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Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee September 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Angela Zubko	Senior Planner	Kendall County
Dale Berman	Village President	North Aurora
Dave Waden	Senior Planner	Elgin
Dick Untch	Community Development Director	Geneva
Ed Barsotti	Executive Director	League of Illinois Bicyclists
Erin Willrett	Village Administrator	Elburn
Grant Castleton	Director of Planning & Development	Oswegoland Park District
Jim Eby	Director of Planning	Batavia Park District
Joanne Spitz	Bicycle Commission	Batavia
Joe Wade	Assistant Village Manager	Carpentersville
John Gamble	Bicycle Commission	Batavia
John O'Neil	Transportation Planner	CMAP
Laura Schraw	Director of Parks & Recreation	Yorkville
Karen Miller	Executive Planner	Kane Development Department
Mary Heineman	Resident	Sugar Grove
Marc McLaughlin	Planner	South Elgin
Mike Sullivan	Council Director	KKCOM
Monica Meyers	Director	Kane County Forest Preserve
Patsy Smith	President	Campton Hills
Scott Hennings	Planner	McHenry County DOT
Sean Glowacz	Planner	Kane Development Department
Sheavoun Lambillotte	Director	Geneva Park District
Tom Armstrong	Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Elgin
Tom Rickert	Deputy Director of Transportation	Kane County DOT

I. Opening of Meeting

- A. Monica Meyers called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Introductions were made.
- B. Motion made by President Berman to approve the meeting minutes from the October 27, 2011 meeting, seconded by Erin Willrett and passed unanimously.

III. General Business

A. Director / Planning Liaison Update

Mike Sullivan gave the Director / Planning Liaison update:

Kane County DOT updates Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Kane County Division of Transportation and the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors (KKCOM), in conjunction with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, have completed the update of the [Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan](#). The original plan was completed in 2002, and the update includes a number of changes that have occurred within the KKCOM planning area, including a substantial increase in population and increasing development pressure, especially in eastern Kane and Kendall County. The updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan can be found on [KDOT's website](#).

Trails for Illinois Study Benefit of Trails

[Trails for Illinois](#), a non-profit trails advocacy group working to increase the number and use of the multi-use trails in Illinois, is planning to study six different trails around the state this summer in order to measure their impact on local economies and quality of life. The project, called 'Making Trails Count in Illinois,' seeks to provide reasons for communities to work to advance trail development and usage. Trails for Illinois plans to count trail users on a number of different trails through the state, including the Fox River Trail in Kane County. More information will be provided once the surveys have been carried out and data collected.

New edition of AASHTO's Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities

The [American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials](#) (AASHTO) has released the fourth edition of its *Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities*, last published in 1999. According to AASHTO, the guide "provides information on how to accommodate bicycle travel and operations in most riding environments. It is intended to present sound guidelines that result in facilities that meet the needs of bicyclists and other highway users." The guide is currently [available through the AASHTO](#) website and is also available as a download. The Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center and Toole Design Group are offering a **free**, [seven-part webinar series on the updated AASHTO Bike Guide](#).

Active Transportation policy website and Complete Streets manual

The Active Transportation Alliance has launched a new website, [Active Transportation Policy](#). The website provides a clearinghouse of information on the advancement of municipal and school policies that promote active travel in our region and beyond. Included on the website is Active Transportation Alliance's recently published [Complete Streets, Complete Networks: A Manual for the Design of Active Transportation](#). The manual provides information and tools intended to support and assist in the design of Complete Streets, which allow for and encourage safe and convenient travel by all modes and can help create or enhance a sense of place and attractive public spaces.

Community Briefing: ADA Transition Plans for Your Community

CMAP staff has completed a [Community Briefing Paper](#) on the process for communities to develop self-evaluations and transition plans required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act. The paper provides information to assist local governments in improving accessibility and complying with the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act by conducting a self-evaluation for accessibility and by developing or updating their transition plans to address necessary physical improvements identified in the self-evaluation. More information can be found on the CMAP website at: <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/bike-ped/accessibility>

SSE and America Walks Guide to Create Walkable Communities

SSE and America Walks, the national pedestrian advocacy organization, are proud to announce the launch of **Steps to a Walkable Community: A Guide for Citizens, Planners, and Engineers**. This book and downloadable PDF is a collection of innovative, multidisciplinary tactics that have successfully improved and encouraged walking in communities around the country. A copy of the guide is available here: <http://americawalks.org/walksteps/>

DMMC Workshop: Building Low-Cost, Feasible Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

The DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference is providing a workshop to look at the benefits of bicycle and pedestrian transportation through a variety of different lenses. It will help local agencies consider and understand what resonates with your community and provide you with the tools and knowledge to design, build, and maintain low-cost, feasible bicycle and pedestrian projects. Finally, it will offer ideas for creating a policy and planning framework to help your community envision its bike/ped future. The workshop will be held on Tuesday October 9, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Woodridge Public Library (3 Plaza Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517).

Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

The Orchard Road multi-use side path from US Route 30 to Jericho Road is currently under construction as part of the widening of Orchard Road. The project is expected to complete by the end of October.

Pace and KDOT continue to coordinate on pedestrian and transit user infrastructure improvements along Randall Road from the Kane County Judicial Center on IL Route 38 to Sullivan Road. Construction of sidewalks, pads and the installation of shelters are anticipated this fall.

The South Street Trail Underpass will include a pedestrian tunnel under Randall Road and a pedestrian path to connect the South Street bike lanes with the pedestrian path on the west side of Randall Road in the City of Geneva. Construction is anticipated in early 2013.

KDOT was awarded \$67,200 to initiate a County-wide Bicycle Rack Program for the purchase and installation of bicycle racks. Additional information regarding the program is anticipated in the winter of 2012.

Kendall County Transportation Alternatives Program

As [reported](#) by the Beacon-News, the Kendall County Board has approved a grant program for public agencies for up to \$50,000 each year for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements along county and state roads.

B. Municipal / Park District Update

- Joe Wade, Village of Carpentersville, reported that work will begin next spring on reconstructing Maple Avenue and a bicycle path will be constructed as part of the project. The Village is looking at opportunities in the Old Towne area and at Brunner and Raceway Woods Forest Preserves to create linkages to the Fox River Trail.
- Tom Armstrong, City of Elgin Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, provided an update on a number of projects currently underway in the City. Staff is working on two bicycle projects that are funded through CMAQ grants and a downtown bicycle rack program also funded with CMAQ monies. The City received funding to do a sidewalk gap inventory and transit stop study. A road diet was also just completed on Villa Street.
- Jim Eby, Batavia Park District, reported that the park district recently completed their master plan and it was clear that bike paths and trails are the number one priority moving forward.
- Erin Willrett, Village of Elburn, reported that the Village is currently working with CMAP on a comprehensive plan update and they hope to focus on parks and open space connections and are looking at grant opportunities for construction sidewalks.
- Ed Barsotti, League of Illinois Bicyclists, reported that LIB is offering their assistance as a technical resource to help with municipal and park district bike/ped planning. They are also looking at creating education materials for drivers and police agencies to create awareness for bicyclists.
- Karen Miller, Kane County Development Department, reported that Kane County is currently working on a Green Infrastructure Vision and will be reaching out to municipalities and park districts for input in the near future.
- Sean Glowacz, Kane County Development Department, updated the committee on the Creating Healthier Communities – Power of Policy Grant that was recently awarded to Kane County. The grant funds will help kick-off the Kane County Planning Cooperative and provide funding for mini-grants to complete municipal bike and walkability studies.
- Laura Schraw, City of Yorkville, reported that the City is working on securing funding through a number of ways to help fund the construction of bicycle accommodations on state projects that are currently planned along US Route 34, US Route 30 and IL Route 47.
- Monica Meyers, Forest Preserve District of Kane County, reported that the district recently completed over 4 miles of trail resurfacing mostly on the Fox River Trail. Work is also being done to complete a camp ground and equestrian trails at Big Rock Forest Preserve.
- Sheavoun Lambillotte, Geneva Park District, reported the bridge replacement on the Fox River Trail near downtown Geneva is scheduled to be completed October 15th. The next project that will begin is to add a trail to the network at Peck Farm.

- Patsy Smith, Village of Campton Hills, reported that Campton Hills is the recipient of one of the Creating Healthier Communities mini-grants and will begin work on a Bicycle Plan in the coming weeks.
- Mary Heineman, Village of Sugar Grove, reported that the League of Illinois Bicyclists has completed the Bicycle Level of Service (BLOS) ratings for the Sugar Grove Bicycle Plan.
- Grant Castleton, Oswegoland Park District, is working with Kendall County to update the regional trails throughout Kendall County. The Park District is working on two major projects to extend the Virgil Gilman Trail and fund accommodations along US Route 34.
- Marc McLaughlin, Village of South Elgin, reported that South Elgin was selected by CMAP to create a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and will kick-off the plan soon. The Village was awarded Safe Routes to School funding and will be installing new sidewalks.
- John Gamble, Batavia Bicycle Commission, reported that the City is looking at completing a bicycle route on McKee & Raddant. Work is being done to complete a number of CMAQ and Safe Routes to Schools grants including installing pedestrian signals in the downtown on IL Route 31 and IL Route 25. Mr. Gamble concluded by reporting that Batavia is looking at applying for a Bicycle Friendly Community designation and is pursuing putting up bicycle maps along the trails to help direct people through the downtown.
- Dick Untch, City of Geneva, reported on a number of projects underway in the City. Work is progressing on the Downtown Master Plan and the bicycle and pedestrian aspects of the plan are significant. Through the Cultural Arts Commission the city will be holding a design competition for bicycle racks.

IV. Other Business

A. Federal Funding & Regional Trails

The new federal transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), has created new challenges and opportunities for funding bicycling and walking projects. MAP-21 provides that 2 percent of state apportionments be set aside for a new program called Transportation Alternatives, which consolidates the former Transportation Enhancements Program, Safe Routes to School and Recreational Trails programs.

Fifty percent of Transportation Alternative funds will be suballocated to metropolitan areas based on population and the remaining 50 percent will be retained by States. Metropolitan areas with populations over 200,000 will have project selection authority over the suballocated funds. As such, CMAP is expected to have the authority to program approximately \$8 million a year in Transportation Alternative funding.

Thus, while the Transportation Alternatives program devolves some new authority to metropolitan regions and also consolidates programs, these reforms come at the price of reduced overall funds for active transportation.

For more information, the entire CMAP Policy Analysis of MAP-21 can be found here:

<http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/policy-updates/-/blogs/map-21-major-programmatic-and-policy-changes>

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Rickert, seconded by President Berman. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.