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Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee October 27, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Angela Zubko	Senior Planner	Kendall County
Brian Fairwood	Vice President	TranSystems
Dale Berman	Village President	North Aurora
Ed Barsotti	Executive Director	League of Illinois Bicyclists
James Williams	Planner	Huntley
Jan Ward	Deputy Director	KKCOM
Jim Eby	Director of Planning	Batavia Park District
John Clayton	Superintendent of Parks	Sugar Grove Park District
John O'Neil	Transportation Planner	CMAP
John Svalenka	Senior Planner	Carpentersville
Laura Rudow	Superintendent of Parks & Planning	St. Charles Park District
Karen Miller	Executive Planner	Kane Development Department
Ken Kerfoot	Foreman of Parks	Geneva Park District
Kristian Zoerhoff	Plan Commission Member	Gilberts
Kristy Stone	Planner	Bartlett
Michele Springer	Planner	Kane County Forest Preserve
Michael Brown	Senior Planner	Montgomery
Mike Sullivan	Regional Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Noel Basquin	City Engineer	Batavia
Omar Santos	Engineer	Elgin
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Paul Bednar	Parks and Recreation	Elgin
Tom Armstrong	Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Elgin
Tom Rickert	Deputy Director of Transportation	KDOT

I. Opening of Meeting

- A. Michele Springer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Introductions were made.
- B. Motion made by Jim Eby to approve the meeting minutes from the October 7, 2010 meeting, seconded by Tom Armstrong and passed unanimously.

III. General Business

A. Director / Planning Liaison Update CMAQ Program

The CMAQ approved program is available on the CMAP [website](#). From the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors planning area 11 projects totaling over \$13 million is recommended for funding.

Mr. Rickert added that a significant amount of CMAQ funding went to projects submitted by the City of Chicago and it is anticipated larger regional projects will be prioritized more in the future.

Fit for Kids 2020 Funding

Funding is being made available through the Fit for Kids Funders' Consortium to implement interventions that will bring about a reversal in childhood obesity within Kane County. These interventions will create local systems, environmental and policy change as outlined in the Fit Kids 2020 Plan. Applications are due by November 7th, 2011. Please visit www.makingkanefitforkids.org or contact Michael Isaacson at isaacsonmichael@co.kane.il.us for an application packet and more information.

Kane County Planning Updates:

2040 Transportation Plan: The purpose of a long range plan is to determine major transportation projects, guide transportation decisions and identify resources to implement transportation projects. KDOT staff published and distributed the Draft 2040 Recommended Roadway Improvement Plan for comments. The draft can be viewed at <http://www.co.kane.il.us/DOT/planning.aspx>. Staff is drafting the plan narrative and incorporating changes due to comments received. A full draft document is anticipated in the fall.

Randall Road/Orchard Road Corridor BRT Feasibility Study: The study's purpose is to identify the conditions required for a successful BRT operation and evaluate potential benefits from BRT in the Randall/Orchard corridor. In preparation to model the benefits of a conceptual BRT alignment, staff has projected associated land uses and is preparing to model associated benefits of the conceptual of the BRT scenario and transit service improvements to the corridor. A working group meeting is anticipated to review model results later this summer. More information may be found at <http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/planning/brt.aspx>.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update: The goals of the plan are to create a regional system, present best practices, improve safety, produce a multi-modal transportation system, and promote plan implementation. A Bike/Ped Working Group has met to determine the goals and objectives of the plan update, identified best practices, and identified potential regional bike/ped projects. Draft chapters can be viewed at <http://www.co.kane.il.us/DOT/planning.aspx>.

B. Municipal / Park District Update

- Noel Basquin, City of Batavia, reported that work is ongoing on a number of projects in the downtown area to implement the City's Streetscape Plan; this includes sharrows and signage for bicyclists. The improvements are being funded with a combination of ITEP and CMAQ money.
- John Svalenka, Village of Carpentersville, Carpentersville is working with CMAP on a Local Technical Assistant grant to develop a plan to guide the redevelopment of the Old Town Area.
- Ed Barsotti, League of Illinois Bicyclists, reported the grant cycle for ITEP projects is expected to run from February to May 2012. The new IDOT Secretary will emphasize bicycle and pedestrian projects during this call so this is a good opportunity to get projects funded.
- Jim Eby, Batavia Park District, provided updates on the Houston/River connections to the Fox River and on The Conservation Foundation acquisition of property south of Wilson and the anticipated improvements with the acquisition.
- Ken Kerfoot, Geneva Park District, informed the group that the north bridge on the Fox River Trail through Geneva is being replaced next year; the detour will run users underneath the railroad. Resurfacing of the trail and bank restoration will be ongoing at Bennett Park and a bicycle path is being built around Peck Farm to Mill Creek.
- Paul Bednar, City of Elgin, reported that the city recently received a CMAQ grant to install bicycle racks in the downtown area and the city has been awarded a grant to do a sidewalk gap and transit study analysis.

- John Clayton, Sugar Grove Park District, the park district and village continue to work together on the bicycle plan and are about 95% complete. A Fit Kids Grant was awarded to Sugar Grove to do a bicycle level of service survey on the village's roads.
- Laura Rudow, St. Charles Park District, reported that the park district is currently defending an OSRAD grant and will be working on resurfacing trails through Mt. St. Mary Park next year.
- James Williams, Village of Huntley, reported Huntley is currently working on a revision to the Village's Comprehensive Plan.
- Kristian Zoerhoff, Village of Gilberts, reported Gilbert's is also working on a revision to the Comprehensive Plan.
- Michele Springer, Kane County Forest Preserve, gave a presentation of projects being completed by the Kane County Forest Preserve. The Forest Preserve is re-writing the Master Plan. Bowes Creek West and Elburn Forest Preserves recently were under improvements including limestone screenings for users. A total of nearly 4 miles were recently resurfaced throughout the county.

IV. Other Business

A. Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

Mike Sullivan gave a presentation on the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update. Information was provided on updates to the Planning Objectives and Goals of the Planning Process. As recommended by the working group each goal now includes performance measures that can be used to help track the progress of communities in implementing bicycle and pedestrian friendly initiatives.

Updates to the regional priorities were presented and members were encouraged to review the maps provided and provide feedback. The updated plan will be presented at the next KKCOM Full Council meeting with anticipated approval by the Kane County Board in the spring of 2012.

B. 2012 Fox Valley Bike to Work Week

Mr. Armstrong provided handouts regarding the City of Elgin's events for Bike to Work Week. Elgin plans on having another full schedule of events for Bike to Work Week in 2012 and would like to partner with other agencies in Kane County to make it a more regional event. Past events included historical bike tours, a bicycle donation drive, bicycle repair clinics and more.

It was recommended that this would be a good tie into events ongoing with the Kane County Health Department and their Fit Kids initiative.

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Rickert, seconded by Paul Bednar. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.