

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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- Northfield Township
- Palatine
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**Northwest Municipal Conference  
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee**

**Agenda**

**Tuesday, April 14, 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 March 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**  
*Action Requested:* Approve Minutes
  
- III. Bike/Roll to School Day**  
NWMC staff will present on actions various NWMC communities have undertaken in the past to host successful event Bike/Roll to School Days. [NWMC has prepared a collection of example resources communities can use for this event](#) and has a [recording of a prior Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee presentation](#).  
*Action Requested:* Informational/Discussion
  
- IV. Non-Roadway Facilities Snow Removal Survey**  
NWMC Staff will provide an analysis of the results received from the Non-Roadway Facilities Snow Removal Survey that was recently conducted.  
*Action Requested:* Informational/Discussion
  
- V. 2026 NWMC Summer Field Trip Location**  
NWMC staff will lead a planning discussion on potential sites for the 2026 Summer Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee Field Trip.  
*Action Requested:* Informational/Discussion
  
- VI. Local Project Updates**  
Committee members will have an opportunity to provide updates on local projects.  
*Action Requested:* Discussion
  
- VII. Funding and Planning Opportunities**  
Staff will provide an update on funding and planning opportunities.  
1) [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) – May 26  
*Action Requested:* Informational
  
- VIII. Other Business**

**IX. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.

**X. Adjourn**

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

**Tuesday, March 10, 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  
Bill McLeod, Mayor, Village of Hoffman Estates  
Nathan Bruemmer, Village of Niles  
A.C. Buehler, Village of Northbrook  
Larry Schroth, Village of Palatine  
Lara Sanoica, Mayor, City of Rolling Meadows  
Marisa Krawiec, Village of Schaumburg  
Erik Sanchez, Village of Skokie  
Ross Klicker, Village of Wheeling  
Scott Mangum, Village of Winnetka

**Others Present**

Andrew Barna, Village of Bartlett  
Adam Dow, Village of Buffalo Grove  
Eric Heiker, City of Des Plaines  
Sarah D. FioRito, City of Evanston  
Kathy Thake, Village of Kenilworth  
Chris Tomich, Village of Morton Grove  
Matt Lawrie, Village of Mount Prospect  
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 10:31 a.m.

**II. Approval of February 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

*Mr. Bruemmer motioned to approve the February 10, 2026 minutes. Mr. Klicker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

**III. ILSOS “Ride Safe Ride Smart Ride Ready” Initiative**

Mr. Simmons provided an update on the [“Ride Safe Ride Smart Ride Ready”](#) initiative launched by the Secretary of State to improve safety for bicyclists, e-bike users and scooter riders. He outlined three components of the initiative: community-based education in collaboration with local law enforcement for preventative actions; an e-bike/e-moto/e-device informational campaign primarily on social media that focuses efforts on teens and parents about the different device types and requirements; and, reining in non-compliant retailers and sellers, with details to be determined. Mr. Simmons said that the existing website will be revised as new legislation is adopted, noting that the goal is to emphasize both device and driver education while legitimizing micromobility as a viable transportation mode alongside responsible and safe use.

Mr. Simmons provided an update on the K–12 Secretary of State’s education initiative. Trustee Gens asked if there is a timeline for the program and what resources the Secretary’s office will commit to the program to get the materials and education out into the communities. Mr. Simmons said funding for curriculum development is secured, and he will look into how municipalities can assist.

Mr. Banasiak asked if the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is included in the discussions. Mr. Simmons said yes, focusing on safe biking and micromobility. He said the initiative will be led by the Illinois High School & College Driver Education Association (IHSCDEA), Secretary’s Office, ISBE, and National Road Safety Association. Mr. Simmons said the goal is to have a curriculum and resources in place by next school year.

Trustee Gens asked if middle school representatives are included. Mr. Simmons said yes, the goal is to support safe youth navigation. He said that the K-8 safety initiative is developing a curriculum to meet instructional requirements, advancing Safe Routes to School program, and will consist of a 9-week sequence of 45 minute lessons that differ by grade. Mr. Simmons also said there will be a grades 9-12 Teen Traffic Safety Leadership focusing on shared street etiquette, with high school students assisting in delivering education to middle and grade school students. He added that curriculum would integrate Safe Routes to School principles and include development of student pre- and post-assessment, program evaluation and overall reach.

Ms. FioRito asked whether there will be on-bike and on-street components. Mr. Simmons said yes, pending logistics, the intent is to have on-device learning.

Ms. Krawiec asked if the intent is to pass implementation to the schools. Mr. Simmons said who will be delivering the content is still to be determined, but that prior educational efforts were delivered through ISBE. Mr. Simmons shared that funding for the program came from the IHSCDEA leadership.

**IV. Local Project Updates**

Mr. Larson announced that Rolling Meadows launched its [Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan](#) in partnership with CMAP.

Mayor Sanoica reported that Pace launched its new Northwest Cook OnDemand, an expansion of the previous Pace Rolling Meadows-Arlington Heights OnDemand service, with a greater area and hours, and encouraged members to make use of the route to ensure its success. Trustee Gens asked if there is a resource on the route. Mr. Larson said a copy is in the NWMC Transportation Newsletter. Mayor Sanoica shared a [link to the service announcement](#).

Ms. FioRito reported that Evanston has approved expansion of its Divvy system which will add 17 stations to their existing 14 stations. She added that Evanston is working with its Parks and Recreation Department and City Council to finalize station siting. She also said that Evanston is still waiting on its Safe Routes to Schools application for funding for its K-12 education effort, noting that Evanston introduced their education program as a model for state education endeavors.

Trustee Gens reported that the Melas-Meadows Bridge project is encountering new bridge easement problems with Union Pacific, which they hope to finalize before the upcoming letting date.

**V. Funding and Planning Opportunities**

Mr. Larson provided an update on funding and planning opportunities, including Invest in Cook, the CMAP/RTA Local Technical Assistance program, America WALKS' Making Streets for Everyone: Walkability Workshop for Elected and Government Leaders seminar series, and webinars on Safe Routes Action Plans and school zone safety technology solutions.

**VI. Other Business**

Mr. Czarnota announced that NWMC is beginning preparations for its Summer Field Trip and requested suggestions for potential locations. Ms. FioRito asked about exploring outside membership to internalize regional solutions for the membership, providing Oak Park as an example of a deliberately planned interconnected network. Mr. Larson said historically the Summer Field Trip has focused on NWMC membership projects, but Mr. Buehler noted that the Committee visited Chicago project locations to see bike lane installations firsthand.

Trustee Gens encouraged communities to invite schools to the Bike to School event on May 6, and said that the solicitation letter template is available for use.

**VII. Next Meeting**

Trustee Gens announced that the next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.

**VIII. Adjourn**

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