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## Bicycle / Pedestrian Committee KANE/KENDALL COUNCIL OF MAYORS

October 29, 2009

Meeting Minutes

### Members in attendance:

Ed Barsotti	Executive Director	League of Illinois Bicyclists
Geoff Payton	Streets Superintendent	Sugar Grove
Jan Ward	Deputy Director	KKCOM
Jim Eby	Director of Planning	Batavia Park District
Jim Reuter	Director of Parks and Recreation	South Elgin
John Gamble	Bike Commission Chairman	Batavia
Karen Miller	Executive Planner	Kane Development Department
Kristian Zoerhoff	Resident	Gilberts
Lori Heringa	Planner	CMAP
Mary Heineman	Bike & Ped Planning Committee	Sugar Grove
Michele Springer	Planner	Kane County Forest Preserve
Mike Ferencak	Planner	Sugar Grove
Mike Sullivan	Regional Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Nathan Roseberry	Traffic Engineer	Hoffman Estates
Noel Basquin	City Engineer	Batavia
Pamela Brookstein	Near West Suburban Coordinator	Active Transportation Alliance
Paul Bednar	Parks and Recreation	Elgin
Steve Coffinbargar	Council Director	KKCOM
Ted Lundquist	Planner	SEC Group, Inc.
Tom Murtha	Planner	CMAP
Tom Rickert	Executive Director	KKCOM

### I. OPENING OF MEETING

- A. Michele Springer called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Introductions were made.
- B. Ed Barsotti asked that the minutes be changed to clarify that the bike lanes marked in the City of Batavia along Western and Millview Avenues were not part of the Safe Routes to Schools grants. Mary Heineman moved and Mike Ferencak seconded of the minutes of the February 5, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### II. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### A. Director / Coordinator Update

Mike Sullivan gave the Coordinator update:

#### 2009-10 Public Bicycle Map Update/2009 Planning Bicycle Map Update

The updated Public Map, which includes existing local and regional trails and proposed

regional trails, is available for distribution to municipalities, park districts, chambers of commerce, tourism agencies, and local bike shops. In addition to having the Public Map available, the Planning Map is available on the Bicycle and Pedestrian website at [www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM/BikePed/](http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM/BikePed/). The Planning Map includes existing and proposed regional and local trails. To request a copy of the map, contact Mike Sullivan at, (630)444-3142 or [sullivanmike@co.kane.il.us](mailto:sullivanmike@co.kane.il.us).

### **Safe Routes to School Grants**

In August, IDOT announced \$13.1 million in Safe Routes to School grants to schools and communities across the state to enable and encourage children to walk and bike to school. The 171 funded projects include projects encompassing everything from sidewalk repair to safety training for students and equipment for police and crossing guards. In Kane and Kendall Counties there were 10 projects awarded totaling \$897,000. The complete list of grants in Illinois is available on the web at: [www.dot.il.gov/saferoutes](http://www.dot.il.gov/saferoutes).

### **Illinois Transportation Enhancements Program Grants**

In September, IDOT announced that \$20 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will fund 27 alternative transportation projects across the state designed to improve the quality of life in Illinois by promoting alternative transportation, such as bike and hike trails, streetscape and beautification, and preserving transportation resources. In the KKCOM area, West Dundee was awarded \$294,400 for streetscape improvements along IL Route 72. For more information on the ITEP program visit: <http://www.dot.state.il.us/opp/itep.html>.

### **FY2010 CMAQ Program**

The FY2010 final proposal rankings and recommended program are now available for viewing on-line at [www.cmap.illinois.gov/cmaq/default.aspx](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/cmaq/default.aspx). From the KKCOM area, 5 projects totaling over \$5 million are recommended for funding over 2010 and 2011. Under direction from the CMAQ Project Selection Committee, CMAP staff has also prepared a proposed program for FY 2011, using projects from the 2010 call for projects. This likely means there will be no call for projects for FY 2011.

### **RTA Grant Programs**

The RTA is recommending funding for 18 planning, operating, and capital projects throughout the region. The RTA will allocate over \$11 million in federal, state and RTA funding to support projects that will increase transit usage, provide multi-modal connections, improve efficiency and effectiveness of local transit, improve access to jobs, and help to increase mobility for our region's seniors, people with disabilities and the general public. From the KKCOM area, 3 projects are recommended for funding. The complete list of projects under consideration can be viewed at, [www.rtachicago.com/](http://www.rtachicago.com/).

### **Stearns Road**

Construction of the Stearns Road Bridge Corridor is now well underway. Included in the Stearns Project are several significant multi-use facilities that will improve and enhance the current bike trail systems. Proposed improvements to the trail system include:

- A new bicycle and pedestrian bridge crossing the Fox River.
- Reconstruction of the IPP to provide a new asphalt surface in Kane County.
- Conversion of the existing Dunham Rd bridge over the CC&P Railroad to trail use.
- Construction of 2 new underpass structures that will take the Illinois Prairie Path under the new Stearns Road and IL Route 25 roadways.
- A new path "roundabout" that connects the Illinois Prairie Path to a new trail along Stearns Road.

More information concerning the Stearns Project may be found at the project website at [www.stearnsroad.com](http://www.stearnsroad.com).

## B. Municipal / Park District Update

- Ed Barsotti from the League of Illinois Bicyclists (LIB) reported that the Illinois Transportation Enhancements Program (ITEP) projects should be announced soon, these projects are from the May 2008 Call for Projects. This funding is separate from the recently announced funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The City of Aurora recently completed and released their bicycle plan.

Finally, LIB compiled a study on Complete Streets. The study is offered to implementing agencies as a tool for roadway design. The report can be used to help grade design, provide recommendations and best practices for complete streets. The report can be downloaded at, [www.bikelib.org](http://www.bikelib.org)

- Tom Rickert clarified to the group that the newly printed bicycle maps will be for 2009 and 2010 and the County does not anticipate printing new maps for 2010 at this time.

Kane County has reviewed the comments made in the Complete Streets report on the recent improvements to Orchard Road and may look into how some of the issues identified in the report can be addressed.

KDOT recently met with City of Elgin officials to discuss potential bicycle improvements in the City.

- Michelle Springer gave a presentation on recent and anticipated improvements to regional trails. Improvements were made to the Fox River Trail through the Fabyan Forest Preserve by separating the trail and the parking areas. Access to the Great Western Trail was improved by creating a parking lot at Hanson Road. Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve improvements were complete and bike paths and pedestrian trails were completed. Improvements were made to the Raceway Woods Forest Preserve to create 1.8 miles of paved trails. Bridge replacements for the Fox River Trail at the Fox River Shores Forest Preserve and at the Oakhurst Forest Preserve were completed. Resurfacing of approximately 3.5 miles of the Fox River Trail from Fabyan to Glenwood Park and Les Arends Forest Preserve was also completed. Finally, a proposed site development plan for the Lake Run Forest Preserve and Mid-County Trail connection were presented.
- Mary Heineman, from the Village of Sugar Grove, stated that the Village was unable to secure in funding in the recent call for projects through the CMAQ and IDNR programs. The Village has recognized the need to create a bicycle plan and have formed a committee to begin working on the plan.
- Paul Bednar asked when the viaduct that collapsed on the Fox River Trail near Elgin would be fixed. Michele Springer, from the Kane County Forest Preserve, reported that permitting work is occurring at the site and at this time there is no timeframe for the repairs to be made. Mr. Bednar informed the committee that he would be the new liaison for bicycle and pedestrian issues for the City of Elgin. The City has completed the addition of bicycle lanes through its downtown on Walnut Drive and Wing Street.
- Jim Reuter, from the Village of South Elgin, reported the bike trail realignment along the Fox River next to the municipal annex is now complete. The project included shoreline stabilization of the Fox River and realignment of the Fox River Trail.

- John Gamble, City of Batavia Bicycle Commission Chairman, reported that a Bicycle Commission for the City has been started in conjunction with the Active Transportation Alliance. The Commission will focus on implementing the bicycle plan.
- Nathan Roseberry, from the Village of Hoffman Estates, reported that the Village is developing a bike plan with on and off street paths and is about 85% complete. A Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is being assembled and is nearly complete with 10 of 11 members. The Village is also completing a number of CMAQ projects for bicycle improvements. .
- Pamela Brookstein from the Active Transportation Alliance provided handouts and information to support HB 43, Stop for Pedestrians.

### **III. UPDATES TO BIKE/PED PUBLIC MAP AND PLANNING MAP**

#### **A. Updates to 2010 edition Kane and Kendall Counties Bicycle Planning Map**

Mike Sullivan will be contacting municipalities and park districts to provide updates to the 2010 edition of the Kane and Kendall Counties Bicycle Planning Map.

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **A. Regional Greenways and Trails Plan Presentation**

Lori Heringa and Tom Murtha provided the committee with a presentation on the Regional Greenways and Trails Plan (Handouts provided upon request). The Greenways and Trails plan is a long-range vision of an interconnected system of green corridors and trails. The plan can be used as a tool for local, state and federal agencies, advocacy organizations and funding agencies.

A regional greenway is a corridor of open space that spans multiple jurisdictions and is protected or proposed to have some level of protection from development. Regional greenways include natural and cultural features and may be land or water based. All streams in the region are included in the regional greenways plan.

Benefits of greenways include the protection of natural and cultural resources, stormwater management, recreation, transportation, health, aesthetics, and stewardship and educational opportunities. A regional trail is a multi-use trail for walking, biking, horseback riding, viewing nature, or even paddling, as all regional water trails are included in the plan.

In developing the plan, CMAP sought a variety of stakeholder collaboration, this included input from municipalities, forest preserves, park and conservation districts, the national park service, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and advocacy organizations. CMAP examined adopted plans, aerials photography for potential connections, and held joint workshops for input. There was a public comment period for the plan and it was adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board and CMAP Board in October 2009.

Implementation of the plan will require collaborative planning with implementers being from municipalities, counties, the State of Illinois and federal agencies, along with open space organizations and forest, conversation and park districts. CMAP will be able to provide assistance during implementation on database collection for trail information, trail resources and contacts and on available funding opportunities.

The adopted plan includes approximately 2,700 miles in trails of which almost 1000 are complete. 391 miles are located in Kane County, 146 complete, and 240 miles are in

Kendall County, 17 complete. Kendall County was not in the previously adopted greenway and trails plan in 1997. It is estimated that approximately 50 miles of new trails are constructed each year.

To find out more information on the Regional Greenways and Trails plan you can read the adopted plan text or executive summary. The plan also includes an in-depth map of the plan and can be downloaded at [www.cmap.illinois.gov/greenwaysandtrails.aspx](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/greenwaysandtrails.aspx).

**B. Bicycle Planning Seminar**

Ed Barsotti informed the group that in January and February, the League of Illinois Bicyclists is conducting ten "Introduction to Bicycle Planning" continuing education seminars to introduce the technical aspects and strategic issues of local bike planning.

Attendees will be familiarized with proper car/bike interactions, relevant national standards and best practices, planning tools, related "political" issues and policy techniques, tips on available funding sources, and implementation strategies.

The seminar is certified for 2.5 CM hours for AICP planners, and certificates will be available for engineers self-reporting PDH hours. Besides planners and engineers, target audiences include other local officials and bicycle advisory commission members. The first seminar will be held in Rockford on January 12<sup>th</sup> and more details and registration are available at [www.bikelib.org](http://www.bikelib.org).

**V. NEXT MEETING**

Mike Sullivan will be sending out a meeting notice for the summer of 2010.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mary Heineman moved and Noel Basquin seconded approval of the adjournment. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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## **Bicycle / Pedestrian Committee of the Kane / Kendall Council of Mayors February 5, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

### **Members in attendance:**

Monica Meyers, Chairman  
Ed Barsotti  
Ed Szydlowski  
Erin Willrett  
Jan Ward  
John Pazdan  
Jim Eby  
Jim Reuter  
Julie Morrison  
Karen Miller  
Liz Gade  
Marc McLaughlin  
Mary Heineman  
Michael Brown  
Michele Springer  
Mike Ferencak  
Mike Sullivan  
Nathan Roseberry  
Paul Bednar  
Rae Keasler  
Stephanie Boettcher  
Sue Harney  
Tom Armstrong

Executive Director  
Executive Director  
Capital Projects Manager  
Community Development Director  
Deputy Director  
Representative Bonnie Lee Kunkel  
Director of Planning  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
Engineer  
Executive Planner  
Township Clerk  
Planner  
Trustee  
Planner  
Planner  
Planner  
Regional Planning Liaison  
Traffic Engineer  
Parks and Recreation  
Planner  
Senior Planner  
Township Supervisor  
Senior Planner

Kane County Forest Preserve  
Illinois League of Bicyclists  
Carpentersville  
Elburn  
KKCOM  
Kane County  
Batavia Park District  
South Elgin  
EEI/Hampshire  
Kane County Development Department  
Dundee Township  
South Elgin  
Sugar Grove  
Montgomery  
Kane County Forest Preserve  
Sugar Grove  
KKCOM  
Hoffman Estates  
Elgin  
Aurora  
Yorkville  
Dundee Township  
Elgin

### **I. OPENING OF MEETING**

- A. Monica Meyers called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Introductions were made.
- B. Ed Barsotti moved Ed Szydlowski seconded approval of the minutes of the August 21, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### **II. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **A. Director / Coordinator Update**

Mike Sullivan gave the Coordinator update:

#### **2009 Public Bicycle Map Update/2009 Planning Bicycle Map Update**

The updated Public Map, which includes existing local and regional trails and proposed regional trails, will be ready in the spring and distributed to municipalities, park districts, chamber of commerce, tourism agencies, and local bike shops. In addition to having the Public Map available, the Planning Map will be available on the Bicycle and Pedestrian website at [www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM/BikePed/](http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM/BikePed/). The Planning Map will include existing and proposed regional and local trails. To request a copy of the map, contact Mike Sullivan at, (630)444-3142 or [sullivanmike@co.kane.il.us](mailto:sullivanmike@co.kane.il.us).

### **FY2010 HSIP Program**

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has released a call for projects for the [Highway Safety Improvement Program \(HSIP\)](#) and High Risk Rural Roads Program (HRRRP) for state fiscal year 2010. The goal of HSIP and HRRRP is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads by addressing highway safety problems and correcting or improving hazardous road locations and features. Project proposals should be submitted to IDOT District 1 Bureau of Local Roads no later than April 10, 2009 for consideration.

### **Full Circle Grant Program**

CMAQ is expanding their [Full Circle](#) mapping and planning project to the suburban regional area through a grant assistance program. The Full Circle project is a web-based community mapping and planning tool designed by CMAP to empower communities to collect real-time and accurate data to support local planning and development initiatives. It is a new generation mapping, highly flexible, detailed data tool that is designed to meet a broad spectrum of public sector needs. Participants can log detailed data about their localities by block, parcel or business, into a tailor made system. Potential projects should demonstrate a local need for data collection assistance to support local planning activities. For more information on the program contact [Mike Sullivan](#), at (630) 444-3142.

### **Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety**

The number of motor vehicle crashes involving pedestrians and bicycles has recently risen, particularly for bicycle crashes. Using IDOT data collected from police crash reports, CMAP has prepared a [summary of bicycle and pedestrian](#) crash trends for the region, for each county in the region, and for the City of Chicago. Additionally, CMAP has mapped pedestrian and bicycle crashes for 2005-2007. Maps for bicycle crashes and pedestrian crashes are provided region wide and for the City of Chicago, where many pedestrian crashes are concentrated. Maps are also provided for severe crashes for each crash type; such crashes include incapacitating crashes and fatalities.

## **B. Municipal / Park District Update**

- Michele Springer, from the Kane County Forest Preserve, stated that the regional trail passing through the Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve will be going out to bid in February. The Forest Preserve is also working with Dundee Township on a trail through Schweitzer Forest Preserve that will also be let soon.
- Jim Eby from the Batavia Park District reported that a significant portion of the south Mill Creek trail system has been completed. The trail allows access into Dick Young Forest Preserve to the south. Mr. Eby noted that this has been a very popular trail and the connection will allow for even more users.
- Sue Harney, reported that Dundee Township is working with Sleepy Hollow on a 3.5 mile trail along Sleepy Hollow Road. A CMAQ application was submitted during the recent call for projects.
- Ed Barsotti from the League of Illinois Bicyclists (LIB) reported on a number of brochures and funding opportunities for communities. The City of Batavia applied for the current cycle of the Safe Routes to Schools program. In addition, bicycle lanes have been marked along Western and Millview Avenues.

LIB also have produced a new poster and brochure entitled "Share the Trails: A Guide to Trail Etiquette" that are available for trail kiosks and display cases. He also reported that LIB received a CMAQ grant to replicate the bike map brochures completed for the City of Aurora in an additional 12 to 15 other communities towns. Mr. Barsotti offered this as an opportunity for bicycle and pedestrian planning in some towns.

- LIB has produced a traffic violation warning pamphlet that officers can be used as an education piece for motorists and cyclists. In addition, they have distributed a safe bike driver sheet to every 4<sup>th</sup> grader in the state.
- The last funding for the IDNR State Bike Path program has been swept. A new application cycle is currently accepting applications until March 1. Safe Routes to Schools applications are currently being reviewed and should be available in 4 to 5 months. In comparison to last year demand was much lower. At the moment the ITEP grant program is still in a holding stage from 2008, there was expected to be \$28 million available in funding. Finally, the House version of the stimulus package has \$45 million dollars for enhancements; IDOT is looking for shovel ready projects for these funds.
- Ed Szydlowski from Carpentersville informed the group that the Village is currently focusing on developer funded trails. There is one path planned from the river to town that will begin phase II in 2010.
- Nathan Roseberry, from the Village of Hoffman Estates, reported that the Village is developing a bike plan with on and off street paths. All of the trails in the Village at this time are off street facilities. CMAQ applications have been submitted for to fund the construction of projects in the Village.

- Laura Haake, from the City of Yorkville, reported that the city is working with IDOT on an Illinois Tomorrow Corridor Grant to complete their Integrated Transportation Plan. A comprehensive trail network that details the type of trails, their locations and more is currently being developed. Safe Routes to Schools, ITEP and CMAQ applications have been submitted for various projects throughout the Village.
- Jim Reuter, from the Village of South Elgin, reported the bike trail realignment along the Fox River next to the municipal annex is moving forward. Shoreline stabilization will be part of the spring construction.
- Erin Willret, from the Village of Elburn, reported the Village is receiving a PEERS grant from the ICC to develop a League of Illinois Bicyclists Bike to Metra guide. The guide will serve as the Village-wide bike map.
- Michael Brown, from the Village of Montgomery, reported they are focusing on developed funded trails and have a lack in trail development due to the lull in development.
- Tom Armstrong, from the City of Elgin, reported that the City adopted a city wide bike master plan in March. A Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has been composed of citizens and staff members to address issues in the City. The City has received a CMAQ grant to link trails but the current status of the grant is not know.
- Paul Bednar, from the City of Elgin, added that the City has recieved a small grant for a bike and pedestrian safety campaign.
- Mr. Armstrong added that off street bike routes have been completed for Walnut and Wing Park. The City is also working on multiple on street trails in their downtown as they are in year 2 of a 6 year staged implementation of street-scape improvements with bike accommodations.
- Julie Morrison, from the Village of Hampshire, reported they are focusing on developed funded trails and have a lack in trail development due to the lull in development.
- Mary Heineman, Trustee from the Village of Sugar Grove, stated that there is also a slow movement due to development. The Village is applying for CMAQ and IDNR funds for a bridge connection over Blackberry Creek to the Virgil Gilman Trail.
- Chairman Meyers asked municipal members to send trail plans to the Forest Preserve and Bike Coordinator so all parties can stay informed on what improvements are occurring in the counties.
- Chairman Meyers stated the Forest Preserve has had preliminary meetings with all of the communities along the Mid-County Trail. The original plan was to have the trail completed within 10 years. Development is moving along quicker than expected but the timeline is still not complete.

### **III. UPDATES TO BIKE/PED PUBLIC MAP AND PLANNING MAP**

#### **A. Review Draft 2009 edition Kane and Northern Kendall Counties Public and Planning Bicycle Maps**

Please give any changes to the bike map to Mike Sullivan by the close of business Friday , February 13th. The map will then go to the printing press for final printing and the planning map will be posted on the Council of Mayors Bike/Ped Web page.

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **V. NEXT MEETING**

Monica Meyers stated that it was nice to see the increased number of attendees at the meeting. It was agreed to continue alternating the location of the meeting to different parts of the region. Mike Sullivan will be sending out a meeting notice for the summer of 2009.

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Ed Barsotti moved and Mike Brown seconded approval of the adjournment. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.