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MEMBERS		
Antioch		Northwest Municipal Conference
Arlington Heights		
Bannockburn		Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee
Barrington		Agenda
Bartlett Buffalo Grove		September 22, 2020
Deer Park		• •
Deerfield		10:30 a.m.
Des Plaines		Via Zoom Video Conference
Elk Grove Village	htte	ps://us02web.zoom.us/j/82963617402?pwd=Sm8xcEoyUitBT3FheWNOWHIQRUIvQT09
Evanston	inte	5.//usozweb.zoom.us/j/8290501/402:pwu=3m8xcloyoftb13mewnowniQkowQr05
Fox Lake		
Glencoe	١.	Call to Order/Introductions
Glenview		
Grayslake		
Hanover Park Highland Park	П.	Approval of August 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)
Hoffman Estates		Action Requested: Approve of Minutes
Kenilworth		
Lake Bluff		
Lake Forest	III.	Virtual Field Trip Discussion (Attachment B)
Lake Zurich		Staff will lead a discussion highlighting the many points of interest on this year's
Libertyville		
Lincolnshire		summer field trip. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences, photos,
Lincolnwood		and other relevant information as part of the discussion.
Morton Grove		Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
Mount Prospect Niles		Action Requested. Informational Discussion
Northbrook		
Northfield	IV.	Local Project/Multimodal Plan Updates
Northfield Township		Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
Palatine		Action Requested. Informational Discussion
Park Ridge		
Prospect Heights	v .	Local Responses to COVID-19
Rolling Meadows		Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
Schaumburg		Action Requested. Informational Discussion
Skokie Streamwood		
Vernon Hills	VI.	Other Business
West Dundee		
Wheeling		
Wilmette	VII.	Next Meeting
Winnetka		The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for
President		Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. via video conference.
Kathleen O'Hara		
Lake Bluff	VIII.	Adjourn
Vice-President		
Joan Frazier		
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Deerfield		
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Ray Keller		
Lake Zurich		

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Attachment A

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Northwest Municipal Conference Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee Tuesday, August 11, 2020 **Meeting Minutes**

Attendance:

Derek Peebles, City of Des Plaines (co-chair) Andrew Binder, Village of Barrington Jessica Hyink, City of Evanston Scott Mangum, City of Evanston Laura Linehan, Village of Fox Lake Adriana Webb, Village of Glenview Mike Hankey, Village of Hoffman Estates Tim O'Brien, Village of Niles A.C. Buehler, Northbrook Resident Jim Baxa, Village of Northbrook Alderman Lara Sanoica, City of Rolling Meadows Patrick Knapp, Village of Schaumburg Ross Klicker, Village of Wheeling Danielle Horn, Village of Wilmette

Others Present:

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Bridget Schwab, Village of Arlington Heights Matt Weiss, Resident, Village of Mount Prospect Matt Lawrie, Village of Mount Prospect Carrie Haberstich, Village of Skokie Larry Bury, Northwest Municipal Conference Mark Fowler, Northwest Municipal Conference Kendra Johnson, Northwest Municipal Conference Matt Pasquini, Northwest Municipal Conference Deb Kutska, Oakton Community College

Call to Order/Introductions

Mr. Peebles called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. and Ms. Johnson read the names of those attending the videoconference.

П. Approval of May 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Alderman Sanoica moved approval of the May 19, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Buehler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. **Road Diet Presentation**

Mr. Hankey and Mr. Peebles gave a presentation on road diets and the various ways they can be implemented locally to improve safety and fill in key gaps for bicycle and pedestrian connections. The presentation included local examples from their respective communities and highlighted best practices and helpful resources to use when taking on road diet projects.

Arlington Heights Bannockburn Barrington Bartlett **Buffalo Grove** Deer Park Deerfield **Des Plaines** Elk Grove Village Evanston Fox Lake Glencoe Glenview Grayslake Hanover Park **Highland Park** Hoffman Estates Kenilworth Lake Bluff Lake Forest Lake Zurich Libertvville Lincolnshire Lincolnwood Morton Grove Mount Prospect Niles Northbrook Northfield Northfield Township Palatine Park Ridge **Prospect Heights** Rolling Meadows Schaumburg Skokie Streamwood Vernon Hills West Dundee Wheeling Wilmette Winnetka President

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IV. Potential Field Trip Ideas

Ms. Johnson kicked off the discussion about the feasibility of planning and participating in an outdoor field trip, while remaining mindful of safety concerns. Mr. Peebles expressed hesitance in getting a group together due to the pandemic, but shared that he is almost finished gathering information on the previously discussed North Channel Trail. Mr. Buehler proposed a hybrid field trip format in which individuals find time to explore the trail on their own time and bring their experiences into a virtual discussion on a later date.

V. Local Project/Multimodal Plan Updates

Mr. Hankey reported on the opening of a trail section on the Elgin-Evanston priority corridor between IL 59 and CN railroad tracks. He said the ribbon cutting took place on August 1.

Ms. Schwab reported that the Buffalo Creek Trail project made it on the IDOT letting schedule with work tentatively beginning on August 17. She also reported preliminary approval for the village to begin exploring the feasibility of the Windsor Road road diet.

Mr. Magnus reported on future bike lane improvements in the City of Evanston on Chicago Avenue and Sheridan Road. He said the city began consultant interviews for Phase I engineering for the portion on Chicago Avenue.

Mr. Buehler reported on a joint committee of the whole between the Village of Northbrook and the Village of Northfield to discuss alignment of the Skokie Valley Trail. He reported the joint committee is holding on online forum on August 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and can be accessed through the Village of Northfield's website.

Mr. O'Brien reported the beginning on Phase II for a sidewalk in-fill program. He also reported that of the four major intersection included in the Village of Skokie's Bike and Pedestrian plan, two were approved phase I by the village board and the other two are awaiting bids for a contract.

VI. Local Responses to COVID-19

Alderman Sanoica reported that the City of Rolling Meadows came to agreement regarding the continuation of their capital improvement program. She reported that all projects that haven't already started or lack an outside funding source are being postponed. Mr. Peebles reported the City of Des Plaines is dealing with their projects in a similar fashion.

VII. Other Business

None.

VIII. Next Meeting

Mr. Peebles noted that the next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

IX. Adjourn

Mr. Buehler moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Mr. Magnus seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.



Project Context - Regional CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN REEN BAY ROAD BIKE LANES FOREST PRESERVE BIKE TRAILS NORTH BRANCH TRAIL SAUGANASH VALLEY TRAILS NORTH SHORE CHANNEL TRAIL WEBER SPUR LINCOLNWOOD EXT. and a NORTH BRANCH TRAIL EXTENSION WEBER SPUR ELSTON AVE BIKE LANES MILWAUKEE AVE BIKE LANES, TO LOOP



- 1. Chicago River Corridor Development Plan (1998 – City of Chicago) https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dcd/supp_info/chicag o_river_corridordevelopmentplan.html
- 2. Great Rivers Chicago (2016 – City of Chicago, MPC, Friends of the Chicago River, CMAP) <u>http://greatriverschicago.com/index.html</u>
- 3. Chicago River Trail Action Plan (2017 – Active Transportation Alliance) <u>http://activetrans.org/our-work/bicycling/chicago-river-trail</u>

A. Lincoln Village Bridge



1. CDOT Community Meeting Presentation, 9.13.2016 http://chicagocompletestreets.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Lincoln-Village-Ped-Bike-Bridge-Public-Meeting-09.13.16.pdf

2. Chicago Reader - Interesting Project History https://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/berny-stone-bike-bridge-50th-ward/Content?oid=68127784

3. Misc

https://activetrans.org/blog/lincoln-village-bridge-big-victory-for-chicago-river-trail https://blockclubchicago.org/2019/02/15/long-awaited-bike-and-pedestrian-bridge-over-north-shore-channel-is-coming-linking-6-7-miles-of-paths/



B. Weber Spur Trail



Weber Spur bridge crossing at Foster Ave. One of several bridges along the proposed trail length.





Chicago River Corridor Development Plan, 1998



Peterson Avenue underpass, looking north toward split



Bryn Mawr Avenue underpass, looking north toward split



Foster Avenue underpass, looking north

D. Albany Park Stormwater Diversion Tunnel





- 1. CDOT Powerpoint Presentation, 2019 https://www.illinoisfloods.org/content/documents/4a -
- 2. Article on project success in reducing flooding streets-homes





albany park stormwater diversion tunnel- a construction management perspective.pdf

https://news.wttw.com/2019/05/02/new-70-million-tunnel-keeping-water-out-northwest-side-

E. River Park Dam Removal and Riverbank Restoration



- 1. US Army Corps of Engineers River Riparian Connectivity and Habitat Restoration https://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works-Projects/River-Riparian/
- 2. Friends of the Chicago River story, 7.30.2018 https://www.chicagoriver.org/blog/2018/7/river-park-dam-removal-a-milestone-in-friends-18-year-effort
- 3. Chicago Tribune, 8.2.2018 http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/morton-grove/ct-mgc-chicago-river-dam-removal-tl-0809-story.html

Chicago Region Dam Removals

https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/WaterResources/Pages/safetyAtDams.aspx https://fpdcc.com/about/plans-projects/dam-removals/



F. Lawrence Ave Road Diet Streetscaping



1. CDOT Community Meeting presentation, 2.13.2019 http://chicagocompletestreets.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/PPT-Presentation-02-13-2019-2-13-editCBBEL-1.pdf

Lawrence Ave Section 1 Project (2014)

Transformative road diet project. Unfortunately, powerpoint no longer online. Some cursory articles:

http://www.altamanu.com/transportation/lawerence-ave-streetscape

https://chi.streetsblog.org/2014/10/27/road-diet-curbs-lawrence-avenues-dangerous-mile/

https://chi.streetsblog.org/2015/09/29/before-and-after-gifs-of-projects-that-changedchicago-streets-for-the-better/







LELAND AVENUE GREENWAY EXTENSION: Rockwell to Clark

- 1. CDOT Leland Greenway Extension Fact Sheet https://chambermaster.blob.core.windows.net/userfiles/UserFiles/chambers/697/CMS/SSA 2019/Leland-Greenway-overview.pdf
- 2. Streetsblog Chicago, 9.25.2020

COVID-19 – Leland Ave Slow Street Implementation https://chi.streetsblog.org/2020/06/09/after-success-of-leland-slow-street-alderman-rosa-seeks-input-on-palmer/ https://chi.streetsblog.org/2020/07/08/map-here-are-the-latest-chicago-slow-streets-and-cafe-streets/



https://chi.streetsblog.org/2019/09/25/the-first-public-hearing-on-the-leland-greenway-extension-was-refreshingly-uncontroversial/

H. Manor Ave Neighborhood Greenway Project



1. CDOT Preliminary Project Sheet http://chicagocompletestreets.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Manor-Neighborhood-Greenway-Posters reduce.pdf

- 2. ActiveTrans blog entry, project completion, 4.23.2019 https://activetrans.org/blog/manor-greenway-adds-to-emerging-chicago-river-trail
- 3. Sample of opposition to initially proposed Greenway measures https://chi.streetsblog.org/2016/10/27/greenway-designs-questioned-for-first-time-after-mell-cancels-diverter-trial/

Montrose Ave crossing – Before and After Refuge Median





I. Horner Park Riverfront Restoration



- 1. US Army Corps of Engineers, project website https://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works-Projects/Horner-Park/
- 2. US Army Corps of Engineers, powerpoint https://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Portals/36/docs/projects/hornerpark/Horner%20Park%20PPT%20IDNR%2026%20Sep.pdf
- 3. Friends of the Chicago River blog entry, 9.13.2018 https://www.chicagoriver.org/blog/2018/9/horner-park-restoration-celebration-one-to-grow-on

From Montrose Ave looking south toward river – Before and After Refuge Lawn and trees along river replaced by prairie plantings. Unfortunately, no Google Streetview along the trail





J. Northwest Portage Walking Museum





Serpent Mound

The Chicago Public Art Group is proposing the installation of an earthen mound along the canoe landing at the Des Plaines River in **Schiller Woods**



- 2. National Park Service
- Mound)



1. American Indian Center/Chicago Public Art Group/Portage Park Nhood Assoc https://www.aicchicago.org/northwest-walking-museum

https://www.nps.gov/articles/northwest-portage-walking-museum-connectingvisitors-to-illinois-natural-and-cultural-history.htm

3. Chicago Tribune, first installation at Schiller Woods, 10.14.2019

http://www.chicagotribune.com/lifestyles/ct-life-santiago-x-mounds-indigenouspeoples-day-20191014-20191014-4brj2mikendx7ewjwglcg6ot3i-story.html (Serpent

K. Berteau Ave Neighborhood Greenway

The Berteau Neighborhood Greenway

After over a year of gathering community input, and revising designs and engineering drawings, the Chicago transportation department (CDOT) is preparing to construct the Berteau Greenway. The project addresses traffic concerns and by implementing traffic calming techniques to make the street safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. After reaching out and listening to neighbors at several community meetings, Alderman Pawar and his staff worked with the CDOT project team to finalize a plan that will be effective. Coordinating with Department of Water Management to avoid unnecessary and redundant work, the construction will begin in June, after the century-old water main between Ravenswood and Ashland is replaced.

CDOT

The Greenway project will include:

- · Contraflow bike lane for eastbound bicyclists in one-way sections
- Shared lane markings for bicyclists and motorists in two-way sections
- · Signage and signalization to improve awareness and traffic flow
- Highly visible, enhanced crosswalks for pedestrians
- · Curb extensions to narrow the crossing distance and infiltrate stormwater
- A reduced 20 MPH posted speed limit
- · A pedestrian island will be included on Clark Street

CDOT has provided these design drawings to show you what will be built following water main installation and resurfacing.

To clarify, there will be NO CHANGE in direction of traffic or number of lanes. In the two-way sections there will NOT be separate bike lanes. Also there will be NO turn restrictions or impaired access of any kind. A design for a chicane was proposed that would have reduced Berteau to a one-lane pass in the two-way section between Honore and Wolcott but was rejected by Alderman Pawar; we believe this was too restrictive. The section of Berteau from Damen to Ravenswood WILL get shared lane markings, improved crosswalks and other signage, though this section is not detailed in the design drawings. We will monitor the effectiveness of these infrastructure elements after they are installed.

- 1. Streetsblog Chicago, design complete, 5.14.2013 https://chi.streetsblog.org/2013/05/14/final-design-for-berteau-greenway-released-construction-slated-for-june/
- 2. Streetsblog Chicago, construction begins, 9.3.2013

https://chi.streetsblog.org/2013/09/03/construction-begins-on-berteau-avenue-neighborhood-greenway/



Timeline of the project

Phase 2: Irving Park Road bridge and underbridge Timing: Begins spring 2018 and finishes late 2019. Includes: Repairs to Irving Park Road bridge and construction of underbrige that will unite California Avenue and Horner Park. Phase 1: Riverview Bridge Timing: Work is underway, will be complete by the end of 2018 Includes: Includes curving bridge as well as underbridge at

Addison Avenue.



- 1. ActiveTrans blog entry, 10.5.2017 https://activetrans.org/blog/312-riverrun-advances-chicago-river-trail
- 2. DNAinfo article, 10.4.2017 https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20171004/roscoe-village/312-riverrunconstruction-map-606-dates-scheduled-chicago-river





Sources: City of Chicago, Epstein

M. WMS Boathouse at Clark Park



- 1. Studio Gang architects, project webpage https://studiogang.com/project/wms-boathouse-at-clark-park
- 2. Architecture write-up about the project, with more photos https://www.theplan.it/eng/award-2017-sportleisure/chicago-river-boathouses-1 https://www.archdaily.com/465715/wms-boathouse-at-clark-park-studio-gang-architects

Other River items of potential interest: Water trails and the Wild Mile project https://paddleillinoiswatertrails.org/ NE Illinois Water Trails Map – 2007 archived

https://activetrans.org/blog/wild-mile-adds-to-dynamic-chicago-river-trail https://www.wildmilechicago.org/





N. Lathrop Homes Redevelopment and Bike Paths



- 1. Lathrop Homes redevelopment photos https://www.lathropchicago.com/Gallery.aspx
- 2. Curbed article, 10.14.2019 https://chicago.curbed.com/2019/10/14/20914152/lathrop-homes-apartments-riverwalkconstruction-phase-one
- 3. Chicago Reader article, 9.18.2019 https://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/resident-reflections-lathrop-homesredevelopment/Content?oid=73330809

Filling in the Belmont to Lathrop trail gap, ActiveTrans https://activetrans.org/blog/connecting-the-312-riverrun-to-lathrop-homes-trail https://activetrans.org/busreports/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Belmont-Ave.-to-Lathrop-Homes-one-pager-3.25-.pdf



O. Clybourn and Elston Protected/Buffered Bike Lanes



Bicycle rush hour on a new curb-protected lane on Clybourn. Photo: John Greenfield 🔛

Clybourn Avenue

- 1. Streetsblog Chicago article, 8.13.2015 curb-protected-lanes/
- 2. ActiveTrans blog entry, 11.20.2015
- streets-until-2014/

Elston Avenue

4. Streetsblog Chicago article, 3.31.2014 elston/



https://chi.streetsblog.org/2015/08/13/eyes-on-the-street-bicycle-rush-hour-in-the-clybourn-

https://activetrans.org/blog/the-clybourn-protected-bike-lane-victory

3. Streetsblog Chicago article explaining resistance, 2.5.2013

https://chi.streetsblog.org/2013/02/05/idot-blocks-protected-bike-lanes-on-several-chicago-

https://chi.streetsblog.org/2014/03/31/cdot-is-moving-forward-with-buffered-bike-lanes-on-

Elston buffered bike lanes

P. Western Ave Bus Rapid Transit



- 1. WBEZ radio story, 10.17.2012 cc8c10f79ced
- 2. The Transport Politic article, 8.19.2011
- 3. CTA webpage for Ashland BRT, very thorough https://www.transitchicago.com/ashlandbrt/

Bloomberg CityLab, troubles with Chicago BRT, 2.26.2015 https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-02-26/there-may-be-trouble-ahead-for-chicago-s-big-bus-rapid-transit-plan

Chicago Sun Times article, BRT dead, 8.18.2015 https://chicago.suntimes.com/2015/8/18/18450429/ashland-brt-seems-all-but-dead-with-return-of-ashland-western-express-buses

Streetsblog Chicago article, targeted bus lanes in problem areas, 4.19.2019 https://chi.streetsblog.org/2019/04/19/city-announces-new-bus-speed-initiative-but-will-drivers-respect-the-new-lanes/



https://www.wbez.org/stories/brt-designs-for-western-ashland-avenues-start-to-take-shape/a8792553-505f-4877-9311-

https://www.thetransportpolitic.com/2011/08/19/in-chicago-a-massive-brt-plan-could-be-the-best-bet-for-inner-city-mobility/