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The Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee Of the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

November 9, 2006
Minutes

In attendance:

Monica Meyers	Executive Director	Kane County Forest Preserve
Tom Rickert	Council Director	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
Michele Springer	Planner	Kane County Forest Preserve
Steve Coffinbargar	Chief of Planning & Programming	KDOT
Erin Willrett	Reg. Planning Liaison	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
Holly Smith	Reg. Planning Liaison	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
Ed Barsotti	Executive Director	League of Illinois Bicyclists
Charlie Johnson	Trail User	IPP
Katie Thornton	Senior Planner	Village of Algonquin
David Kaplan	Council Member	City of Elgin
Wes Kornowske	Administrative Intern	Village of North Aurora
Geoff Payton	Streets Supervisor	Village of Sugar Grove
John Clayton	Superintendent of Parks	Sugar Grove Park District
Mike Ferencak	Planner	Village of Sugar Grove
Jim Bell	Superintendent of Parks	City of Elgin
Jim Pilmer	Director of Parks	City of Aurora
Jim Eby	Director of Planning	Batavia Park District
Chris Tiedt	Civil Engineer I	City of St. Charles
Karen Miller	Planner	Kane Co. Development Dept.
Larry Gabriel	Superintendent of Parks	Geneva Park District

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Monica Meyers called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. Introductions were made. Jim Bell moved and Larry Gabriel seconded approval of the minutes of the May 23, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Director/Coordinator Update

IL Route 56 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Open

On Saturday June 3, the Kane County Forest Preserve held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the IL Rt. 56 pedestrian and bike bridge. Bikers and hikers from everywhere were invited to come and join for the long awaited opening of the bridge, a project that has been in the making for eight years. The bridge cost approximately \$2.2 million to build, nearly half of which was funded federally or through grants. The bridge is located over IL Rt. 56, west of the Aurora West Forest Preserve, along the Virgil Gilman Trail, in Sugar Grove, IL.

South Street Trail Update

Kane County applied to IDOT for a change of scope for the South Street Trail / Randall Road Underpass. Staff is hoping to hear back from IDOT regarding the change of scope soon.

Randall Road/Route 64 Underpass Update

Randall Road / Route 64 Underpass to Dean Street - New sidewalks and bike paths will be constructed along with a ninety-foot long pedestrian underpass at the north end of the project. Presently the project is 66% (2/3) complete with the box proper. Next steps are to frame and pour the floor, walls and roof of the 3rd box within the next weeks. From there we

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will fine grade the sub-grade of the path, install granular base and pave with Asphalt. That will hopefully be done by the end of November. The required lights in the underpass are roughed in and will not be energized until December or spring 2007. Staff will keep the underpass closed until lights are on for safety reasons. Staff anticipates the Underpass to be open spring 2007.

Huntley Walkability Workshop

The Chicago Area Transportation Study conducted a walkability workshop, hosted by the Village of Huntley, on May 17, 2006. Kane County DOT staff, along with McHenry County DOT staff, participated in the workshop. This workshop involved a pedestrian and bicycle-focused transportation study to identify strategies for accommodating or improving walking and cycling in the Village of Huntley. A Walkable Audit was also conducted by the consultant as part of this workshop. Downtown areas and adjacent neighborhoods were analyzed for their street design, tree canopy, land use patterns and other elements that make neighborhoods more or less livable. The Village documented the various recommendations presented for future consideration or improvement.

Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School is an international movement that focuses on making walking and bicycling to school a safe and valued activity. Building on this movement, Congress established the Safe Routes to School Program in SAFETEA-LU which will provide Illinois with approximately \$23 million over the five year program life. The first two years of the program, Illinois was apportioned \$4.7 million. No local match is required and projects may be for infrastructure (minimum 70 percent of federal funding) or non-infrastructure improvements (minimum 10 percent of federal funding). Projects aimed at K to 8th grade are eligible. Local governments, schools, school districts, non-for-profits, and private organizations may sponsor projects.

Currently, Illinois is developing its own program. The Illinois Department of Transportation has hired the state coordinator for Safe Routes to School, Megan Holt (megan.holt@illinois.gov, 217-785-2932). Currently they are working on planning efforts to provide a site for developing a School Travel Plan. The School Travel Plan will provide schools with direction and information on Safe Routes to School planning. After planning has been completed, they will have a call for projects to be funded through the Safe Routes to School Program. Please visit www.dot.state.il.us/saferoutes for more information.

FY2007 CMAQ Program

The FY2007- FY2009 multi-year program has been approved and is available on-line at www.catsmpo.com/program/cmaq.htm.

RTAP Application

The Regional Transit Authority recently requested pre-applications for the 2007 Regional Technical Assistance Program. The goal of the program is for preliminary transit planning and technical assistance. One pre-application was submitted by staff - Randall Road Route 529 Plan to Improve Access to Bus Service. The study will prepare a plan to improve access and ridership through infrastructure and service enhancements.

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

To integrate planning for transportation and land use, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has been created by merging the staffs of the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) and the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC). Staffs are employees of CMAP and the body formerly known as the Regional Planning Board is now the CMAP Board. CMAP serves the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will. CATS Policy Committee will continue to serve as the region's federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and consensus between the CMAP and Policy Committee must be reached for regional transportation planning and programming decisions and recommendations. In early September, CMAP submitted its strategic report on the agency's vision, governance, and funding to the Illinois General Assembly and Governor Blagojevich. Visit www.chicagoareaplanning.org for more information.

Planning Area Studies

Staff is currently involved in the North Central Planning Area Study to develop land use and transportation recommendations for the area bounded by I-90 to the north, Silver Glen Road to the south, IL Rte. 47 to the west, and Randall Road to the east. Staff has met individually with the Villages of South Elgin, Hampshire, Pingree Grove, Gilberts and the City of Elgin to complete the data collection required for the Place's model. A charrette is planned for Thursday November 9, 2006 at Randall Oaks Country Club in West Dundee, IL. The model land uses for the 4 Priority Places located in the planning area, which will be incorporated into the final plan.

B. Municipal / Park District/County/Forest Preserve Update

- Larry Gabriel from the Geneva Park District said that they are continuing maintenance along the Fox River Trail.
- Mike Ferencak from the Village of Sugar Grove stated that they are putting in paths as the developers come along. That also keeps in line with the recommendation from their comprehensive plan.
- Katie Thornton from the Village of Algonquin said that they are working on a Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan and it should be adopted within the next several months. They are focusing on connections within the plan.
- Ed Barsotti, Executive Director of the League of Illinois Bicyclists reported that the City of Batavia is planning on wrapping up the Bike Plan in December/January with the public commenting on improvements, suggestions and

the on-road system. The City of Aurora is working on installing 35 bike racks in the downtown area. They are working with the Alderman and are attending ward meetings to fill in the sidewalk gaps possibly with ward funding. Jim Pilmer from the City of Aurora also echoes that in the 2007 budget Mayor Weisner gave monies for the open space for new parks, taking mature neighborhoods and connecting them to paths, Ed Barsotti is taking the lead on these projects. The City of Aurora is also working on the Fox River Trail Gap and is currently in negotiations and is hoping to begin shortly.

- David Kaplain from the City of Elgin reported that the Bike Plan that the City has been working on for 3 years went thru the public hearing process. They are working to connect the City streets to the River. There are over 8 million dollars of river front improvement that will include paths.
- Jim Bell from the City of Elgin said that they hired a consultant to finalize the bike path Master Plan and hopes to complete the plan in mid-2007. The City is also working on a bike path along Condon Avenue to connect to Hoffman Estates.
- Wes Kornowske from the Village of North Aurora reported that they are working on the Ruby Bikeway. They are re-directing from the original plan and are planning on coming down Kines Street in Phase 1. Phase 2 the path will be extending out and Phase 4 the trail will ultimately connect to the Mid-County Trail. The Village is also working on the Oak Street Bike/Pedestrian Bridge. The Village did receive a CMAQ grant for \$91,000 for this project.
- Jim Eby from Batavia Park District reported that they are working on Clark Island. Currently they are pouring the abutments for the bridges. The bridge should arrive at the end of November and hope to be in full use by spring of 2007 and will be paved. Tanglewood Hills path along the Nicor property is underway. The Park District received \$374,000 in an OSLAD grant that will go towards a new community park in the Mill Creek Subdivision at South Mill Creek Drive and Main Street.
- Chris Tiedt from the City of St. Charles reported that they are currently looking how to connect Randall and Dean West to LeRoy Oaks Forest Preserve after the Randall Road project is complete.
- Tom Rickert, Kane County Division of Transportation, reported that the County would like to begin coordination with St. Charles to look at the connection to LeRoy Oaks. The County is also working on the Orchard Road improvements south to Montgomery. In working on the McLean Boulevard project, the County is staging construction and may be removing the bike trail element because of hardships of land acquisitions.
- Monica Meyers, Kane County Forest Preserve, reported that they are working on the Silver Glen Bridge that crosses over Randall. The Forest Preserve received \$400,000 from an OSLAD grant and is using it to look at regional connections for the Mid-County Trail by Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve.

C. Forest Preserve Master Plan

Monica Meyers reported that the Master Plan was done in-house and staff looked at all the Forest Preserves properties and came up with conceptual plans. They held 6 open-house/public meetings throughout the county. Staff created to focus groups – a dog group and an equestrian group. They collected information from both groups and put it together in the final conceptual plans. There was also a community survey that was distributed by random mail, random phone survey and the forest preserve newsletter mailing list. There were a lot of the same results from the survey and most users were very satisfied. Staff is presenting the plan to committee level in January and is hoping to receive final approval in February. The plan spot-lighted the Mid-County Trail and would like to have linear systems to connect Forest Preserves. An additional hand-out of possible Regional Trail cross-section was given to the attendants. It shows an area of asphalt for cyclists a buffer and an area of limestone for equestrians or pedestrians.

III. UPDATES TO BIKE / PED BICYCLE MAP

A. Updates for the 2007 edition of the Kane County Bicycle Map

Erin Willrett is beginning to start meeting with the municipalities and park districts within Kane and Kendall County for updates to the 2007 public bike map. A sign-up sheet was passed out. Please bring changes to the meeting that have been done within the last year or are projected in the future and the updates will be put on the map.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Bike-Friendly Towns for Recreation and Transportation – Given by Ed Barsotti

A presentation was given by Ed Barsotti.

V. Next Meeting

Erin Willrett will be sending out a meeting notice in the winter to finalize the 2007 Public Bike Map.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



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Michele Springer	Planner	Kane County Forest Preserve
Steve Coffinbargar	Chief of Planning & Programming	KDOT
Manny Gomez	Assistant Director – Project Implementation	KDOT
Erin Willrett	Reg. Planning Liaison	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
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Ed Barsotti	Executive Director	League of Illinois Bicyclists
Steve Persinger	Director	Geneva Park District
Charlie Johnson	Trail User	IPP
Ed Szydlowski	Capital Projects Manager	Village of Carpentersville
Dave Morrison	Village Administrator	Village of Elburn
Michael Brown	Planner	Village of Montgomery
Kristy Stone	Assistant Planner	Village of Bartlett
Katie Thornton	Senior Planner	Village of Algonquin
Andrew Boyda	Planning Intern	Village of Algonquin
Jerry Swanson	Community Development Director	City of Batavia
Jim Miller	Assistant Director	Dundee Township Park District
Tom Mammoser	Director	Dundee Township Park District

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Monica Meyers called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Introductions were made. Dave Morrison moved and Ed Barsotti seconded approval of the minutes of the December 1, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Director/Coordinator Update

FY2007 CMAQ Program

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program is a federally funded program of surface transportation improvements designed to improve air quality and mitigate congestion. The Illinois Department of Transportation administers the program. A detailed list of what was submitted from the county and municipalities are in the attached newsletter. For further information, visit www.catsmpo.com/prog-cmaq.

Safe Routes to School

The Northeastern Illinois Safe Routes to School Task Force is an effort to bring together key stakeholders to provide direction and leadership for the delivery of Safe Routes to School Programs. For more information, visit <http://www.dot.il.gov/saferoutes/index.html>.

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Metra's Bikes on Trains Extension

Metra's Bikes on Train Program has been extended indefinitely. This program is designed to enable cyclists to bring their standard-form bicycles on board trains during weekday off-peak hours and on weekends. Two bicycles are allowed in the priority seating area in each accessible rail car. There is no additional charge to your Metra fare to take a bicycle on board the train. For more information, visit <http://metrarail.com>.

Bicycle Commuter Challenge

The Commuter Challenge is part of Bike to Work Week (June 10 – June 16), a week-long event which culminates in the Bike to Work Day Rally. The rally takes place 7:30 to 9 a.m. June 16 at Daley Plaza, Dearborn and Washington. Free T-shirts and breakfast are available for participants while supplies last. The Bike to Work Day Rally is organized by the Mayor's Office of Special Events. For more information, call (312) 744-3315 or visit <http://www.biketraffic.org/>.

Regional Planning Board

Randy Blakenhorn has been named as the new Executive Director of the Regional Planning Board. As the Executive Director he will lead its efforts in comprehensive planning for land use and transportation in northeastern Illinois. He will report to the board while overseeing daily operations of an 80-person planning staff. Blankenhorn has been working as Urban Program Planning bureau chief for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), where he has been employed since 1984. For IDOT, he has been responsible for metropolitan planning and programming, which includes airport, public transit and railroad capital programs, regional air quality and environmental planning, deployment of Geographic Information Systems and other technology, and coordination of state and federal transportation plans and programs. For more information, visit www.rpbchicago.org.

Tom Rickert stated that rescissions hit the whole state; some things are suffering because of that. The CMAQ program last year was programmed at 105 million, this year it will be around 24.5 million. Enhancements will also suffer. Ed Barsotti gave an explanation of rescissions.

Kane County and Forest Preserve Project Updates

Jerry Culp stated that the Forest Preserve is working with Elgin on developments – Fitchie / Corron and the Mid-County Trail Improvements. The Forest Preserve is also working on Dick Yong Forest Preserve and Aurora West Forest Preserve to establish the Mid-County Trail link in that area.

The Chairman gave the update that the Illinois Route 56 Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be on Saturday June 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Parking will be available at Aurora West Forest Preserve. There is a planned nature hike after the ceremony. She also stated that the gap at Peck Road in Geneva will be filled in at Fisher Farms.

Manny Gomez reported that KDOT is working on land acquisition for McLean Bowes to Hopps, bike trail on the west side of the street, looking at construction in FY08. The Chairman stated that it would be nice to connect from this trail to Elgin Community College Campus, and suggested to look into this. KDOT is also working at the trail extension along Farnsworth at Kirk at IL Route 56, looking for a letting in the summer of 2007. The City of Aurora has request crosswalks for this area across Kirk. IDOT said it would delay the project and they did not add the crosswalk to the scope of services. Tom Rickert stated that the county is coordinating with Pace, Geneva and Batavia to improve the gaps along Pace Route 529 along the Randall Road Corridor. The County also placed a joint CMAQ application with Pace for improvements along this corridor.

B. Municipal / Park District Update

- Tom Mammoser from the Dundee Township Park District reported that Ms. Willrett should double check the park district plan and add any additions to the bike map. The Village of West Dundee is incorporating to Randall Oaks Park. That is a key component to cross Randall Road and it will provide a crucial link to the River West.
- Kristy Stone from Bartlett reported that they are working on the bike path on West Bartlett Road to IL Route 25.
- Michael Brown from the Village of Montgomery said that they are continuing to work with new developers as they come in to follow their trail system laid out in the comprehensive plan.
- Dave Morrison from the Village of Elburn said that they were granted concept approval west of Route 47 north and south of IL Route 38. They were also the recipient of the small cities grant and looking into pedestrian overpasses and seeing if it will compensate bicycle use. The village does have bike access to the Metra station at Kansas Street.
- Ed Szydlowski from the Village of Carpentersville said that the Village is working closely with the Village of Algonquin to link existing or proposed trails. They are going to require developers to put in path. The Village has begun to link trails so that their will be connections across town. They are going to use MFT funds to do various striping throughout the Village. They are also starting to meet with neighboring villages to see where future connections can be made.

- Ed Barsotti, Executive Director of the League of Illinois Bicyclists reported that the City of Aurora finished their Bike/Ped Plan. They are going to implement a bike parking ordinance modeled after the City of Naperville's ordinance that has proven effective. Monica Meyers said that the Fox River Trail Gap in downtown Aurora did receive an IDOT grant awhile ago, and now they are finalizing the engineering work. There is still \$450,000 designated for this project. Mr. Barsotti is also working on the City of Batavia's Bike/Ped Plan and should be finished by the end of the year. Dave Morrison asked if the Development Ordinance is available to the public, if Ed would present it at the next Bike/Ped meeting, Ed agreed.

C. Mid-County Trail Update

The Mid-County Trail was broken up into 2 sections – a north section and a south section. There was a meeting held with municipalities and park districts that were in the area of the Mid-County Trail. The main purpose of the meetings was to establish connections and locate gaps and figure out the best alignment of the trail possible. It will be labeled on the upcoming edition of the 2006 Bike Map.

III. UPDATES TO BIKE / PED BICYCLE MAP

A. Updates for the 2006 edition of the Kane County Bicycle Map

Erin Willrett asked if there were any more changes that need to be made to the map to get them in to her by Wednesday May 4, 2006. The Chairman stressed that this map is a planning tool for agencies and a map for riders.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Safe Routes To School Update – Given by Ed Barsotti

What is Safe Routes to School (SR2S)?

It's a rising international effort to increase safety and promote walking or bicycling to school through the "5 E's": Engineering, education, enforcement, encouragement, and evaluation. The 2005 SAFETEA-LU transportation bill included a new SR2S federal funding source for \$612M over 5 years for both infrastructure and non-infrastructure reimbursement grants.

Motivation

Over the past 2-3 decades, there has been an incredible rise in obesity and physical inactivity in kids and adults. The impact on health and health care costs is high and will continue to rise dramatically. From Day 1, kids are learning to rely on cars for even the shortest trips. 60% kids walked or biked to school 35 years ago. Now, it's 13%. For school trips < 1 mile, 29% walk or bike. There is a strong correlation of communities with good bike/pedestrian environments having more active residents. And, air quality and traffic congestion around schools have become issues.

Summarize the SR2S grant program

- Illinois: \$4.8M (FY05-06 total), \$5M (FY07), \$6.2M (FY08), \$7.8M (FY09)
- 100% federal share – no local match! Reimbursement grants.
- Eligible: state, local, regional agencies, including non-profits. Schools, PTAs, etc. eligible.
- 70-90% for infrastructure projects, 10-30% for non-infrastructure – examples below. However, efforts in both areas must be demonstrated.
- Primary beneficiaries must be K-8 students. Infrastructure projects must be on public property within 2 miles of school – including schools, and private land with legal public access easements
- Administered by IDOT. Details, application dates to be determined (our guess: end of 2006???)

Examples of infrastructure grant uses

Must meet the objectives of reducing speeds and improving pedestrian and bicycle safety and access.

- **Sidewalk improvements:** new sidewalks, sidewalk widening, sidewalk gap closures, sidewalk repairs, curbs, gutters, and curb ramps.
- **Traffic calming and speed reduction improvements:** roundabouts, bulb-outs, speed humps, raised crossings, raised intersections, median refuges, narrowed traffic lanes, lane reductions, full- or half-street closures, automated speed enforcement, and variable speed limits.
- **Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements:** crossings, median refuges, raised crossings, raised intersections, traffic control devices (including new or upgraded traffic signals, pavement markings, traffic stripes, in-roadway crossing lights, flashing beacons, bicycle-sensitive signal actuation devices, pedestrian countdown signals, vehicle speed feedback signs, and pedestrian activated signal upgrades), and sight distance improvements.
- **On-street bicycle facilities:** new or upgraded bicycle lanes, widened outside lanes or roadway shoulders, geometric improvements, turning lanes, channelization and roadway realignment, traffic signs, and pavement markings.

- **Off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities:** exclusive multi-use bicycle and pedestrian trails and pathways that are separated from a roadway.
- **Secure bicycle parking facilities:** bicycle parking racks, bicycle lockers, designated areas with safety lighting, and covered bicycle shelters.
- **Traffic diversion improvements:** separation of pedestrians and bicycles from vehicular traffic adjacent to schools, and traffic diversion away from school zones or designated routes to a school.

Planning, design, and engineering expenses, including consultant services, associated with developing eligible infrastructure projects are also eligible to receive infrastructure funds.

Examples of non-infrastructure grant uses

SAFETEA-LU specifies that eligible non-infrastructure activities are activities to encourage walking and bicycling to school, including: public awareness campaigns and outreach to press and community leaders; traffic education and enforcement in the vicinity of schools; student sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, health, and environment; and funding for training, volunteers, and managers of safe routes to school programs. Examples may include:

- Creation and reproduction of promotional and educational materials.
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety curricula, materials and trainers.
- Training, including SRTS training workshops that target school- and community-level audiences.
- Modest incentives for SRTS contests and incentives that encourage more walking and bicycling over time. Safety and educational tokens that also advertise the program.
- Photocopying, duplicating, and printing costs, including CDs, DVDs, etc. Also, mailing costs.
- Costs for data gathering, analysis, and evaluation reporting at the local project level.
- Substitute teacher pay if needed to cover for faculty attending SRTS functions during school hours.
- Costs for additional law enforcement or equipment needed for enforcement activities.
- Equipment and training needed for *establishing* crossing guard programs.
- Stipends for parent or staff coordinators. (typically to reimburse volunteers for materials and expenses needed for coordination and efforts. "Super-volunteer" pay is possible in rare cases.)
- Costs to employ a SRTS Program Manager, which is a person that runs a SRTS program for an entire city, county, or some other area-wide division that includes numerous schools.
- Consultant costs (either non-profit or for-profit) to manage a SRTS program.

What can towns, schools, etc. do now to prepare for grants?

Identify community partners and form a local SR2S team. Come up with a plan, whether it's on a school, district, city, or regional level. Inventory and prioritize where improvements are needed, with the help of parent and student surveys. Learn what is possible, both in infrastructure and policy. Determine gaps in pedestrian and bicycle safety education. Is better enforcement needed? Do encouragement programs (like International Walk to School Day) exist? Prioritize easy steps and those that require funding.

For some more information...

Safe Routes Info from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center: <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org>

NHTSA's SR2S Toolkit: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/Safe-Routes-2002>

International Walk to School Day/Week: <http://www.walktoschool-usa.org>

FHWA's SR2S program guidance: <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/srtsguidance.htm>

Also: LIB is a statewide bicycle advocacy organization, available as a resource on Safe Routes to School and related issues. Call 630-978-0583 or e-mail lib@bikelib.org

Mr. Barsotti also gave an update on grant funding sources for trails. He listed, ITEP, IDNR State Bike Grants, Recreational Trails Program, and CMAQ. There is more information about these funding sources listed on the KKCOC website.

V. Next Meeting

Erin Willrett will be sending out a meeting notice in the fall to start work on updates to the Kane County Planning Bike/Ped Map. Tom Rickert made the suggestion to update the planning map with the Federal Cycle.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.