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Northwest Municipal Conference

Transportation Committee

Agenda

January 27, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Via Zoom Video Conference

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84228180873?pwd=UCtQOEJlczVhM3VPMUhrYnNicGFiT09>

Meeting ID: 842 2818 0873

Passcode: TC012722

Dial by your location: (312) 626-6799 US (Chicago)

I. Call to Order/Introductions

II. Approval of December 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)

Action Requested: Approval

III. Agency Reports

- a. **CMAP (Attachment B)**
- b. **Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways**
- c. **IDOT Highways (reports available upon request)**
- d. **Illinois Tollway**
- e. **Metra (Attachment C)**
- f. **Pace (Attachment D)**
- g. **RTA**

IV. RTA Strategic Plan Development

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Communications Specialist Melissa Meyer and Principal Planner Peter Kersten will present information on the state of regional transit and provide an update on the RTA's strategic planning process.

Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

V. Transportation Legislation (Attachment E)

Staff requests feedback on two bills filed in the General Assembly that propose to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code for bicycle and electric scooter riders.

Action Requested: Discussion

VI. Other Business

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 24 at 8:30 a.m., location TBD.

VIII. Adjourn

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**NWMC Transportation Committee
Via Teleconference
Thursday, December 2, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present

Donna Johnson, Mayor, Village of Libertyville, *Co-Chair*
Marie Hansen, Director of Development Services, Village of Barrington
Darren Monico, Village Engineer, Village of Buffalo Grove
Bob Benton, Trustee, Village of Deerfield
Jeff Brady, Director of Planning, Village of Glenview
Ramesh Kanapareddy, Director of Public Works, City of Highland Park
Bill McLeod, Mayor, Village of Hoffman Estates
Sean Dorsey, Public Works Director, Village of Mount Prospect
Thomas Powers, Village Engineer, Niles
Bob Israel, Trustee, Northbrook
Matt Farmer, Village Engineer, Northbrook
Lou Arrigoni, Senior Civil Engineer, Park Ridge
Peter Falcone, Assistant Administrator, Prospect Heights
Karyn Robles, Director of Transportation, Village of Schaumburg
Dan Kaup, Director of Public Works, Village of Wheeling

Others Present

Eric Heiker, Civil Engineer, City of Des Plaines
Howard Killian, Municipal Services Director, Engineering Resource Associates
Jeremy Glover, Transportation Associate, Metropolitan Planning Council
Sam Wright, Transportation Planner, Cook County Dept. of Transportation & Highways
Tavis Farmer, Area Programmer, IDOT
Kelsey Passi, Community Relations Corridor Manager, Illinois Tollway
Rick Mack, Community Affairs Administrator, Metra
Katie Renteria, Community Relations Representative, Metra
Steven Andrews, Community Relations Representative, PACE
Dan Kedrzejak, P.E., Chastain & Associates
Larry Bury, Deputy Director, NWMC
Kendra Johnson, Program Manager for Transportation, NWMC
Mark Fowler, Executive Director, NWMC
Eric Czarnota, Program Associate for Transportation, NWMC

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

II. Approval of October 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mayor McLeod moved approval of the October 21, 2021 meeting minutes. Trustee Israel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Agency Reports

A. CMAP – No report.

B. CCDOTH – Mr. Wright announced that Cook County would be opening a call for projects for the Invest in Cook program soon, and to contact county staff with any questions on applications or potential projects for submittal.

C. IDOT Highways – Mr. Farmer referred the committee to the written report provided. He provided updates on two projects included in the report, noting that the Irving Park Road/Barrington Road intersection improvements project was let in September and the US 14/Mount Prospect Road project in Des Plaines would be let in early 2022. Trustee Benton asked whether a similar report would be provided for projects in the North Shore and Mr. Farmer said that he would send a report to staff for distribution to the committee after the meeting.

D. Illinois Tollway – Ms. Passi provided updates on construction of the I-490 and Central Tri-State projects and noted that the 2022 Budget would be presented to the Tollway Board at their December meeting.

E. Metra – Mr. Mack reported that the RTA distributed another round of federal COVID relief funding to the CTA, Pace, and Metra and noted their appreciation of the distribution formula used. He announced that Metra has purchased new ticket vending machines that will be installed at stations to further phase out the practice of allowing ticket purchases on board trains. Mayor Johnson asked whether Metra anticipated any issues in staffing for a return to pre-COVID level ridership. Mr. Mack responded that Metra is currently focusing on communicating with Central Business District stakeholders and making sure that they are responding to the needs of riders as they begin to return to the office while remaining cautious regarding new variants of the disease.

F. Pace – Mr. Andrews reported the approval of the 2022 budget with no fare increases. He announced that the Board approved the appointment of current General Manager and Chief Operating Officer Melinda Metzger as the interim Executive Director beginning January 1, 2022. Mr. Andrews noted that electric buses would be piloted out of the North Division first and new charging infrastructure would be installed at the Waukegan facility. Mayor Johnson asked whether electric buses would be expanded for use on the larger system and Mr. Andrews responded that they would be, with the goal of being a zero emissions fleet by 2040. Mayor Johnson asked if the expansion would occur based on ridership levels across the system. Mr. Andrews replied that ridership would be taken into account amongst several other factors, including whether regional facilities have the capacity and required infrastructure to accommodate electric vehicles.

G. RTA – No report.

IV. IDOT Highways Update

Mr. Farmer reported no significant updates with the Multi-Year Program but noted that changes would be made once more information released regarding federal infrastructure funding as well as the new yearly targets for the MYP. These will be released in January and Mr. Farmer noted he would follow up with more information once it was available. Ms. Johnson asked whether there were any updates with staffing in both Central Office and District 1. Mr. Farmer

responded that he did not have any formal update to provide, although he noted a significant amount of effort was currently being put towards hiring. He said he would let the committee know of any significant development with staffing as the process continues.

V. Other Business

Ms. Johnson reminded the committee that a call for projects workshop would be held virtually on January 6 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. She noted that new funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act would go towards projects included in the Council of Mayors STP-L programs first, so it was important to submit any potential projects during the calls occurring in January.

VI. Next Meeting

Mayor Johnson noted the next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for January 27, 2022 at the NWMC offices and via Zoom Video conference.

VII. Adjourn

Trustee Benton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 a.m. Mayor McLeod seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CMAP Updates – January 18, 2022

CMAP News

The CMAP office is now open daily and [staff](#) have established hybrid work schedules. [CMAP committee meetings](#) may be held in-person or virtually, depending on the unique situations and requirements of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) that apply to each committee.

For general questions, you can send an email through our [contact form](#) and remember to stay up to date by subscribing to CMAP's Weekly Update emails or [viewing online](#).

Job Opportunities

CMAP is hiring for several positions: an [Associate Analyst - Conformity Air Quality](#) in the Research, Analysis, and Programming division; a [Communications and Engagement Deputy Executive Director](#), [Digital Communications Senior](#), [Engagement Associate](#), [Associate Designer](#), and [Strategic Alignment and Innovation Director](#) in the Communications and Engagement division; an [Associate Policy Analyst](#) for Plan Implementation and Governmental Affairs; and three Principal Planners for [Technical Assistance](#), [Regional Economic Development](#), and a [Regional ADA Coordinator](#) in the Planning Division. Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to discover more job opportunities.

CMAP Meeting Information: New Location!

CMAP has moved to a new system for sharing meeting information. You can now find meeting materials, webinar links, minutes, and recordings on [CMAP's Legistar page](#).

New planning projects help communities achieve regional goals

More than 20 communities throughout northeastern Illinois will receive new planning assistance from CMAP to help them prosper in the years ahead.

CMAP approved [21 new technical assistance projects](#) following a joint call for projects earlier this fall with the Regional Transportation Authority. CMAP's [technical assistance program](#) helps strengthen resiliency, prioritize investment, and support inclusive development — regional principles identified in ON TO 2050, the region's long-range plan. See the [press release](#) for more.

Request for proposals

CMAP is requesting proposals from interested consultants for [a public opinion survey](#). CMAP will hold a non-mandatory pre-bid information webinar on Wednesday, January 19, at 11:00 a.m. Proposals are due by **3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 7**. CMAP is also requesting proposals from vendors capable of satisfying the needs for [software and professional services](#) to implement a new software systems environment. Proposals are due by **3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9**.

Staff Contact: [Penny DuBernat](#), Procurement Officer

Program Status Updates

CRRSAA Program

On December 27, 2020, Title IV of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) was enacted. This Act included a local government component that resulted in the allocation of \$42,647,247 to be programmed and managed by CMAP. In the fall of 2021, the STP Project Selection Committee and local councils of mayors selected [33 individual project phases](#) to be fully or partially funded with CRRSAA funding.

Staff Contact: [Kama Dobbs](#) (312-386-8710)

Surface Transportation Program

On October 13th, the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approved the [FFY 2022-2026 Shared Fund program](#). The STP Project Selection Committee (PSC) met on October 28, 2021, and approved the proposed [CRRSAA funding allocations](#) and discussed the [STP Shared Fund Methodology Discussion outline](#), which lays out a tentative schedule for the committee to discuss changes to the STP Shared Fund methodology throughout 2022.

The next STP PSC meeting will be held on February 10, 2022. Meeting materials will be posted on the [committee web page](#) one week in advance. Program status reports for the STP Shared Fund, based on quarterly updates submitted by project sponsors and an accounting of available, programmed, and obligated funds is for the region are available on CMAP's [STP web page](#).

Staff Contact: [Kama Dobbbs](#) (312-386-8710)

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L)

The next CMAQ Project Selection Committee (PSC) meeting will be held on February 10, 2022. Meeting materials will be posted on the [committee web page](#) one week in advance. Project change requests, including schedule and cost changes, are due by **Thursday, January 27, 2022**. Projects targeting the April state letting that require changes must submit requests by this date in order to stay on track for this letting. Information for submitting change requests can be found on CMAP's [CMAQ web page](#).

On October 13th, the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approved the [FFY 2022 - 2026 CMAQ and TAP-L programs](#). The CMAQ PSC met on October 28, 2021, and approved [changes to the CMAQ and TAP-L Status Update procedures](#). New forms implementing these changes will be posted on the [Program Management and Resources](#) page.

Staff Contact: [Doug Ferguson](#) (312-386-8824), [Elliott Lewis](#) (312-386-8664)

Regional Safety Action Agenda

CMAP is continuing its work to improve traffic safety and address the growing number of fatalities and injuries. Our Safety Resource Group met for the third time in October to discuss recommendations related to speed management through design, policy, education and enforcement. Topics included ways to improve design to support lower speeds, appropriate speed limits in urban environments, effective and equitable enforcement strategies and how to improve safety data for our region. The discussion points are being incorporated into the speed management paper which is in production. The Resource Group will next meet early this spring. Staff began work on a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety position paper in early December. Three LTA safety projects kicked off in late November/early December in Calumet City, Bellwood and Riverdale to address multimodal traffic safety at intersections and along corridors. The Regional Speed Data project will begin this spring, which will analyze speed probe data to understand patterns of speeding and target countermeasures. An [update](#) on the group's work was presented at the July 16, 2021, CMAP Transportation Committee.

Staff Contact: [Victoria Barrett](#)

CMAP Products and Data

Understanding the costs and benefits of tax incentives

Local governments often use tax incentives to encourage development and strengthen their communities. But before using these tools, they must ask whether tax incentives are the most effective way to achieve their community's goals.

CMAP has created [Are tax incentives the right tool for this development?](#), a pamphlet to help local governments in northeastern Illinois assess the costs and benefits of three common incentive types: tax increment financing districts, sales tax rebates, and property tax abatements. This piece is a companion to [Improving local development incentives](#), a technical guide published in 2020 that provides clear strategies and practices for more effective incentive use.

Community Data Snapshots

In August, CMAP updated its [Community Data Snapshots](#) with [new data from the 2020 Census](#). These data-rich snapshots — one for each of the region's 284 municipalities, 77 Chicago neighborhoods, and seven counties — summarize demographics, housing, employment, transportation habits, and other key details. They help local leaders and the public track progress and make informed decisions in their communities.

The 2021 census data has been incorporated into the General Population Characteristics table, which includes information on total population, total households, average household size, and percent population change since 2010 and 2000. Raw data, including more detail, is available on the [Data Hub](#).

From Our Partners

Illinois Rail Needs Assessment

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is completing a rail needs assessment study to identify improvements that are needed throughout the state. IDOT is hosting a [virtual public event](#) to present information gathered throughout the study and discuss the upcoming final report. The virtual event will be available until **Friday, January 21**.

FHWA: Public Involvement Webinar

FHWA is hosting a webinar on **Tuesday, February 8th from 12:00-1:00 PM CT** on “The Evolution of Virtual Public Involvement During the Pandemic: MPO Practices.” The webinar will include presentations from the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization and the Strafford Regional Planning Commission about how their approach to virtual public involvement changed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Register [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

2022 Invest in Cook call for projects and workshop

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways has announced a sixth round of Invest in Cook funding. The \$8.5 million grant program covers some of the cost of planning and feasibility studies, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction associated with transportation improvements sponsored by local and regional governments and private partners. This program is seeking applications for improvements consistent with the five priorities of [Connecting Cook County](#).

The 2022 application period for Invest in Cook ends **Wednesday, March 16**. [Learn more](#) about the program and application.

A virtual [workshop for potential applicants](#) will be held **Wednesday, January 26**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Direct any questions to 312-603-1223 or investincook.CC@cookcountyil.gov.

2023 Highway Safety Notice of Funding Opportunities

The IDOT Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering (BSPE) has posted six Highway Safety Program Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for the grant year of October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023. IDOT is seeking grant applications to reduce serious injuries and fatalities on Illinois roadways. More information can be found [here](#).

Notice of Funding Opportunity - Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)

- Application Deadline - **Monday, February 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**
- Application Submission – **VIA email to DOT.TSGRANTS@illinois.gov.**

Notice of Funding Opportunities - Non-Enforcement Safety Program, Motorcycle Awareness Program, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program, Racial Profiling Program, and the Traffic Records Program

- Application Deadline - **Friday, February 18, 2022 at 12:00 a.m.**
- Application Submission – **VIA AmpliFund**

Distracted Driving Enforcement Notice of Funding Opportunity

The IDOT Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering (BSPE) has posted a Distracted Driving Enforcement NOFO for local law enforcement agencies to conduct distracted driving enforcement during the month of April 2022. This funding is for local law enforcement agencies use for overtime hours to enforce distracted driving laws in Illinois. Application submittals are open until **Monday, February 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.** All applications and accompanying documents are to be submitted electronically to DOT.TSGRANTS@illinois.gov. More information can be found [here](#).

Public Input

Provide input on federal highway programs

The U.S. DOT has launched a [new website](#) for transportation agencies, communities, and stakeholders interested in learning more about the IIJA. As part of implementing IIJA, the U.S. DOT is seeking input on the rollout of new programs and funding. The [first opportunity for input](#) focuses on how the department can best implement highway formula programs continued by the IIJA. The [second opportunity for input](#) is directed at the new formula and competitive funding opportunities for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Comments on EV charging would be most useful if they are received on or before January 28, 2022.

Chicago seeks comments on its climate action plan

The City of Chicago is updating its climate goals to reduce carbon emissions with a strong focus on increasing household savings, advancing environmental justice, and improving community health. With historic investments coming in 2022, the city would like to know what is most important to community members. Share your thoughts on the [Chicago climate action plan](#).

Help RTA Plan for the Future of Public Transit

Public transit is essential to our region's economic, environmental, and social health. The pandemic highlighted both the importance of transit and long-standing challenges that must be addressed.

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is developing the next Regional Transit Strategic Plan for northeastern Illinois, and they need your help. Please take and share a [survey](#) on the challenges and opportunities facing public transit.

Engage with CMAP: Share your Thoughts on Planning Projects

Plans that reflect the values and priorities of their communities require meaningful public participation from residents and stakeholders. The [Engage with CMAP](#) website allows residents to share their thoughts, ideas, and concerns on current planning projects in the region, including these recently launched projects: [Butterfield Road Corridor Plan](#) in Lombard, Downers Grove, Oak Brook and DuPage County and [Phoenix Planning Priorities](#) in the Village of Phoenix. Stay informed and connected by checking out the site. We look forward to hearing from you!



News Release

Metra Media Relations 312-322-6776

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New three-zone, \$6 Day Pass to debut Feb. 1

\$10 Day Pass also extended into 2022, but only in Ventra app after January

CHICAGO (Dec. 9, 2021) – A new three-zone, \$6 Day Pass will debut only in the Ventra app on Feb. 1. In addition, Metra's popular \$10 Day Pass will continue to be offered in 2022, but after Jan. 31 it will be available only in the Ventra app.

To incentivize short trips and attract more customers, Metra next year will test a new \$6 Day Pass that will be valid for unlimited rides within three zones for a full day. The new pass will go on sale Feb. 1, only in the Ventra app.

The \$10 Pass, good for unlimited rides on all Metra lines all day until 3 a.m. the next morning, was introduced as a paper and mobile ticket at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to give customers an affordable and flexible option for riding Metra trains. It is currently being used by about 20 percent of Metra riders. It will continue as a paper and mobile ticket through the end of January, and then it will be available only in the Ventra app.

Both day passes will be valid for 7 days from purchase.

Other fare policy changes that start Feb. 1 include:

- One-Way Tickets will be valid for 14 days from purchase (change from 90 days).
- 10-Ride Tickets will be valid for 90 days from purchase (change from one year).
- The Round Trip Plus (Ventra app only) ticket will no longer be sold.
- There are no changes to the Monthly Pass, \$7 Saturday or Sunday Day Pass or \$10 Weekend Pass (Ventra app only).

The Ventra app is available for free in the App Store or Google Play.

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New Pace Interim Executive Director Melinda J. Metzger Shares 2022 Goals

After almost four decades of managing Pace's operations, Melinda J. Metzger assumed the role of Pace's Interim Executive Director on January 1, 2022. Through her long career at Pace, Metzger has always made safety her top priority—a fact that was recognized by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) when Pace received the Bus Safety Gold Award, and by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) when Pace received the Gold Standard Award for achieving the highest standard of excellence in security. Named the Woman of the Year by WTS International, Metzger is honored to be the first female head of the agency and plans to lead its diverse workforce with a focus on exploring new service models and efficiency. Metzger began her career as an intern at NORTTRAN, now Pace's Northwest Division, before leaving to head operations planning for the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). Metzger then went to Pace, where she has been since its inception in 1984. Melinda Metzger took the lead on establishing the system's operating divisions at a time when the facilities and equipment used to provide suburban service were in dire need of replacement.

Metzger's new role builds on the successes she and her team experienced during her last three years as General Manager/Chief Operating Officer of Pace. "The challenges we've faced over the last two years were unprecedented, but thanks to our dedicated staff we continued to safely provide essential transportation to those who count on Pace while working to modernize our service to ensure we meet our passengers' needs today and in the coming years," said Metzger. "In 2022, we will think outside of the bus and explore alternative services where traditional bus service may not be the best solution. We will continue to integrate new technology to improve our passenger experience, especially for our riders with disabilities. We will begin acting on our new strategic vision plan, [Driving Innovation](#). In everything we do, we will prioritize safety and service."

During her first week in the role, Metzger shared her goals for 2022, including the development of plans to electrify Pace's North Division fleet by 2026, convert Pace's entire fleet to zero-emission vehicles by 2040, and the installation of charging

infrastructure at Pace Passenger Facilities and Operating Divisions. Metzger also plans to implement new service, new technology applications, and innovative service pilots using shared vehicles and partnerships with transportation network companies. Thanks to the solid foundation and historic capital funding investments from the state and federal governments, Metzger also shared a lengthy list of exciting projects Pace will launch over the next year, including ADA Paratransit transfer facilities in Calumet City and Schaumburg, stations for the new Pulse Dempster Line, a new multimodal facility in Harvey (in partnership with the City of Harvey and Metra), the start of construction for a new CNG facility in Wheeling, and a new South Campus that will house an Acceptance Facility, Customer Relations department, and CDL training course.

Also in 2022, Metzger will lead the transfer of bus on shoulder service operations from Pace's current Heritage Division to a newly constructed facility in Plainfield and explore new projects made possible by the recent *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*. A final priority for 2022 will be recruitment. Metzger will create a hiring plan for bus operators and maintenance employees, which will include working with Community Colleges and advertising on social media, on job boards, and in bus stop shelters throughout the service area to encourage applicants.

"Melinda has been with Pace since the beginning and is deeply committed to public service," said Pace Chairman Rick Kwasneski. "She brings years of experience and a profound understanding of Pace operations to the Executive Director's Office. I'm confident that she is the right person for the job."

Reduced Prices on Shared Pace/CTA Passes

In continuing our ongoing partnership with CTA, Pace is honoring the new lower prices of shared Pace/CTA passes. Effective immediately, the new pass prices are:

- Pace/CTA 30-Day Pass \$75
- Pace/CTA 7-Day Pass \$25

All passes are still purchased through Ventra—by [app](#), [website](#), [vending machine](#), or [retail outlet](#)—and there is no change to the [types of passes accepted](#) on Pace buses. Whether you only ride Pace or ride both Pace and CTA, there is an affordable option available to you for unlimited transit rides. Those eligible for [reduced fares](#) can buy the Pace/CTA 30-Day Pass for \$35.

Route 234 Service Change Effective December 6, 2021

To expand access to destinations in Wheeling and Buffalo Grove, such as Woodman's Food Market at Milwaukee Avenue/Deerfield Parkway, and to improve operational efficiency, Route 234 trips will be adjusted to operate via Dundee Road to/from Milwaukee Avenue and extend to 920 Deerfield Parkway and Buffalo Grove Park-n-Ride. Please check the updated timetable for more details.

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TO: NWMC Transportation Committee

FROM: Kendra Johnson, Program Manager for Transportation
Eric Czarnota, Program Associate for Transportation

RE: Transportation Legislation

DATE: January 27, 2022

Staff requests feedback from the Transportation Committee on the following two bills filed with the Illinois General Assembly:

HB 4276: VEH CD-BICYCLES-STOP SIGNS

Sponsor(s): Rep. Janet Yang Rohr

Synopsis: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "immediate hazard". Provides instances in which an individual operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign may proceed through the intersection without stopping at the stop sign.

SB 2930: VEH CD-ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

Sponsor(s): Sen. Jason A. Barickman

Synopsis: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "low-speed electric scooter". Makes changes to the definitions of "motor vehicle" and "vehicle". Provides that a person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter without a driver's license, instruction permit, or State identification card and unless he or she is 16 years of age or older. Provides that a person may operate a low-speed electric scooter where the operation of bicycles is permitted, including, but not limited to, bicycle lanes and bicycle paths, and shall have all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle. Provides requirements for lamps and reflectors for use at nighttime. Provides a requirement for brakes. Prohibits the equipping or use of sirens, with the exception of scooters that are police vehicles or fire department vehicles. Effective immediately.