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Northwest Municipal Conference Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

10:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices

1600 E. Golf Road, Suite 0700, Des Plaines

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/ Introductions**
- II. Approval of August 15, 2017 and September 19 Meeting Minutes (Attachments A and B)**
Action Requested: Approval of Minutes
- III. Ride Illinois Initiatives**
Ed Barsotti, Chief Programs Officer of Ride Illinois will discuss the organization's recent and ongoing projects, programs, and initiatives.
Action Requested: Informational
- IV. NWMC Multimodal Plan Update**
CMAP has approved a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant to update the 2010 NWMC Bike Plan to a multimodal plan. Staff will meet with CMAP soon to discuss scope, schedule and budget for the project.
Action Requested: Informational
- V. Other Business**
- VI. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will be scheduled for November 14, 2017 at the NWMC offices.
Action Requested: Informational
- VII. Adjournment**

**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Tuesday, August 15, 2017
Draft Meeting Minutes
10:30 a.m.
Emily Oaks Nature Center, Skokie**

Committee Members Present:

Richard Bascomb, Village of Schaumburg
Jim Baxa, Village of Northbrook
Joe Gallo, City of Rolling Meadows
Andrew Jennings, Village of Wheeling
Brooke Jones, Village of Wheeling
Derek Peebles, City of Des Plaines
Adriana Webb, Village of Glenview

Others Present:

Erik Cook, Village of Skokie
Carrie Haberstich, Village of Skokie
Jan Hincapie, Village of Lincolnwood (ret.)
Andrew Letson, Village of Lincolnwood
Samantha Maximilian, Village of Skokie
Laura McCarty, Village of Lincolnwood
Adam Sciortino, Park Ridge Bicycle Task Force
Brian Pigeon, NWMC
Mike Walczak, NWMC

I. Call to Order/ Introductions

Mr. Bascomb called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and asked those present for introductions.

II. Approval of May 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Peebles, seconded by Ms. Webb, the committee voted to approve the minutes as presented.

III. Skokie Valley Trail

Mr. Letson and Ms. Hincapie discussed Lincolnwood's process for securing the right-of-way and constructing the Valley Line Trail, UP Recreation Path and the purchase of the Union Pacific ROW. Mr. Letson discussed the soon-to-be-completed Touhy Avenue Overpass project connecting the existing portions of the Valley Line Trail.

Mr. Cook discussed Skokie's construction of the Skokie Valley Trail and Main Street bike lanes.

Ms. Haberstich discussed Skokie's complete streets policy as well as the village's demonstration/pop-up event with the Active Transportation Alliance near Niles North High School.

She described a recent walk audit of the Village with Mark Fenton and described some of the recommendations from that audit. She described the Active by Design Summit, new bike parking near the CTA yellow line stations in the Village and lessons learned in implementing these projects.

IV. Draft CMAQ and TAP Awards

Mr. Walczak provided a brief background on the recent CMAQ/TAP call for projects and noted that included in the agenda packet was the draft program CMAP will recommend to its board. Mr. Walczak described selected projects from the Northwest Council of Mayors while Mr. Pigeon described selected projects from the North Shore Council of Mayors.

V. Invest in Cook

Mr. Pigeon and Mr. Walczak described projects in the Conference area which had been selected for funding under the new Invest in Cook program. Mr. Pigeon noted that Cook County intends to award grants with this program annually.

VI. 2017-2018 Committee Membership and Meeting Dates

Staff presented the year's membership and meeting dates as an informational item.

VII. Other Business

Mr. Walczak provided an update on the status of the Conference's application for LTA funding to update the NWMC Bicycle Plan.

VIII. Next Meeting

Mr. Bascomb announced that the next meeting was scheduled for September 19 at the NWMC offices.

IX. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Peebles, seconded by Mr. Jennings, the committee voted to adjourn.

**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Draft Meeting Minutes
10:30 a.m.
NWMC Offices, Des Plaines**

Committee Members Present:

AC Buehler, Trustee, Village of Northbrook (co-chair)
Derek Peebles, City of Des Plaines
Adriana Webb, Village of Glenview
Nellie Beckner, Village of Mount Prospect
Natalie Ossowski, Village of Barrington

Others Present:

Jim Baxa, Village of Northbrook
Mark Fowler, NWMC
Brian Pigeon, NWMC
Mike Walczak, NWMC

I. Call to Order/ Introductions

Trustee Buehler called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and asked those present for introductions.

II. Approval of August 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Lacking a quorum, the August 15 minutes will be considered for approval at the next committee meeting.

III. Meeting Topics for 2017-2018 Year

Mr. Walczak and Mr. Pigeon began the discussion of possible committee topics for the coming year. This included past ideas including bike parking best practices and bike lane maintenance as well as presentations from municipalities with new or updated bike plans and CMAP bike usage modeling. Chair Buehler noted that project visits are always popular and well attended. Mr. Peebles suggested buffered bike lane standards. The committee also discussed staying updated on IDOT's ongoing examination of the placement and usage of Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons. Mr. Pigeon added the possible topic of snow removal from sidewalks and bike lanes.

IV. E-Bike Regulations

Mr. Pigeon updated the committee on recently passed electronic bike regulations. The regulations provide definitions for which electronic bikes are classified as vehicles, but the standards may conflict with local municipal regulations. He noted that the City of Chicago has been and asked if any members of the committee were looking into the

topic. Ms. Beckner said that Mount Prospect was considering it. Mr. Walczak noted that it could be a conference-wide survey topic.

V. Working Collaboratively with IDOT

Mr. Pigeon discussed the Active Transportation Alliance's recent "Working Collaboratively With IDOT" publication. The guide is designed to help municipalities with strategies for working with IDOT when they want to integrate Complete Streets into projects. The guide includes a spreadsheet which Mr. Pigeon distributed of the IDOT approval process and when Complete Streets elements can be considered.

VI. Legislative Update

Mr. Pigeon discussed the passage of HB 1784, which clarifies various aspects of when motor vehicles can pass a cyclist.

VII. 2017-2018 Committee Membership and Meeting Dates

Staff presented the year's membership and meeting dates as an informational item.

VIII. Other Business

Mr. Peebles updated the committee on an upcoming project on Algonquin Road in Des Plaines where the recently resurfaced road will be restriped with buffered bike lanes from River Road to JJ Schwab connecting to the Des Plaines River Trail. He noted the lack of standards for buffered bike lanes and added that the subject could be a future agenda item.

Mr. Walczak updated the committee on the status of the LTA grant application the Conference submitted for funding to updated the NWMC Bike Plan.

Mr. Pigeon told the committee of an Illinois Tollway bike and 5k event to celebrate the opening of the new section of Illinois Route 390. He also mentioned upcoming Active Transportation Alliance workshops entitled Bike Walk Every Town to encourage suburban advocacy and the Kickstand Classic bike race being held in Bartlett.

IX. Next Meeting

Chair Buehler announced that the next meeting was scheduled for October 17 at the NWMC offices.

X. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11:25 a.m.