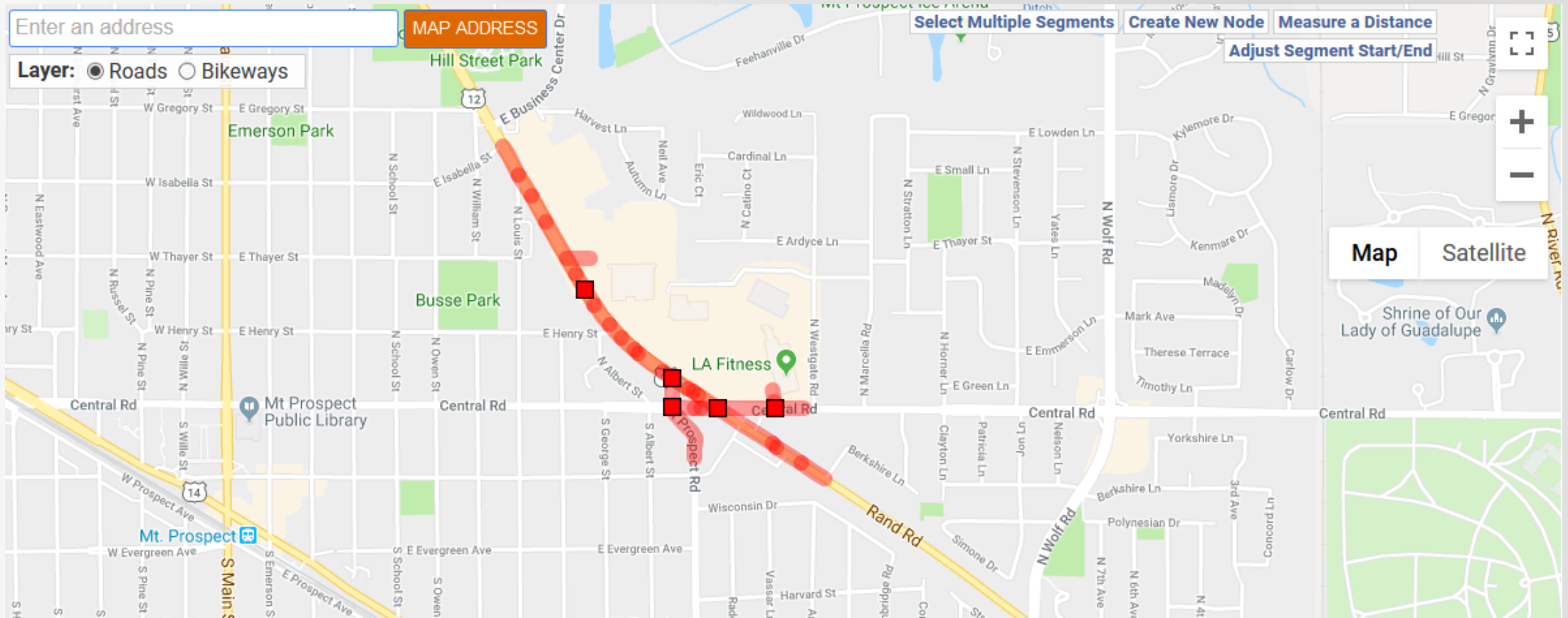
# Clearmont Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge over Salt Creek



# Rand Road Sidepath

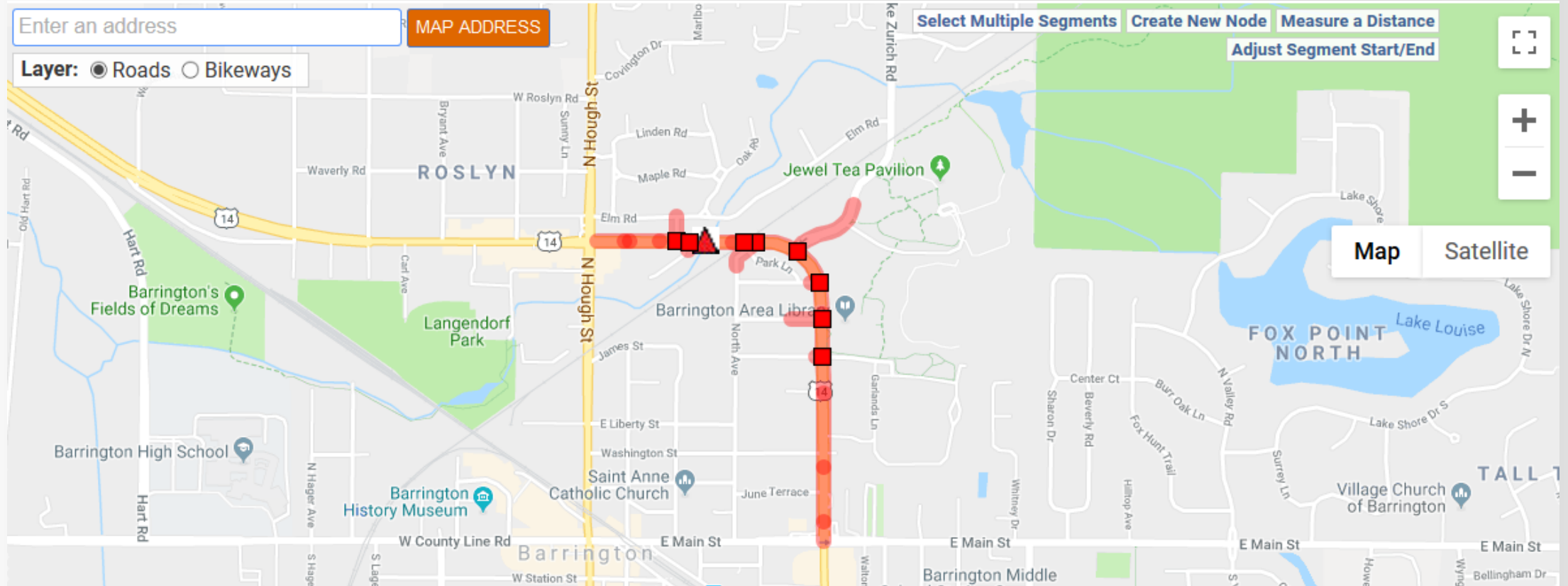


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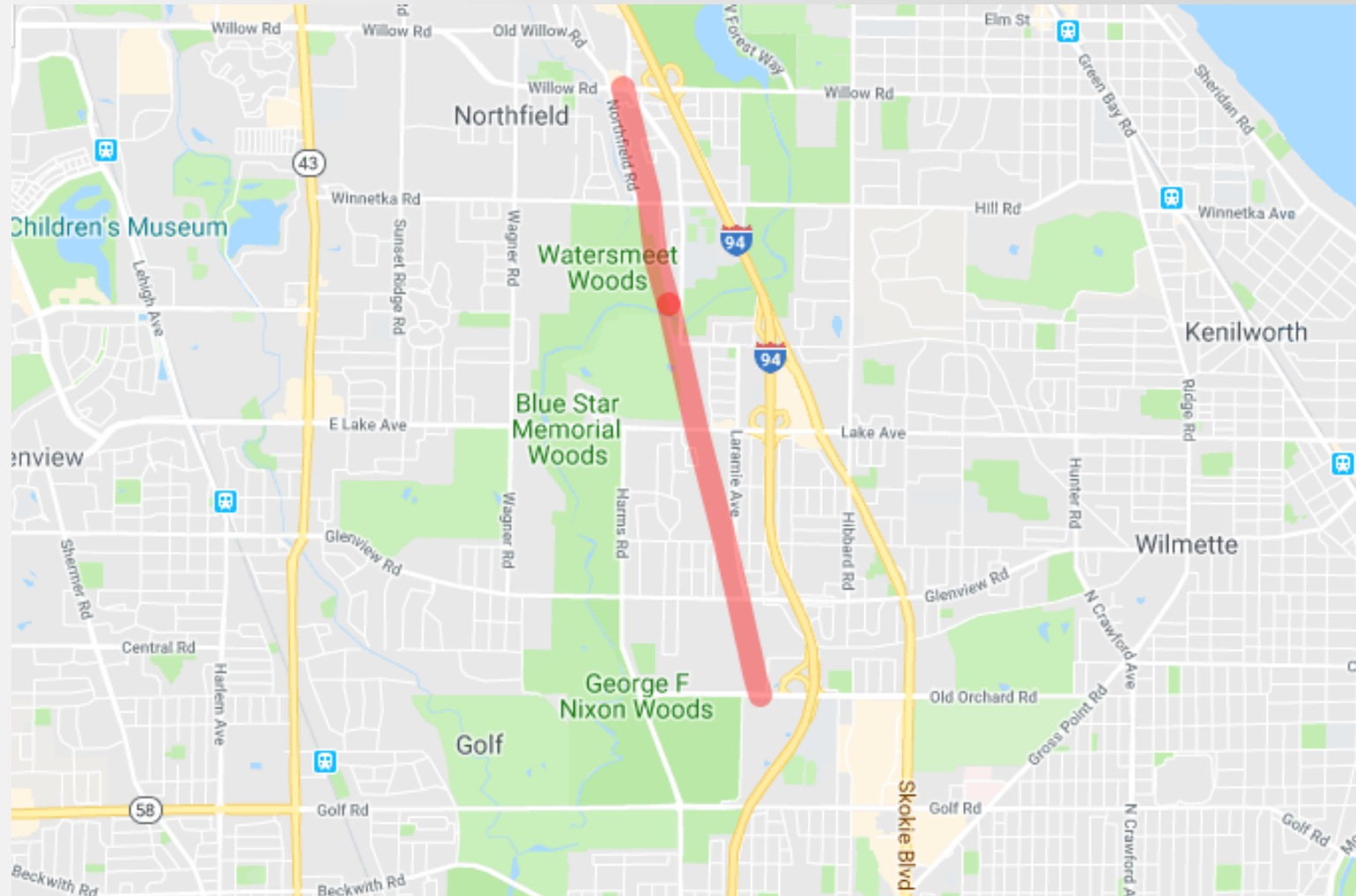




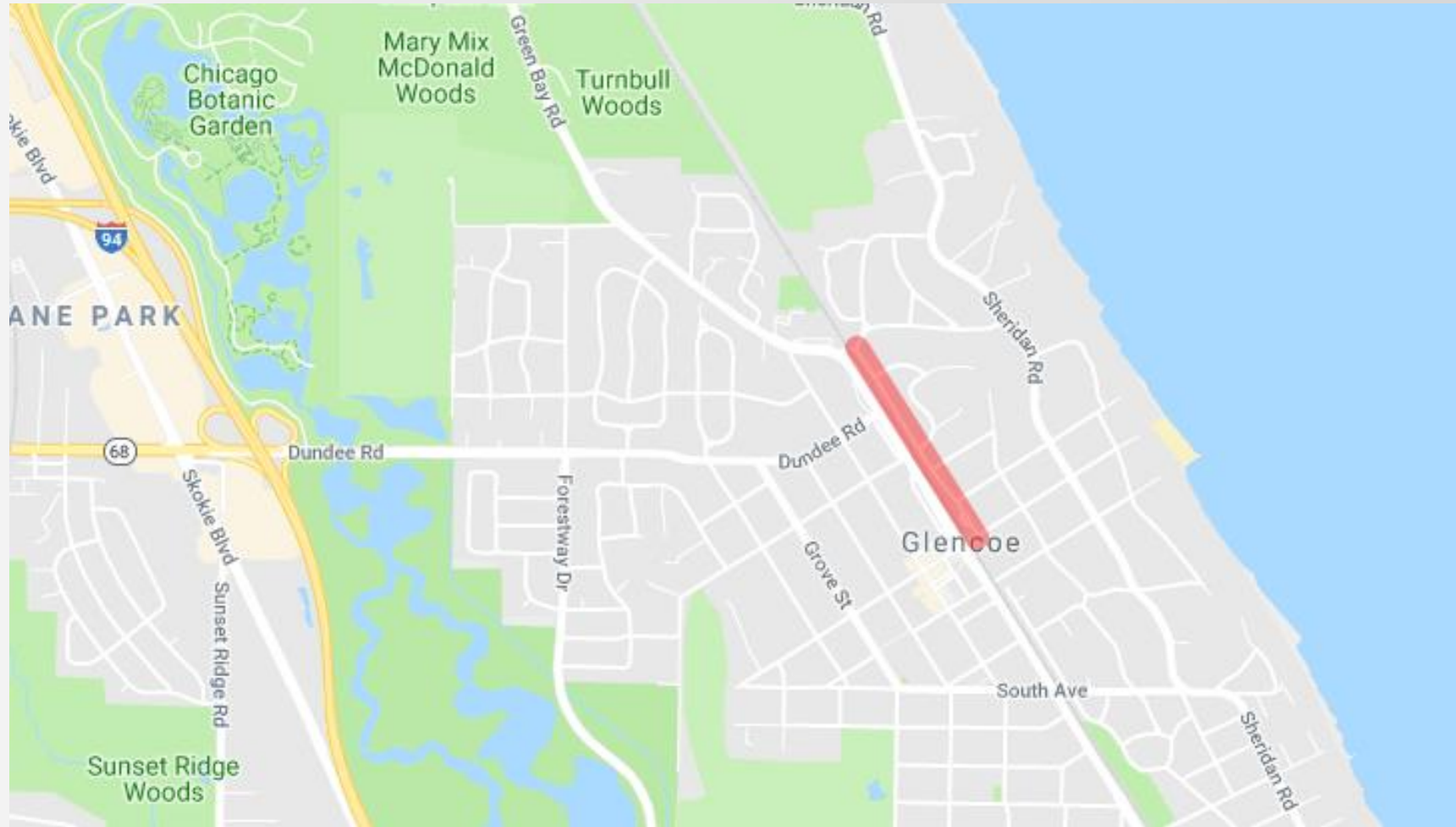
# US Route 14 Grade Separation



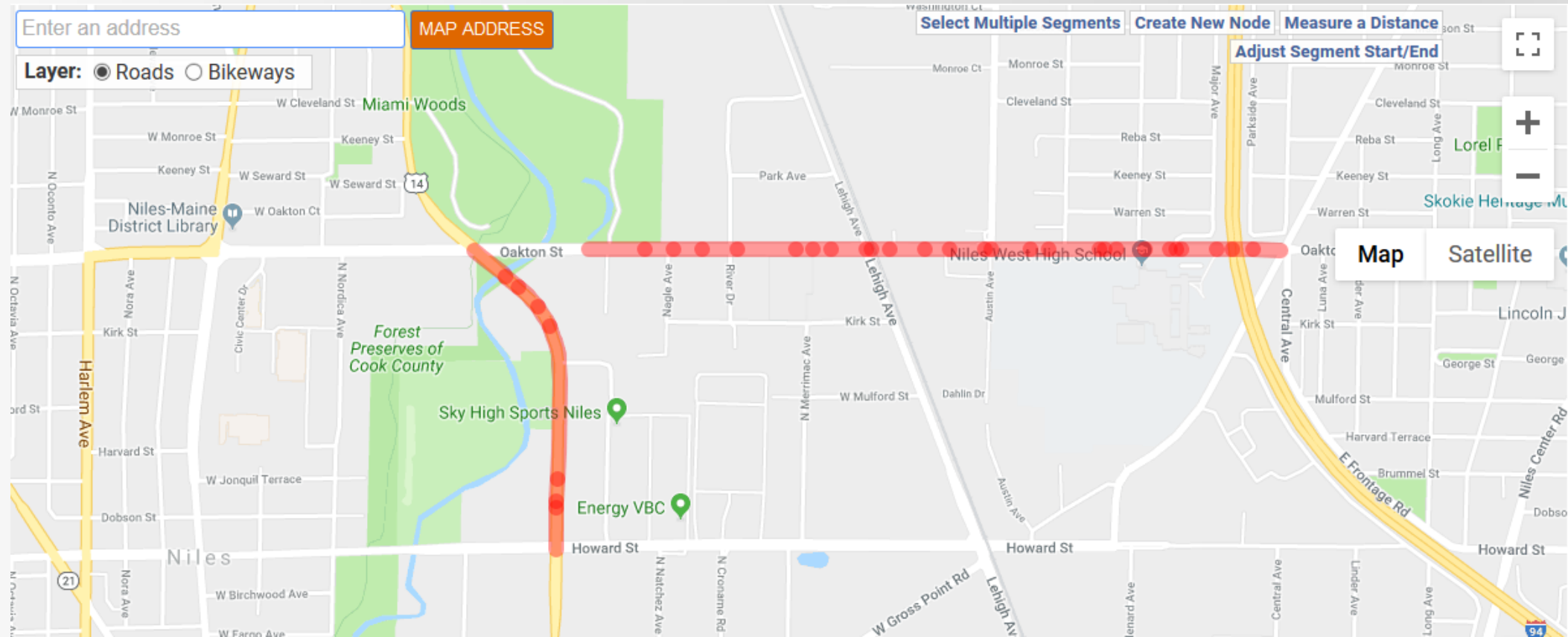
# Skokie Valley Trail Improvements



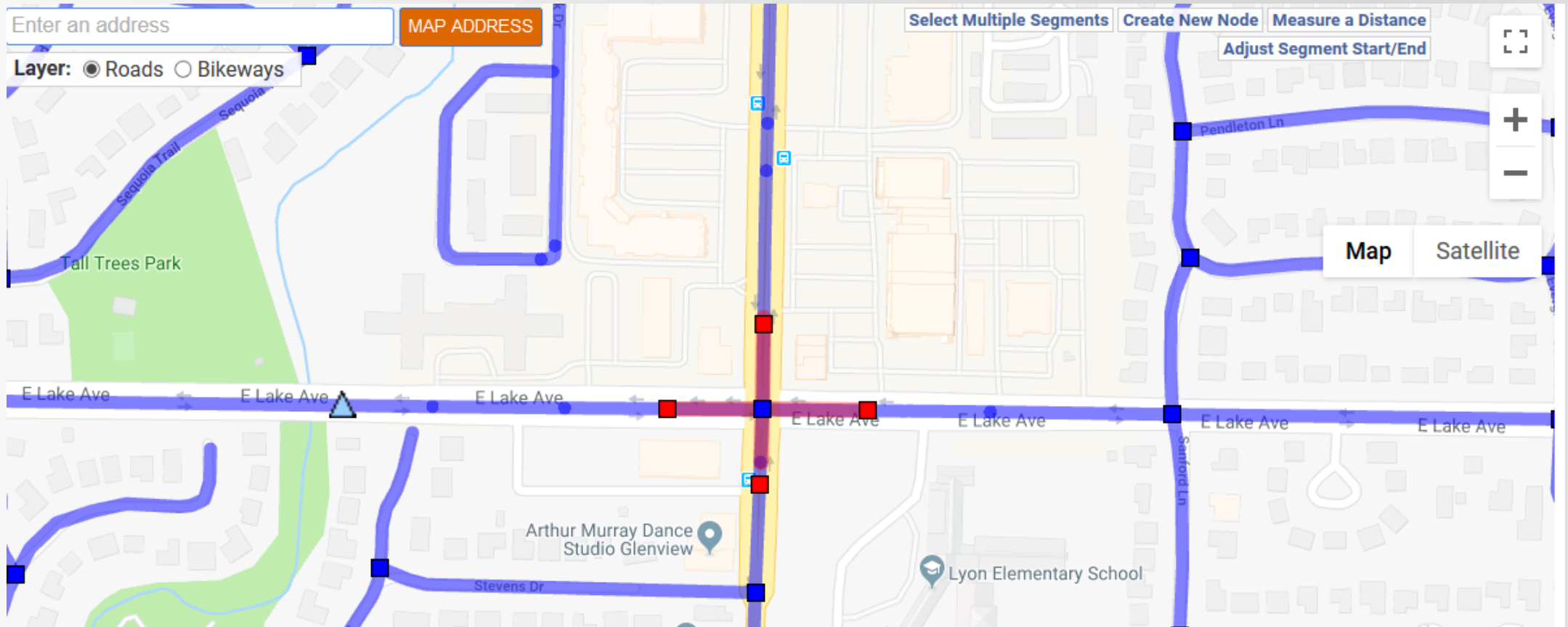
# Connect Glencoe



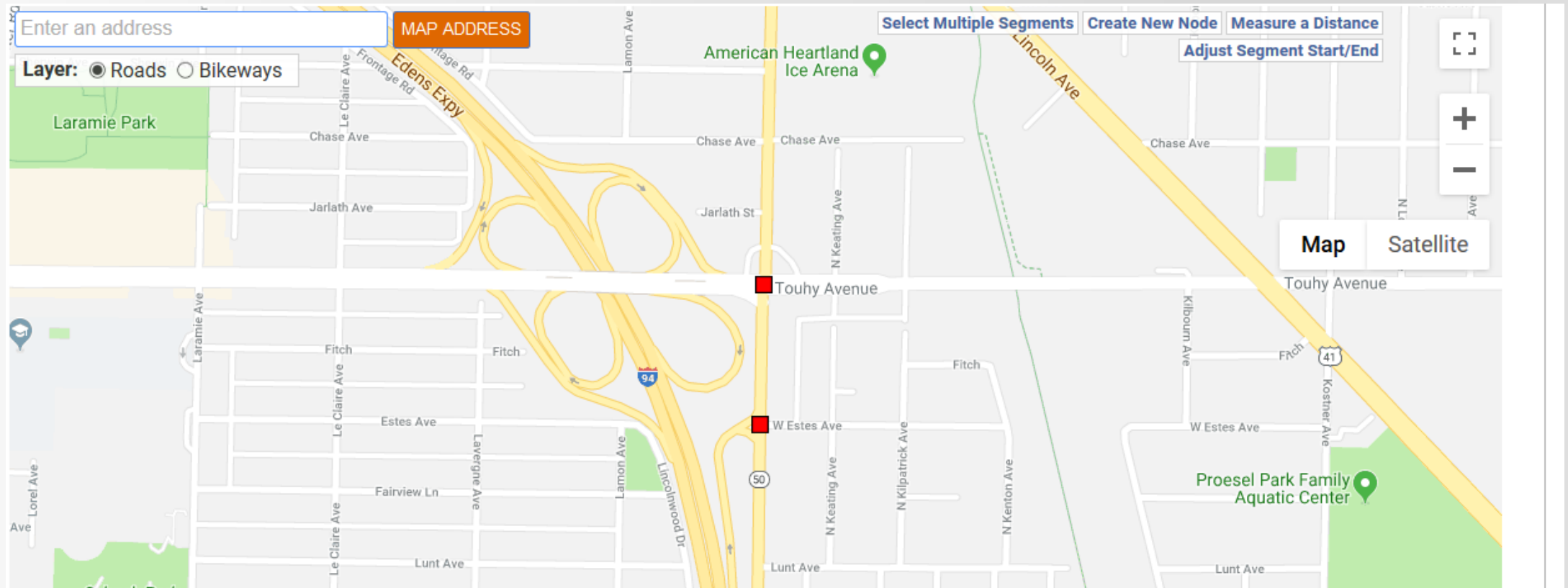
# Oakton Street Multiuse Path



# E. Lake Avenue/Waukegan Road Intersection Improvements



# Touhy/Cicero Avenue Intersection Improvements





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**Memorandum**

TO: NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

FROM: Joshua Klingenstein, Program Associate for Transportation  
Cole Jackson, Program Associate for Transportation

RE: Transportation Legislation and Resolutions in the General Assembly

DATE: March 21, 2019

NWMC staff are tracking multiple transportation-related bills which are currently being discussed by the Illinois General Assembly. Synopses of three of those bills are below. Staff is asking for committee input on these bills, which will help inform NWMC's legislative positions.

[SB1642 Driver's Education – Bike and Pedestrian Safety](#) - Amends the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the curriculum of a driver education course must include instruction on bicycle and pedestrian safety, which must include, but is not limited to, instruction on how to safely pass a cyclist on the road, special considerations while driving in urban areas and near bicycle lanes, how to navigate an intersection with pedestrians and cyclists, exiting a vehicle without endangering pedestrians and cyclists, and the requirement that drivers exercise due care to avoid collision with a bicyclist or pedestrian on the road. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, for the purpose of educating prospective licensees on the potential dangers caused by motor vehicles to pedestrians, bicyclists, in-line skaters, scooter riders, skateboarders, and other non-motorized vehicles, the Secretary of State shall include, in the Illinois Rules of the Road publication, information on bicycle and pedestrian safety.

**Status:** Passed out of Transportation Committee, second reading scheduled for March 21.

[SB2016 ITEP DOT Supplemental Funding](#) - Provides that, in addition to any other funding that may be provided to the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) from federal, State, or other sources, the Department of Transportation shall set aside an amount equal to 2% of the total appropriation received by the Department from the Road Fund for the projects in the categories of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, streetscape projects, and the conversion of abandoned railroad corridors to trails. Provides that the funds shall be administered according to the requirements of the current Guidelines Manual published by the Department for ITEP. Provides that, for projects funded under the Section: (1) local matching funding

shall be required according to a sliding scale based on community size, median income, and total property tax base, (2) Phase I Studies and Phase I Engineering Reports are not required to be completed before application is made, and (3) at least 25% of funding shall be directed towards projects in high-need communities. Provides that the Department shall adopt rules necessary to implement the Section.

**Amendment 1 (adopted):** Stipulates that IDOT shall adhere to a 2-year funding cycle for calls for projects, and that IDOT shall make all funded and unfunded ITEP applications available to the public when the call is completed, including scoring information.

**Status:** Passed as amended out of transportation committee, second reading scheduled for March 21.

[SB2144 Complete Streets Act](#) - 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, 2021, 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.

**Status:** Passed out of transportation committee, second reading scheduled for March 21.