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## Kane Kendall Council of Mayors Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 12:30 p.m. Forest Preserve District of Kane County Meeting Minutes

### Attendance

Ed Barsotti  
Tom Armstrong  
Geoff Payton  
John Nevenhoven  
Jackie Forbes  
Jennifer Becker  
Roopa Anjanappa  
Joanne Spitz  
Monica Meyers  
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## **I. Opening of Meeting**

- a. Bike Ped Committee Chair Monica Meyers called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

## **II. Approval of December 4, 2018 Minutes**

- a. A motion was made by Monica Meyers to approve the minutes from the December 4th, 2018 KKCOM Bike Ped Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed Barsotti and passed unanimously.

## **III. General Business**

- a. Troy Simpson gave the PL update.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

A special KKCOM Full Council Meeting will be taking place on **March 1<sup>st</sup>** at 9:30 a.m. in the Batavia City Hall Chambers. Following the special Full Council meeting, the next KKCOM Full Council Meeting will be held later in the Spring.

The next KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee will be taking place on **Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Kane County Government Center Auditorium at 1:00 p.m., with lunch served at 12:30 p.m.

### **Funding Opportunities**

The Shared Fund/CMAQ/TAP call for projects opened on **January 15, 2019**. All projects must have Phase 1 Engineering completed by **June 1, 2019** to be eligible for funds. Council projects will have a call in **January 2020**. Project Applications will be due by **March 1, 2019** to PLs. For more information, visit:

<https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/strategic-investment/regional-transportation-programs/call-for-projects>.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is accepting grant applications for the Recreational Trails, Off-Highway Vehicles, and Illinois Bike Path Grant Programs between **January 14, 2019** and **March 14, 2019**. Details on funding levels, stipulations, and application documents for each program can be found at:

<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/aeg/pages/illinoistrailsgrantprograms.aspx>.

Ed Barsotti gave an update on the IDNR bike path grant program. Monica Meyers responded with concern about the project cost limit, to which Ed Barsotti responded that he has been advocating for an increase of this amount. The available amount will be around 12.1 million.

The Illinois APA has relaunched and is currently accepting applications for Pro Bono Planning Service. Eligible applicants include Municipalities, Neighborhood Associations, Non-Profits, or Community Organizations that are seeking help with a planning project. Details can be found at: <https://www.ilapa.org/single-post/2019/02/12/APA-IL-Pro-Bono-Program-Spring-2019-Call-for-Projects>

### **KKCOM Staff Activities**

#### **FHWA/IDOT/CMAQ Funding Seminar (Tentative)**

The FHWA is coordinating with IDOT and CMAP to host a funding seminar to cover available federal programs as well as their eligible work types and provisions under the FAST Act. The seminar is tentatively scheduled to occur in late April or early May.

## **Shared Use Mobility Summit**

Council Staff will be attending the Shared Use Mobility Summit in Chicago from March 5th to March 7th. Subjects will include the impact of Shared Mobility on the transportation landscape, Pilot-to-Program coordination, Public-Private Partnerships, Newly Emerging Modes, Electric and Autonomous Vehicles, and the impacts of Shared Mobility on urban form.

## **CMAP News**

CMAP has published recordings from webinars for the STP-Shared Fund, CMAQ, and TAP-L call for projects. Information can be found at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/strategic-investment/regional-transportation-programs/call-for-projects>. Included in the link is the official schedule for the call for projects, as well as application resources.

At the CMAP Board Meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>, Montgomery Mayor Brolley was appointed to the CMAP MPO Policy Committee.

The *My Daily Travel Survey* is still open, with an incentive of \$50 per household to participate. The survey is being conducted from August 2018 to May 2019. Those interested can sign up at <https://mydailytravel.com/signup/cmap>. There is an additional per-pupil incentive for school districts that sign up.

## **New PPI**

IDOT has revised the PPI form as of January 25<sup>th</sup>, which is posted on the KKCOM website. Changes relate to accommodation for the Transportation Asset Management Program. Updated Local Roads PCL definitions, WFMT Improvements definitions and codes are available on the KKCOM site, in addition to the updated PPI form. Please note that the form is an update that followed an update on January 8<sup>th</sup>, as we have had PPIs returned for this reason.

## **IV. Ryan Peterson gave the Coordinator Updates**

### **Complete Streets Policy Creation**

KKCOM staff is currently working on updating their STP Project Selection Methodology to conform to the new standards put forth by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). The main focus of the update is the inclusion of the recent priorities of CMAP's ON TO 2050 Plan that must comprise 25% of the evaluation criteria for scoring.

One of the five options that KKCOM can include within the scoring criteria is to offer more points to projects whose municipalities have adopted Complete Streets policies. If chosen to be included within the criteria, projects within municipalities that have Complete Streets policies could score 10-25% higher than those who do not have adopted policies.

KKCOM staff will announce the final scoring criteria at the KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee meeting in April. Municipalities will have until the conclusion of the STP Call for Projects in March 2020 to create a policy if they would like to receive additional points for their project.

### **Creation of Street Addresses for Recreational Facilities**

One problem that has been brought to the attention by an advocate for accessibility for disabled citizens is the lack of addresses for public parks and recreational facilities. Many forest preserves, local parks, and/or outdoor activity areas do not have street addresses, which makes it very difficult for individuals to direct ridesharing vehicles or paratransit vehicles to the correct location

when they would like to access them.

By creating addresses for these locations, it can greatly increase the access potential for all residents and visitors, regardless of accessibility issues. It will also make it easier for mapping these recreational facilities in the future.

### **KKCOM Bike Week**

Bike to Work Week is a yearly international event that originated in Europe. It is typically a seven-day event that advocates bicycling for transportation. The event has been steadily gaining popularity in North American cities over the past decade. The event takes place during the second week of May or June and is typically an entire week of citywide cycling supplemented with events. The central aim of the event is to give citizens of a city the opportunity to help the environment and exercise in a fun and social way.

This year's Bike to Work Week will be May 13-17. The week will culminate in National Bike to Work Day on May 17th. Last year, many companies, governmental departments, and individual residents took part in the Bike Week festivities.

In 2019, KKCOM staff will be organizing the first annual KKCOM Bike Week, which will coincide with the national Bike to Work Week. KKCOM Bike Week will be a series of bicycle planning and programming initiatives throughout Kane and Kendall County to help communities reimagine their streets and roadways and help to provide bike and pedestrian programming during the week. Communities within the KKCOM region will be encouraged to create temporary bike infrastructure during the entirety or portions of the week to show residents different configurations of their existing roads.

These bike infrastructure treatments might include implementing a protected bike lane by installing planters or traffic cones; creating a pedestrian-only street to create a space to host activities during the week; or adding bike shelters at transit and commercial hubs. Other ideas can be simpler in nature, like posting bike lane signs, increased wayfinding signage to nearby amenities, adding lighting to darker portions of paths and sidewalks and/or incorporating more signage encouraging cars to slow down in heavily trafficked areas.

The temporary infrastructure does not necessarily only have to be transportation-related, either. The treatments could include creating pop-up parks or playgrounds, removing automobile parking along a sidewalk lined with restaurants in exchange for outdoor seating, creating seating or outdoor patio spaces in underutilized alley spaces, and/or repurposing underused green spaces into urban gardens/orchards.

Staff have been working with several communities to brainstorm and organize their participation in Bike Week. Some communities will be employing temporary bicycle infrastructure like temporary bike lanes, painting temporary bike sharrows, and painting crosswalks in areas that did not already have them. Other ideas that communities have put forward are hosting historical bike tours, replacing underused automobile parking for café seating and bike parking, hosting bicycle safety events, and utilizing local artists to paint murals on the street. If your community is interested in participating, please contact Ryan Peterson at (630) 444-3143 or [PetersonRyan@co.kane.il.us](mailto:PetersonRyan@co.kane.il.us).

### **KKCOM Seminar Series**

KKCOM staff will be hosting a seminar series throughout 2019, with various topics of seminars including bike sharing, bikeway design, and bike safety measures. Other topics might include public works training, GIS training, and plan commissioner trainings. The seminars will be aimed

towards municipal staff and elected officials but bike advocates and bike committee members are welcome to join.

KKCOM hosted their first seminar on January 25, 2019 at the Elgin Centre. The seminar focused on two topics: bike share and Complete Streets policy. Staff from KKCOM and the McHenry County Council of Mayors presented on the two topics. The presentations were followed by a panelist discussion by bike advocacy experts from Active Transportation Alliance, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, and Kankakee County Visitors Bureau. There were 86 registered attendees for the event.

The first meeting for RAMP was hosted immediately after the seminars. There were representatives from various non-profits, municipalities, and advocacy groups from around the region that attended the meeting. CMAP provided an overview on the goals and mission of RAMP and also encouraged attendees to discuss how they envision the program being conducted. The next meeting will be in the coming months.

The next seminar will be hosted on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Kane County Government Center in Geneva. The seminar will be focusing on the topic of Bikeway Design. Ed Barsotti, the Chief Program Officer of Ride Illinois will be the keynote speaker.

Ed's presentation, "Bikeway Design Strategies: Off- and On-Road in Suburban and Rural Areas" will guide attendees through the toolbox of available and new bikeway types to help identify which are most appropriate in particular contexts, from suburban downtowns to rural areas. Intersection safety issues, uncontrolled trail crossings, and bike parking will also be discussed. Several examples will illustrate how road projects can be opportunities to improve bicycling conditions, through small-scale or larger design changes.

Ed has been with Ride Illinois (previously League of Illinois Bicyclists), since 2001. His work with the statewide advocacy organization has focused on improving bicycling conditions through infrastructure, education of cyclists and motorists, favorable legislation and policies, and more. As one part of this role, Ed has served as bike planning consultant for 20 Illinois towns and advisor for dozens of others.

The presentation will be followed by a short discussion of tactical urbanism and brainstorming for the 2019 Bike Week. The seminar is free but all attendees must [register online](#).

Ed Barsotti gave an update on his speech for the next KKCOM bikeway design seminar. The presentation will relate to appropriate infrastructure provisions in suburban and rural contexts as well as potential compatibility with existing roadwork programs.

## **V. Local Agency Updates**

### Forest Preserve District:

- Construction bids for the Fabyan Forest Preserve Causeway removal and shoreline stabilization project closed on January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Raymond St Tunnel project between Elgin and South Elgin is ready for a June 2019 letting. Agreements with the Union Pacific Railroad have been prepared and pre-finals have been submitted to IDOT.
- The Great Western Trail extension project to Randall Rd is currently still in Phase II Engineering. The Forest Preserve District clarified that funding for the project was from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, not directly from the Forest Preserve.
- The Fox River Trail gap project in South Elgin is currently in Right of Way, and is resolving environmental issues with property owners.
- The Forest Preserve is in the budget process now looking at other projects, internal or regional

trails.

-At the next Bike Ped Committee meeting, the Forest Preserve will have a list of projects to be included in the budget for 2019.

-Received a grant from the state to include an internal interpretive trail at (near the Pioneer Sholes School) which is part of a Preservation Partners collaboration.

#### Batavia:

-Restoration work will be performed on the Fox River Trail on the East Side of the Fox River over the summer from Funway all the way up to Knights of Columbus. As part of that trail restoration process the City would like to address some approach issues and signage.

#### Sugar Grove:

-The Village is beginning to consider municipal funding for preventative maintenance for their existing trails while undergoing their budget process.

-The Village is attempting to get funding for a bridge over Blackberry Creek to connect to the Virgil Gilman Trail. The project is currently under Phase 1 review.

#### Elburn:

-Project funded that will make a connection from the Blackberry Creek subdivision to Elburn station. The project should have substantial completion this year and should fully open a year from now.

-Received a grant from the State of Illinois that will add some additional trails and other amenities. The funds may go to help tie in the bike trail along Anderson Rd toward the Metra station.

#### Elgin:

-Ryan Peterson is following through with Elgin on a CMAQ grant given almost 10 years ago for bike racks.

-Last year the City Council budgeted a fix on the Fox River Trail near the water treatment facility.

#### Ed Barsotti- (Ride Illinois):

-Ride Illinois is providing a traffic safety grant for driver's education programs. Ride Illinois is currently offering high schools 2 dollars per student that uses the bike safety quiz online in their driver's education course.

-Ride Illinois debuted a truck driving module, inspired by fatalities in Chicago. They are currently reaching out to trucking firms on the topic.

-Ride Illinois is working with IDOT to update Chapter 24 of the Local Roads and Streets Manual for bicycle facilities. Ed Barsotti is serving on the Committee at IDOT in order to advise IDOT on how they can prevent the DOT from becoming an obstacle to bicycle and pedestrian planning. Updates to the manual will include those specific to preferable infrastructural upgrades and their suitability in specific transportation contexts.

-Ed Barsotti noted that he is a participant on the Aurora Bike, Pedestrian and Transit advisory board. He noted that they are currently taking a look at the potential for including a bike friendly signalized crossing on Lake St in Aurora, due to the fact that the route presents a barrier to the west side of Aurora.

#### Aurora:

-The City of Aurora is submitting a CMAQ application for the Hill/Montgomery intersection as a part of a KDOT project that is improving/widening Montgomery Rd. The application will be for the purpose of seeking funding for ADA improvements to prepare for future bike/ped improvements. It was noted that there is an existing path on the north side of Montgomery at that location, and the ADA accessible ramps would be supportive of the eventual extension of the side path through the intersection.

Batavia Bike Commission:

-The Batavia Bike Commission is working with the City on doing temporary lanes and sharrows for KKCOM Bike Week.

-Bikes for Batavia is still "going strong".

-The Commission is working with the City of Batavia regarding a multitude of complaints regarding cyclist/driver conflict due to right-of-way and stops. They have met with the Police Department and the City to talk about enhanced signage for cyclists as well as an educational video on the local TV station. Educational videos could potentially become part of a recurring Spring program.

-The Commission is putting together recommendations for education programming with regard to the Dutch Reach law now in effect from the State. Recommendations are being made for every grade level and may potential be prepared for a roll-out in the 2019/2020 school year.

Ryan gave the KKCOM Bike App update- KDOT hopes to put out an updated bike map in 2020.

Members were invited to provide graphic updates on our

Motion to adjourn for work session- first by Jackie- second by Tom.