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## Northwest Municipal Conference Transportation Committee Agenda

February 27, 2020

8:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices

1600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700  
Des Plaines, IL 60016  
(map/parking permit attached)

- I. **Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. **Approval of January 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**  
*Action Requested:* Approval
- III. **NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan Presentation (Attachment B)**  
Staff will present on the final version of the Conference's Multimodal Plan, how it is structured, and steps NWMC communities can take toward implementation. *Action Requested:* Informational/Discussion
- IV. **Legislative Issues (Attachment C)**  
Staff will provide an update on potential bills of interest in Springfield.
  - [HB 4248](#): Grade Crossing Protection
  - [SB 2303/SB 2963](#): Local Road; Police Vehicle
  - [SB 3183](#): Bicycle Pedestrian Ways
  - [SB 3555](#): Rules of Road – Bicycles*Action Requested:* Discussion
- V. **Local Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) Update**  
Staff will provide an update on the status of the STP-L program for the remainder of the fiscal year.  
*Action Requested:* Informational/Discussion
- VI. **Agency Reports**
  - a. CMAP
  - b. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
  - c. IDOT Highways
  - d. Illinois Tollway
  - e. Metra
  - f. Pace
  - g. RTA
- VII. **Other Business**

**VIII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee will be held on March 26, 2020, 8:30 a.m. at NWMC Offices.

**IX. Adjourn**

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## **Northwest Municipal Conference Transportation Committee Minutes January 23, 2020 8:30 a.m. NWMC Offices 1600 E. Golf Road, Suite 0700 Des Plaines, IL 60016**

### **Members Present**

Joan Frazier, President, Village of Northfield, *Co-Chair*  
Bob Benton, Trustee, Village of Deerfield  
Jeff Brady, Director of Community Development, Village of Glenview  
Ramesh Kanapareddy, Director of Public Works, City of Highland Park  
Mike Zadel, Trustee, Village of Mount Prospect  
Matt Farmer, Village Engineer, Village of Northbrook  
Bob Israel, Trustee, Village of Northbrook (via phone)  
Matt Morrison, Assistant Public Work Director, Village of Northbrook  
Lou Arrigoni, Senior Engineer, City of Park Ridge  
Peter Falcone, Assistant to the City Administrator, City of Prospect Heights  
Lara Sanoica, Alderman, City of Rolling Meadows  
Tom Dailly, Mayor, Village of Schaumburg  
Karyn Robles, Director of Transportation, Village of Schaumburg  
Mark Janeck, Director of Public Works, Village of Wheeling  
Tim Frenzer, Village Manager, Village of Wilmette

### **Others Present**

Sam Wright, Planner, Cook County Dept. of Transportation & Highways (CCDOTH)  
Tim Milburn, Consultant, Green Ways 2 Go  
Katie Renteria, Community Relations, Metra  
Steven Andrews, Community Relations, Pace  
Edith Makra, Environmental Initiatives Director, Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus  
Larry Bury, Deputy Director, NWMC  
Kendra Johnson, Program Associate for Transportation, NWMC  
Matthew Pasquini, Program Associate for Transportation, NWMC

### **I. Call to Order/Introductions**

President Frazier called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m. and those present introduced themselves.

### **II. Approval of December 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

*Mr. Kanapareddy moved approval of the December 5, 2019 meeting minutes. Trustee Zadel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

### **III. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) EV Ready Presentation**

Ms. Makra provided background information about opportunities for municipalities to expand EV infrastructure. She noted that several

opportunities can be funded through Volkswagen settlement funds and the state capital bill. Ms. Makra then discussed how the MMC is developing an EV Ready guide to help municipalities plan for the future and hopes to create a recognition program similar to the SolSmart program administered by the MMC.

Mr. Milburn then discussed different types of electric vehicles and the development and advancement of electric vehicle supply equipment. He shared technical information about what is required to set up charging stations and other considerations municipalities need to make regarding placement, enforcement and financing.

After their overviews, both Ms. Makra and Mr. Milburn engaged in a listening session to solicit feedback and answer questions from members of the committee to help develop their EV Ready guide. They sought feedback on topics including: planning considerations; development; building codes and permitting; pricing and finance; and, information and training.

#### **IV. NWMC Multimodal Plan Update**

Ms. Johnson provided an update on the Multimodal Plan and the next steps in its development. She noted that the timeframe was shifted one month as the project lead had to tend to personal matters. In the meantime, she said the project team has published a map of sidewalk gaps within NWMC service territory as well as a draft street design tool box which will be made available for comment in early February.

#### **V. Agency Reports**

- A. CMAP – Written report provided.
- B. CCDOTH – Mr. Wright announced the availability of \$8.5 million in Invest in Cook funds. The County is currently accepting applications until March 13 and is hosting public information sessions and a webinar about how to apply for the funds.
- C. Metra – Ms. Renteria informed the committee that the Rebuild Illinois capital funding package resulted in \$1.2 billion for Metra to invest in their rail cars and locomotives. They have published a public survey to solicit feedback about what features and amenities riders would like included in the new cars.
- D. Pace – Mr. Andrews reminded the committee of public hearings that will begin next week and last until February 13. The hearings are intended to obtain feedback from members of impacted communities on the route changes proposed in the North Shore Coordination Plan.

#### **VI. Other Business**

No other business.

#### **VII. Next Meeting**

President Frazier noted the next meeting would take place on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at NWMC Offices.

**VIII. Adjourn**

*Mr. Kanapareddy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. Trustee Benton seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

# NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan

FEBRUARY 27, 2020



## What We'll Cover

- Overview of development process
- Structure & Content of the plan
- Timeline
- Additional resources

## Plan Development

### PHASE

1

#### Current State & Issue Identification

- Evaluate progress on priority bicycle corridors and identify potential new routes
- Survey sidewalks along major roads and surrounding transit stations
- Analyze current conditions for people walking and biking to transit
- Learn from the community and stakeholders about the current state

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#### Prioritization & Solution Development

- Prioritize regional bicycle corridors
- Prioritize sidewalk gaps
- Develop design and policy strategies to improve access to transit
- Conduct focus groups with transportation staff and partner agencies
- Continued engagement with the community

3

#### Implementation Strategies

- Build a toolbox of design, policy, and program solutions
- Estimate costs for bicycle corridors
- Develop funding guide matching sources with projects

4

#### Develop & Refine the Plan

- Develop a clear, compelling final Plan
- Refine the Plan with the community and stakeholders

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#### Implement the Plan!

## Project Team



## Public Outreach and Engagement

- Steering Committee
- Surveys
- Social media & email communications
- Pop-up workshops
- NWMC Member Open House

## Pop-up Workshops



## Member Open House



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## Structure

- **Introduction**
  - Who we are, service area
  - Purpose of the plan
- **Existing Conditions**
  - Survey results
  - Other data
- **What We Heard**
  - Summary of public engagement

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## Structure (cont.)

- **Improving Multimodal Connections**
  - Tools for street design
  - Tools for programs and policies
- **Implementation**
  - Priority bike corridors
  - Priority sidewalk segments
  - Resources for implementation

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## Survey Results: Social Media Graphics



## Improving Multimodal Connections

- Street Design Toolbox includes tools for:
  - Traffic Calming
  - Walking & Crossing the Street
  - Biking
  - Walking & Biking to Transit
  - Placemaking
  - Loading/Unloading Freight

## Street Design Toolbox: Walking & Crossing the Street

IMPROVING MULTIMODAL CONNECTIONS | STREET DESIGN TOOLBOX

### Tools for Walking & Crossing the Street

#### WIDE AND CONTINUOUS SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks should be a minimum 5 feet wide and ideally 6 feet 6 inches. When sidewalks are immediately adjacent to the curb, they should be a minimum of 4 feet to accommodate street lights, seating and separation from vehicle traffic. Sidewalks immediately adjacent to the curb with street trees should measure a full 10 feet wide to accommodate the 6-foot width needed for tree planters to ensure healthy trees. Sidewalks are only as good as the network they serve within. Connected, continuous sidewalks on both sides of a street ensure maximum pedestrian accessibility from a small sidewalk gap can negate significant accessibility benefits.

**ADA CURB RAMPS**

ADA curb ramps are required by law at crossings to allow users with mobility limitations to safely and confidently cross. These curb ramps also benefit sidewalk users with strollers and people pushing shopping carts.

**COST** \$\$\$  
**LOCATION** ALL STREETS

#### HIGH-VISIBILITY CROSSWALKS

High-visibility crosswalks are more visible to drivers than standard painted crosswalk lines, alerting them to the presence of pedestrians. Connected crosswalks feature wide painted boxes to line with traffic flow and ensure more visible crosswalk markings. Standard zebra crosswalks display the wide painted boxes at a diagonal and ladder markings include a striped boundary around painted wide painted boxes. Crosswalks need to be repaired when the paint wears off in order to maintain the high-visibility status.

**COST** \$  
**LOCATION** ALL STREETS

#### MID-BLOCK CROSSINGS

Mid-block crossings are those that occur outside of an intersection. They are appropriate along long blocks or blocks with high pedestrian activity. Mid-block crossings enhance pedestrian networks and increase accessibility. Mid-block crossings can benefit from curb extensions and should feature yielding pedestrians within 20-25 feet of the crossing to ensure maximum visibility of vehicles and pedestrian waiting lights to help to ensure maximum awareness, crosswalk markings are required.

**COST** \$\$\$  
**LOCATION** MAJOR STREETS

Image Sources: Wide and Continuous Sidewalks (Duke Lake City); ADA Curb Ramps (DOT.org); High-Visibility Crosswalks (NACTO); Mid-Block Crossings (Duke University)

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Improving Multimodal Connections (cont.)

- Programs & Policies Toolbox includes tools for:
  - Walking & Biking
  - Transit
  - Traffic Calming
  - Parking
  - Design
  - Coordination

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Implementation

- Priority bike corridor overview
- Individual snapshots include:
  - Map
  - NWMC Communities
  - Population, jobs, and crash data

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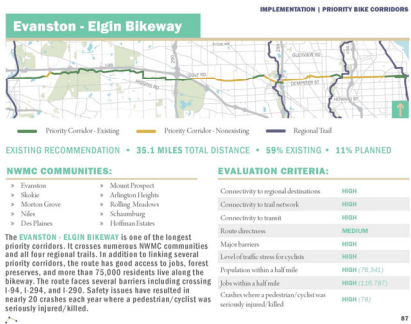
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Corridor Snapshot:  
Evanston-Elgin Bikeway



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- Sidewalk gap analysis overview
  - Breakdown by individual communities
- Project development tips
- Maintenance policies
- Funding opportunities

**Project Development Flow Map**

**PLANNING**

- Identify needs & constraints
- Assess impacts on the community
- Develop alternatives

**PROJECT SCOPING AND DEVELOPMENT**

- Define project
- Identify stakeholders
- Develop alternatives

**PROGRAMMING AND SCHEDULING**

- Develop schedule
- Identify resources
- Develop budget

**DEVELOP PERMANENT SUPPORT?**

- YES
- NO

**SHORT-TERM LOCAL OPPORTUNITY?**

- YES
- NO

**UPCOMING WORK SCHEDULE?**

- YES
- NO

**DEVELOP PERMANENT SUPPORT?**

- YES
- NO

**POTENTIAL PROJECTS**

**JURISDICTION**

**STATE, COUNTY, CITIES**

- Identify areas engaged with community to develop plan
- Identify areas engaged with community to develop plan

**UPCOMING WORK SCHEDULE?**

- YES
- NO

**DEVELOP PERMANENT SUPPORT?**

- YES
- NO

**Legend:**

- Areas where NRECA and/or CAEP can provide assistance

ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (ITEP)		INVEST IN COOK	IMPLEMENTATION
<p><b>PROGRAM PURPOSE</b> To provide for the aesthetic and environmental aspects of transportation infrastructure.</p> <p><b>PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR</b> Cook County Department of Transportation (COTD)</p> <p><b>AVAILABLE FUNDING LEVEL</b> \$45 million annually; projects may apply for up to \$2 million</p> <p><b>ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS</b> Local and regional governments with active highway and/or transportation agencies may apply with a public sponsor.</p> <p><b>ELIGIBLE PROJECTS</b> Bike/pedestrian facilities</p> <p><b>APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change in application requirements Phase I and II</li> <li>Eligible for funding projects to complete by 12/31/2015</li> <li>At least 25% of funding being directed toward projects eligible for funding</li> </ul> </p> <p><b>APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE</b> Typically, notice of funding opportunity announced in January; applications accepted until November 30; December 15th for FY 2016; 2017 announced in November; applications accepted until December 15th</p> <p><b>DEADLINE</b> Funding opportunity will be delivered with the monthly</p> <p><b>LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT</b> Determined on a sliding scale based on community size, urban density and total project cost</p>	<p><b>PROGRAM PURPOSE</b> To provide transportation assistance with the few providers of Connecting Cook County provide transit and other transportation infrastructure for the region to aid North America's freight capital, promote active access to transportation, maintain and enhance the environment, and increase investments in transportation.</p> <p><b>PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR</b> Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (COTD)</p> <p><b>AVAILABLE FUNDING LEVEL</b> \$1 million annually</p> <p><b>ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS</b> Cook County residents within Cook County</p> <p><b>ELIGIBLE PROJECTS</b> Transit improvements and cycling and pedestrian amenities</p> <p><b>APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS</b> Projects must be aligned with the goals of Connecting Cook County</p> <p><b>APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE</b> Notice of funding opportunity announced annually in January; applications accepted until July 31st</p> <p><b>LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT</b> Sliding scale based on need</p>		

## Timeline

- Project team currently incorporating final revisions from Steering Committee
- Executive Board: March 4, 2020
- Full NWMC Board: March 11, 2020

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## Additional Resources

- [www.nwmcmultimodalplan.org](http://www.nwmcmultimodalplan.org)
  - All project deliverables
  - Survey findings
  - NWMC in the press
- [Sidewalk Gap map](#)
- [Priority Corridors map with comments](#)

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**NWMC Transportation Committee**  
**Thursday, February 27, 2020**

**Summary of Illinois General Assembly Bills for Consideration:**

**HB 4248: Grade Crossing Protection**

Rep. Robyn Gabel

**Synopsis:** Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Provides that the funds transferred each month to the Grade Crossing Protection Fund may go to the maintenance of safety treatments to deter trespassing. Deletes language providing that the Illinois Commerce Commission shall not order more than \$2,000,000 per year in Grade Crossing Protection Fund moneys for pedestrian walkways. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Allows the Illinois Commerce Commission, after a hearing or by stipulated agreement, to authorize and order the terms of installation, operation, maintenance, and use of safety treatments requested by a public authority or rail carrier to deter trespassing on railroad property at a place other than a public crossing.

**SB 2303/2963: Local Road; Police Vehicle**

Sen. Dale Fowler

**Synopsis:** Amends the Illinois Hazardous Materials Transportation Act. Defines "Local Road" as any roadway, except for (i) a highway with 3 or more lanes, or (ii) an interstate highway. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Adds recreational off-highway vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, watercraft, and aircraft to the definition of a "police vehicle". Effective immediately. **SB 2963** defines a "Local road" as any State roadway, except for (i) a highway with 4 or more lanes, or (ii) an interstate highway. Effective immediately.

**SB 3183: Rules of Road – Bicycles**

Sen. Pat McGuire

**Synopsis:** Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that, in and within one mile of an urban area, the Department of Transportation shall establish and solely fund bicycle and pedestrian ways in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any State transportation facility. Effective immediately.

**SB 3555: Bicycle Pedestrian Ways**

Sen. John Curran

**Synopsis:** Amends the Bicycles Article under the Rules of the Road Chapter of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a person riding a bicycle upon a roadway in the State may treat: a stop sign as a yield sign; and a red light as a stop sign.



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