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Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee March 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Amy Moore	Citizen	Batavia Bike Commission
Angela Zubko	Planning & Zoning Manager	Kendall County
Becky Gillam	County Board	Kane County
Ben Mason	Senior Planner	Algonquin
Brian Schiber	City Engineer	Geneva
Dave Waden	Senior Planner	Elgin
Drew Rackow	Planner	Batavia
Ed Barsotti	Executive Director	League of Illinois Bicyclists
Erin Willrett	Administrator	Elburn
Jennifer Becker	Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Joanne Spitz	Citizen	Batavia Bike Commission
Joe Wade	Assistant Village Manager	Carpentersville
John Gamble	Citizen	Batavia Bike Commission
John Wessel	Assistant Superintendent of Planning	St. Charles Park District
Karen Miller	Planner	Kane County Development
Marc McLaughlin	Planner	South Elgin
Michelle Springer	Planner	Kane County Forest Preserve
Mike Sullivan	Council Dir./Dir. Planning & Programming	KDOT/KKCOM
Monica Meyers	Director	Kane County Forest Preserve
Patrick Knapp	Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator	KKCOM
Roopa Anjanappa	Project Engineer	City of Aurora
Terry Witt	Bike Rider	Trails Linking Communities
Theresa Barreiro	County Board	Kane County

I. Opening of Meeting

- A. Monica Meyers called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. County Board Members Becky Gillam and Theresa Barreiro were recognized.
- B. Motion made by Ed Barsotti to approve the meeting minutes from the February 27, 2013 meeting, seconded by Erin Willrett and passed unanimously.

II. General Business

- A. **Director / Planning Liaison Update**
Patrick Knapp gave the Planning Liaison update:

Illinois Bike Transportation Plan

IDOT has been working on the Illinois Bike Transportation Plan that will provide the Department with policies, best practices, and strategic direction for implementing a sustainable, multimodal vision for Illinois. The Plan is currently under review in the Office of the Secretary and will be released shortly. Please subscribe to the Illinois Bike Transportation Plan listserv via the link below for the latest updates on the Plan:

<http://www2.illinois.gov/gov/green/Pages/IDOTBikeList.aspx>

Federal Highway Administration

The FHWA released a memorandum supporting a flexible approach to designing bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The AASHTO bicycle and pedestrian design guides are the primary national resources for planning, designing, and operating bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The NACTO *Urban Bikeway Design Guide* and the ITE *Designing Urban Walkable Thoroughfares* guide builds upon the flexibilities provided in the AASHTO guides, which can help communities plan and design safe and convenient facilities for pedestrian and bicyclists. The FHWA supports the use of these resources to further develop non-motorized transportation networks, particularly in urban areas. The FHWA also held a webinar to further explain their memorandum. A recording of the webinar is available at <https://connectdot.connectsolutions.com/p3sv3j90h84>.

IDOT Projects Requiring Curb Ramp Improvements

IDOT has issued a Circular Letter 2013-15 providing guidance on compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requiring that state and local governments ensure that persons with disabilities have access to the pedestrian routes in the public right of way. This includes the obligation to provide curb ramps where street level pedestrian walkways cross curbs whenever street, roadways or highways are altered. This circular provides clarification from the US DOT and Department of Justice on which road surface treatments fall within the ADA definition of alterations, or whether they should be considered maintenance that would not trigger the obligation to provide curb ramps. You can view a copy of the circular [here](#).

Local CMAQ Projects

The CMAP MPO Policy Committee recently approved the funding recipients for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program FFY 2014-2018 program. 6 projects from the Kane/Kendall COM area are approved to receive CMAQ funding totaling \$9,006,000. The full list of proposed projects is available for viewing on the [CMAP Website](#).

Sponsor	CMAQ Project	CMAQ Funding
Aurora	Station Blv Extension to IL 59 Commuter Parking Lot	\$ 1,606,000
Aurora	Coal Rd from 83rd St/Montgomery Rd to 87th St	\$ 4,080,000
Kane County	Longmeadow Pkwy at Randall Rd	\$ 767,600
Kane County	CAD Integration in PSAPs	\$ 386,400
Kane County	Randall Rd Adaptive Signal Control	\$ 830,700
Kane County	Randall Rd Transit Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 1,335,300

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding

KKCOM Full Council approved the FFY14-FFY18 Call for Projects Program at their February 18th meeting. The program includes 9 Reconstruction projects and 7 Local Agency Functional Overlay projects. All of the projects will improve bicyclists and pedestrians by providing safer accommodations and improved pavement through resurfacing. Below is a list of the approved projects:

Reconstruction Projects		
Sponsor	Street	Funding
Aurora	Eola Rd from 83rd St (Montgomery Rd) to 87th St	\$ 1,700,000
Aurora	E New York St from N Farnsworth Ave to West of Welsh Dr	\$ 2,500,000
Batavia	Main St At Deerpath Rd	\$ 2,120,250
Carpentersville	Huntley Rd from Tartans Dr/Inlet Dr to Elm Ave	\$ 2,500,000
Carpentersville	IL Rte 31 at Huntley Rd	\$ 2,500,000
Geneva	IL Rte 38/(E State St) from Water St to Glengarry Dr	\$ 2,500,000
Kane County	Huntley Rd at Longmeadow Pkwy	\$ 2,500,000
Kendall County	Eldamain Dr from Menards Distribution Center to Galena Rd	\$ 2,500,000
Pingree Grove	Reinking Rd from Damisch Rd to US Rte 20	\$ 1,278,300

Local Agency Functional Overlay (LAFO) Projects - Resurfacing		
Sponsor	Street	Funding
Batavia	Wilson St from Raddant Rd to Kirk Rd	\$ 379,500
Campton Hills	Campton Hills Dr from LaFox Rd to Happy Hills Rd	\$ 488,854
Carpentersville	Sleepy Hollow Rd from Grandview Dr to Village Limits	\$ 278,666
Elgin	Larkin Ave from Airlite Dr to McLean Blvd	\$ 500,000
Sleepy Hollow	Boncosky Rd from Covered Bridge Rd to River Ridge Rd	\$ 226,875
St. Charles	Peck Rd from Dean St to IL Rte 38	\$ 500,000
St. Charles	Red Gate Rd from Randall Rd to IL Rte 31	\$ 375,000

Webinars

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- March 19: All In: The Value of Investing in Complete and Green Streets
- April 16: Public Health Benefits of Active Transportation
- May 21: Best Planning and Engineering Practices for School Zones
- June 18: Calming Arterial Streets for Safer Walking and Cycling
- July 16: From Fast to Safer: Best Practices Where Road Speeds Change
- August 20: Transform Bicycling and Walking Outside the Urban Context
- September 17: Optimize Signals for Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- October 15: Design Treatments to Transition from Trails to Roadways
- November 19: E-bikes, Electric Assist Bikes, and Transportation Policy
- December 17: Getting to Better Outcomes from Public Engagement

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Summary of Major Funding Sources for Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure in Illinois

Kane Kendall Council of Mayors staff produced a memo describing some of the major funding sources for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in Illinois. Staff used a variety of resources and welcomes everyone to take a look at the memo and provide feedback. This is a working document and staff will try and keep the memo as updated as possible. http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM/BikePed/BikePed_Funding_2014.pdf

B. Municipal / Park District Update

- Michelle Springer, Kane County Forest Preserve District, gave a PowerPoint Presentation of projects in Big Rock FP, Fabyan FP, Gunnar Anderson FP, Les Arends FP, repaving of the Great Western Trail between Brown Rd and IL 47, repaving of the Geneva IPP Branch, Brunner Family FP, Riverbend Trail repaving, rerouting the Fox River Trail south of Elgin due to bridge collapse, Fabyan FP bridge replacement, reconfiguring the Fox River Trail in South Elgin. Contact the Kane County Forest Preserve District if you have any questions about specific projects.
- Dave Waden, City of Elgin, reported that Elgin is installing 96 bike racks using CMAQ funding. IDOT is replacing the IL 25 bridge over I-90 and the project will include the option to install a side path on one side and a sidewalk on the other. The Riverfront Promenade/Fox River Trail in Elgin will be opening this Spring and Bike-Walk-Move week will be the 3rd week of June.
- Karen Miller, Kane County Development Department gave an update on the County's approved Green Infrastructure Plan.
- Amy Moore, Batavia Bike Commission, described the Bike Friendly Community application process to the committee. It took Batavia 6 months to put the application together and will be doing an annual implementation analysis. Amy believes that Batavia received the award due to their location to several regional trails, trails on both sides of the river, their local advocacy, and their B2WW/B2SD.

Ed Barsotti added that the amount of on-street bicycle facilities helped Batavia's chances of receiving the award. Amy also informed the committee that Batavia will implement their SRTS grant and IDOT will be installing crossing on IL 25 throughout Batavia. Batavia is also looking at hosting the LIB Bike 101 course sometime in Mid-May.

- Erin Willrett, Village of Elburn, told the committee that Elburn continues to make connections between Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve and Elburn Forest Preserve by going over the UP Railroad.
- Roopa Anjanappa, City of Aurora, reported that Aurora is working on connecting the Fox River Trail to the Aurora Transportation Center. Board member Theresa Barreiro and Ed Barsotti discussed the extension of the Fox River Trail south of the city.
- Ed Barsotti, League of Illinois Bicyclists, told the committee that the Illinois Bike Transportation Plan should be released in a couple of weeks. Ed also advertised the Illinois Bike Summit on April 15th. There will be a full day of activities including tours and a presentation from IDOT about the Illinois Bicycle Transportation Plan. Ed also updated the committee about the update to the BLRS Bicycle Chapter and that ITEP grants awards should be announced soon. Ed also reminded everyone to share the word about the Bike Safety Quiz.
- Terry Witt, Trails Linking Communities, introduced himself to the committee and invited everyone to attend the next TLC meeting scheduled in May at Oakton Community College. The next few meetings will focus on the Evanston to Elgin corridor. Visit the TLC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TrailsLinkingCommunities/> for more information.
- Theresa Barreiro, County Board Member, introduced herself and told the committee she is attending the meeting to educate herself since hearing of Complete Streets in Aurora.
- Becky Gillam, County Board Member, also introduced herself and told the committee she is attending the meeting to educate herself. She is working on using small scale connection to join all of the government owned parcels to each other.
- Brian Schiber, City of Geneva, updated the committee on the Route 31 "Road Diet". It is currently still in exploratory stages.
- Angela Zubko, Kendall County, told the committee how she wants to work on the interconnectedness between Kane and Kendall Counties.
- Mike Sullivan, Kane County, updated the committee on projects that Kane County had been working on in the last year. The projects included the completion of the South Street Underpass, flashing beacons at Kirk & IPP Geneva Branch, flashing beacons at Bliss & Virgil Gilman Nature Trail, and that IDOT would be working on the IL 31 & Silver Glen intersection.
- Joe Wade, Village of Carpentersville, reported that the village would have a trail connection from Brunner FP to Fox River Shores and from Brunner FP to Raceway Woods. Carpentersville also worked on a grant with Dundee Township to connect Sleepy Hollow Road to Raceway Woods. Chicago Area Mountain Bike announce that Andres Park was a finalist for the Bell Helmet Grant. Carpentersville is also working with CMAP and other agencies to study the feasibility of a trail connection between Crab Tree Nature Preserve and the Fox River Trail.
- Ben Mason, Village of Algonquin, told the committee that the village would be completing a corridor study of the Fox River. Algonquin also completed a pedestrian crossing study of Randall Rd and will be building an overpass near Jacobs High School and Randall Rd.
- Marc McLaughlin, Village of South Elgin, updated the committee on the Bike and Pedestrian mobility plan through an LTA grant from CMAP. Currently, draft recommendations were in review. South Elgin is also using an ITEP grant to make the State Street Bridge more bike/ped friendly. The project is currently in phase 1 engineering.

- Monica Meyers, Kane County Forest Preserve District, let the committee know that Steve Buchtel released trail counts for the Illinois Prairie Path. You can visit his site at www.trailforillinois.com for more details. Monica also let the committee know that she is putting in an order for Bike Bells in an initiative called “Bring Back the Bell”. Contact Monica if you would like more information or would like to order bike bells.
- Patrick Knapp, KKCOM Bike & Pedestrian Coordinator, informed the committee that the Fox River Trail Signage Program will be update this year. A working plan is currently being drafted and impacted entities will be contacted in the future.

III. Other Business

- A. Batavia Bike Friendly Community Presentation** – Amy Moore talked about the Bike Friendly Community application process during the municipal update portion of the agenda.

IV. Updates to Bike/Ped Public Map and Planning Map

- A. 2013/2014 Community Bicycle Planning Map Updates and Follow Up Meetings** – Patrick Knapp is working on updated and completing the GIS bike/ped data for Kane and Kendall Counties. To do this, he distributed maps and spreadsheets to every community of the existing, programmed, planned, and future bike/ped facilities in the respective community. Within a month or two, he is going to meet with communities wishing to update their bike/ped planning maps.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dale Berman, seconded by Joe Wade. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee August 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Aleks Briedis	Director of Community Recreation	Batavia Park District
Amy Moore	Citizen	Batavia Bike Commission
Ben Mason	Senior Planner	Village of Algonquin
Brian Schiber	City Engineer	City of Geneva
Drew Rackow	Planner	City of Batavia
Ed Barsotti	Executive Director	League of Illinois Bicyclists
Elizabeth Wright	Intern	Village of Gilberts
Jackie Forbes	Health Planner	Kane County Health Department
Jennifer Becker	Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Jerad Chipman	Senior Planner	Village of Montgomery
Joanne Spitz	Citizen	Batavia Bike Commission
John Goreth	Director of Operations	Forest Preserve District of Kane County
Katie Parkhurst	Senior Planner	Village of Algonquin
Michelle Springer	Planner	Forest Preserve District of Kane County
Monica Meyers	Director	Forest Preserve District of Kane County
Nancy Wagner	Suburban Outreach Coordinator	Active Transportation Alliance
Noel Basquin	City Engineer	City of Batavia
Patrick Knapp	Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator	KKCOM
Roopa Anjanappa	Project Engineer	City of Aurora
Russ Farnum	Community Development Director	Village of Algonquin
Scott Buening	Community Development Director	City of Batavia
Stephan Pickett	Village President	Village of Sleepy Hollow
Steve Naber	Senior Engineer	Baxter & Woodman
Terry Witt	Citizen	Trails Linking Communities
Tom Armstrong	Citizen	Elgin BPAC & Representing City of Elgin

I. Opening of Meeting

- A. Monica Meyers called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
- B. Motion made by Ed Barsotti to approve the meeting minutes from the March 13, 2014 meeting, seconded by Ben Mason and passed unanimously.

II. General Business

- A. **Director / Planning Liaison Update**
Patrick Knapp gave the Planning Liaison update:

Illinois Bike Transportation Plan

IDOT released the Illinois Bike Transportation Plan that will provide the Department with policies, best practices, and strategic direction for implementing a sustainable, multimodal vision for Illinois. The comprehensive recommendations address a variety of topics including facility design and maintenance, network gaps, grant funding programs, safety educations and enforcement, and internal governance and coordination. In addition, the plan includes performance measures designed to evaluate progress towards implementation. The complete plan and accompanying technical documents can be found online at www.illinoisbikeplan.com.

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Project (ITEP) Awards

On April 12th Governor Pat Quinn announced \$52.7 million in ITEP funding for 71 local transportation improvement projects. Local KKCOM projects include \$438,710 for the Kautz Road multi-use path in the City of Aurora and \$1.1 million for a path running along IL Rt. 47 near the DelWebb development in the Village of Huntley. It was also noted by Ben Mason that Algonquin received \$677,520 for a path/signs along Harper Dr.

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

CMAQ anticipates a joint call for projects for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) in January or February. These two programs are a great funding source for bicycle and pedestrian projects. KKCOM staff will be sure to keep all of our member communities updated about the upcoming call for projects.

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- September 4th: Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations

B. Municipal / Park District Updates

- Roopa Anjanappa, City of Aurora, reported on all of the projects that Aurora is working on at this time. The projects include on-street bikeways on Benton St and Frontenac St, off-street trails along Kautz Rd and Montgomery Rd, converting Lake St & River St to 2-way streets (with bikeway on River St), and future side paths to complete gaps along New York St.
- Katie Parkhurst, Village of Algonquin, informed the committee that the Route 31 bypass will open next week in Algonquin thus reopening the Prairie Trail. Also, the new pedestrian bridge over Randall Rd near Bunker Hill Dr is expected to be let next year along with a path along Harper Dr. Algonquin and Carpentersville are working together on a Fox River Corridor Plan to improve all resources along the river. Algonquin also adopted a Complete Streets Policy.
- Stephan Pickett, Village of Sleepy Hollow, told the committee about the new path from their village hall to Jelke Creek Bird Sanctuary. Sleepy Hollow is also using STP money to complete resurfacing on Boncosky Rd and is looking into a "Share the Road" campaign.
- Jackie Forbes, Kane County Health Department, let the committee know how the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) includes recommendations for access to trails. The Health Department is also working with different groups around Kane County that have emphasized access to trails.
- Joanne Spitz, Batavia Bicycle Commission, reported that the BBC gave away 26 bicycles and has started a Bicycle Friendly Batavia Business campaign. Batavia is also hosting courses to become a LIB instructor. Amy Moore, Batavia Bicycle Commission, added that www.bikingbatavia.org is now up and running with more information. Scott Buening, City of Batavia, also informed the committee that construction on phase 5 of the Tanglewood Subdivision will impact the NICOR trail.
- Michelle Springer, Forest Preserve District of Kane County, gave a PowerPoint Presentation of all their projects updates. The updates included: I-90 bicycle bridge closure, Fox River Trail Tunnel under the railroad tracks near Raymond St progress, closure of trail in South Elgin due to KCFPD not owning the easement, Stearns Rd trail closure until fall 2015, Riverbend Trail resurfacing, east end of

IPP – Geneva Spur resurfacing, Fabyan FP bridge removal over the Fox River, and construction of a 3.3 mile length of trail in Brunner FP. Contact the Forest Preserve District of Kane County if you have any questions about specific projects.

- Ed Barsotti, League of Illinois Bicyclists (LIB), reminded everyone to take the Bike Safety Quiz (www.bikesafetyquiz.com). The Bike Safety Quiz can also be used as a tool to educate the community about bicycling. LIB is also working with Lake County to allow bikers with proper lighting and clothing to use the trails at night. Ed also discussed plowing regional trails in the winter to encourage bicycle commuting. Joanne brought up the issue with cross country skiers wanting to use the trail and Ed informed her that ½ the trail could be plowed. Monica said this could lead to an issue with maintaining trails in the winter.
- Tom Armstrong, Elgin BPAC & Representing City of Elgin, updated the committee on Elgin's Bike/Walk/Move week in June. Tom also let the committee know that bike route 1 is under construction and bike route 4 is still in engineering. Elgin is also in the process of updated their comprehensive plan and will have a workshop in September. Additionally, Tom is working with others to start a bike club in Northern Kane County and Elgin submitted a Bicycle Friendly Community application.
- Jerad Chipman, Village of Montgomery, informed the committee that Montgomery finished their comprehensive plan that includes a section on trails.
- Brian Schiber, City of Geneva, let the committee know about a legal opinion written in the Illinois Municipal League magazine concerning striping bike lanes. Ed let the committee know that LIB is working on a response.

III. Other Business

- A. **Bring Back the Bell Campaign** – Monica Meyers, Forest Preserve District of Kane County, let the committee know that she is putting in an order for Bike Bells in an initiative called "Bring Back the Bell". Contact Monica if you would like more information or would like to order bike bells.
- B. **Family Friendly Bikeways** – Nancy Wagner, Active Transportation Alliance, announced that Active Trans has initiated a new program in the suburbs to encourage bikeways that everyone will feel comfortable biking. Active Trans will work with municipal staff, conduct outreach, manage social media campaigns, and hold planning sessions with communities at no cost to the municipalities. Contact Nancy Wagner at Active Trans for more info.
- C. **Status of Bicycle Facilities in Kane and Kendall Counties** – Patrick Knapp, KKCOM Bike/Ped Coordinator, worked with communities to update the GIS in an attempt to keep the county GIS updated and to track bike facility progress year-to-year. From January 2014 to August 2014, 240 additional miles were added to the system with 108 of the miles being existing bike facilities not in the system. In addition, the regional trails were calculated to be a total of 492 miles long with a total of 175 existing miles.

IV. Updates to Bike/Ped Public Map and Planning Map

- A. **2013/2014 Bicycle Planning Map Updates** – Patrick Knapp is working on updated and completing the GIS bike/ped data for Kane and Kendall Counties. He has met with many of the communities and will continue to meet with a few more.
- B. **2015/2016 Public Bike Map Updates** – Once Bicycle Planning Map updates are complete, the next version of the Kane/Northern Kendall Bike Map will be produced.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stephan Pickett, seconded by Ed Barsotti. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

VI. Walking Tour of Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Noel Basquin led the committee on a rain-filled tour of River St in Batavia.