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KKCOM Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

Agenda

Forest Preserve District of Kane County

1996 S. Kirk Road

Geneva, IL 60134

Thursday, September 15, 2022

2:00 P.M.

- I. Opening of Meeting**..... Chair Meyers
 - A. Introductions..... All
 - B. Approval of February 17, 2022 minutes Chair Meyers
Action: Approval
- II. General Business**
 - A. Bike/Pedestrian Plan Update from Epstein..... Tim Gustafson
Action: Information
 - B. Planning Liaison Update Heidi Lichtenberger
Action: Information
 - C. Bike Ped Coordinator Update.....Kaci Crowley
Action: Information
 - 1. 2022/2023 Bike Share Vendor RFP
- III. Announcements/Updates**
 - A. Director UpdatesChair Meyers
Action: Information
 - B. 2022-23 Trail Improvement UpdatesFPDKC
Action: Information
 - C. Public/Local Agency Updates..... All
Action: Information
- IV. Next Meeting**
TBD Winter
- V. Adjournment**

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Kane Kendall Council of Mayors Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Thursday, February 17, 2022 2:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Monica Meyers – Chair	Executive Director	FPDKC
Zach Tegge	Landscape Architect	FPDKC
Anthony Isom	Assistant to the City Administrator	City of Batavia
Patrick Knapp	Senior Planner	Village of Algonquin
Dave Simmons	Executive Director	Ride Illinois
Bruce Heidlauf	Bicycle Shop Owner	Mill Race Cyclery of Geneva
Roopa Anjanappa	Engineer	City of Aurora
Danielle Marion	Planning Commission Member	Village of Sugar Grove
Devin Kamperschroer	Associate Planner	Village of Bartlett
John Millner	Lobbyist	City of St. Charles
Dave Waden	Senior Project Engineer II	City of Elgin
Cathleen Tymoszenko	Economic Development Director	City of Geneva
Ken Jay	Public Works Manager	City of St. Charles
Amy Moore	Member	Batavia Bike Commission
Joanne Spitz	CO-Chair of CHIP IN Batavia	Batavia Bike Commission
Tom Armstrong	Chair Member	Elgin Bike/Ped Advisory Committee
Jeff Palmquist	Director of Planning	Fox Valley Park District
Don Kirchenberg	Member	Great Western Trail Group
Colleen McCarty	Senior Park Planner	Oswegoland Park District
Rosie Edwards	Supervisor	St. Charles Park District
Ron Rudd	City Engineer	City of Elgin
Tom Rickert	Executive Director	KKCOM
Jackie Forbes	Council Director	KKCOM
Troy Simpson	Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Heidi Lichtenberger	Planning Liaison	KKCOM

I. Opening of Meeting

a. Monica Meyers called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

b. Approval of September 23rd, 2021 Minutes

A motion was made to approve the September 23rd, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was made by Devin Kamperschroer and was seconded by Roopa Anjaappa. The motion passed unanimously.

II. General Business

a. Heidi Lichtenberger gave the PL Update.

Upcoming Meetings

The next KKCOM Bike Ped Committee will take place on **TBD in the spring**.

The next KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee meeting will take place on **April 21st**.

The next KKCOM Full Council meeting will take place **TBD in the spring/summer**.

Funding Opportunities/Announcements

STP- Local (KKCOM) FY23-27

The STP-L call for projects opened on **January 17th** and will close on **March 15th at 5pm**. As before, applications are being entered in eTIP, with supplemental documents that applicants need to upload. The call will fill FFY 2026 and FFY 2027 in our program. Staff held a webinar on January 6th but if you were unable to attend and need assistance, please reach out to Heidi Lichtenberger or Troy Simpson. This topic will be covered in more detail later on this agenda.

RAISE Discretionary Grants

The discretionary grant program created originally under the acronym TIGER by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in 2009 is now known as RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity). 2022 applications are currently being accepted for projects costing a minimum of \$5 million and are due **April 14th**. More information on the USDOT [website](#).

2023 Highway Safety Notice of Funding Opportunities

The IDOT Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering (BSPE) has posted **six** Highway Safety Program Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for the grant year of October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023. Illinois is seeking grant applications to reduce serious injuries and fatalities on Illinois roadways. More information can be found [here](#). The grants cover topics such as non-enforcement safety programs, motorcycle awareness, and pedestrian and bicycle safety.

What does the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure plan mean for northeastern Illinois?

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure plan, makes generational investments for rebuilding the nation's roads, bridges, and rails. More than \$567 billion of funding will go toward projects and programs that affect every aspect of transportation. The IIJA increases funding for all four of [CMAP's regional formula programs](#).

- CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) funds will increase by 10%, from \$2.5 billion annually to \$2.745 billion by 2026.
- STBG (Surface Transportation Block Grant) will increase by 32%, from \$11.3 billion annually to nearly \$15 billion by 2026.
- TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) will see the largest increase of 76%, from \$850 million annually to nearly \$1.5 billion by 2026.
- Metropolitan Planning Program will increase by 32%, from \$358 million annually to nearly \$472 million by 2026.

Infrastructure Law Implementation Begins

The U.S. Department of Transportation has launched a new [website](#) for transportation agencies, communities, and stakeholders interested in learning more about the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). As part of implementing IIJA, the department is seeking input on the roll-out of new programs and funding. The [first opportunity for input](#) focuses on how the department can best implement highway formula programs continued by the IIJA.

The [second](#) is directed at the new formula and competitive funding opportunities for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. CMAP is continually monitoring implementation of the IIJA to ensure northeastern Illinois is taking full advantage of funding opportunities.

Why Oregon is using a Per-Mile Charge to Help Pay for Roads

For decades, motor fuel taxes were used to maintain infrastructure. With cars becoming more fuel efficient, and more people switching to electric and hybrid vehicles, revenue from motor fuel taxes isn't keeping pace with infrastructure costs. Illinois and other states have been at a crossroads over how to fully fund the transportation system in recent years. Under a road usage charge, people pay based on how many miles they drive. The idea is gaining momentum nationally. The newly signed [\\$1.2 trillion federal infrastructure bill](#) includes \$125 million to fund road-usage-charge pilot programs, including the first national pilot. The state of Oregon introduced [OReGO](#), a pay-per-mile program for personal vehicles in 2015. Volunteers who enroll in OReGO install a device in their car that tracks mileage and pay 1.8 cents for every mile they drive. They receive a credit for state fuel taxes, and those with electric or fuel-efficient vehicles are not required to pay a surcharge on their annual vehicle registration fees. In a 2016 [public opinion survey](#), most Oregonians said a road usage charge is a fairer way of funding transportation than other traditional means, such as implementing a vehicle sales tax or increasing vehicle registration fees and motor fuel taxes.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Strategy

CMAP is currently researching the feasibility for an electric vehicle infrastructure strategy. CMAP will be assessing the current state of EV charging infrastructure, gaps in the network, and exploring considerations for equity, efficiency, partnerships, and coordinated investment. CMAP would like to hear from transportation implementers about current work they are pursuing and their thoughts on the region's EV charging needs. If someone from your agency would be interested in participating in the project, please contact Brian Daly at bdaly@cmmap.illinois.gov.

Regional Safety Action Agenda

CMAP is continuing its work to improve safety and address the growing number of fatalities and injuries. The Safety Resource Group met for the third time in October to discuss recommendations related to speed management through design, policy, education and enforcement. Topics included ways to improve design to support lower speeds, appropriate speed limits in urban environments, effective and equitable enforcement strategies and how to improve safety data for our region. The discussion points are being incorporated into the speed management paper which is in production. The Resource Group will next meet early this spring. Staff began work on a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety position paper in early December. The Regional Speed Data project will begin this spring, which will analyze speed probe data to understand patterns of speeding and target countermeasures. An [update](#) on the group's work was presented at the July 16, 2021, CMAP Transportation Committee.

New Planning Projects Help Communities Achieve Regional Goals

More than 20 communities throughout northeastern Illinois will receive new planning assistance from CMAP to help them prosper in the years ahead. CMAP approved 21 new [technical assistance program](#) projects following a joint call for projects earlier in the fall with the RTA. CMAP staff will work to strengthen resiliency, prioritize investment and support inclusive development – regional principals identified in [ON TO 2050](#), the region's long-range plan. Burlington in Kane County will work with CMAP staff on taking next steps to implement ideas that can improve quality of life, transportation and land-use decisions.

Council Staff Activities

Council staff attended the APA-IL State Conference in Normal, IL October 6 – 8. Session topics included Vision zero, suburban design, the Lake Calumet Trail Feasibility study and the need to begin implementing ADA transition plans.

Council staff attended CMAP's first ever State of the Region virtual event on October 7th, delivered by Erin Aleman. There were many great takeaways from the meeting, including results from a regional survey conducted this summer. We learned that 90 percent of survey respondents say that it is very important or somewhat important that investment in roads, bridges and transit go toward communities with the greatest needs. To read more about the event and see the full survey results, visit CMAP's [State of the Region](#) website.

Council staff attended various IDOT Fall Planning Conference events from October 14 – November 2. Topics included active transportation; diversity, equity and inclusion; resiliency and ports; as well as modeling and the future.

- b. Bike Ped Coordinator Update – Troy Simpson gave this update.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) New Programs and Funding

In addition to new funding for existing programs, the passage of IIJA on November 5, 2021 came with key policy changes as well as new formula and competitive programs. A short summary is available below:

Key policy changes

- Allows Metropolitan Planning Organizations to develop housing coordination plans to better tie housing to transportation and economic development.
- Expands the eligibility for use of Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds to emerging technologies, natural infrastructure and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

New formula programs

- Carbon Reduction Program
 - *\$6.4 billion over five years to states by formula to invest in projects that support a reduction in transportation emissions.*
- PROTECT Program
 - *\$7.3 billion over five years to states for resilient infrastructure investments.*
- Electric Vehicle Program
 - *\$5 billion over five years to provide money for states to build electric vehicle charging infrastructure.*
- Bridge Investment Program
 - *\$27 billion over five years to provide money for states for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation and construction.*

New competitive programs;

- Congestion Relief Program
 - *\$250 million over five years in competitive funding to advance multimodal solutions to congestion. MPOs over 1 million in population are eligible to apply.*
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program
 - *\$1 billion over five years in competitive grants for planning and projects to remove, retrofit or mitigate existing highways that were built through neighborhoods and created a barrier to mobility and economic development.*
- SMART Mobility Demonstration Grant Program
 - *\$500 million over five years in grants to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety.*
- Safe Streets and Roads for All Program
 - *\$5 billion five years in grants to support local Vision Zero efforts, MPOs eligible (80% fed share) and 40% reserved for planning.*
- Healthy Streets Program
 - *\$500 million over five years for eligible projects, including planning and assessment projects that mitigate urban heat islands, improve air quality and reduce storm water runoff.*
- Railroad Crossing Elimination Program
 - *\$3 billion over five years in grants to improve safety at highway rail grade crossings including separation, closure, track relocation, installation of protective devices and other safety improvements.*

2021/2022 Bike Share Vendor RFP

Since the inception of the Kane County Bike Share Program, currently operated by Koloni, ridership has been steadily increasing. The system logged 239 rides in the 2020 riding season which increased to 608 for 2021, indicating that the program has legs!

As many of you may know, the initial RFP in 2019 saw interest from several vendors; however, only received **an initial response**. While this was somewhat disappointing, we must understand that bike share in a suburban context

is merely in its developing stages and has mixed results nationwide.

Kane County staff worked with the current municipal sponsors of the program throughout 2020 and 2021 to discuss performance of the current vendor and the potential for a renewed RFP in 2022 now that the program has been anchored. It was decided that Kane County will pursue an RFP with hopes that additional responses may be received.

In order to start the process, we must first establish the contact list for RFP development. Those local agencies and partners interested should execute the current [Memorandum of Understanding](#) by **March 4, 2022** in order to participate in this process. We will be targeting vendor interest for the 2023 riding season.

Fox Valley Bike Share Year-End Stats

Council staff have put together some summary statistics for the 2020 and 2021 Fox Valley Bike Share riding seasons in an R Markdown [document](#) for those who are interested. Data include select trip, operational and ridership indicators.

III. Announcements/Updates

a. Director Updates

1. Forest Preserve E-Bike Policy Update

Chair Meyers began by presenting the updated Ordinance on E-Bikes (Ordinance No. FP-O-21-12-0580). There are three classifications of E-Bikes; Class 1, 2 & 3. Class 1 & 2 E-Bikes require the use of the pedal to engage the bicycle and they are fitted with a governors system that limits the speed of the bike. Class 3 bikes are equipped with a battery making the pedals unnecessary to engage the bike and they do not have a governor on the limitation speed. Class 1 & 2 bikes are approved up to 20mph and are defined as a "bicycle", as newly defined in the ordinance. The limits on Class 3 bikes are up to the municipality. She is recommending that all municipalities look at their current ordinance and make any necessary changes to put limits on Class 3 bikes and/or separate them from Class 1 & 2's.

b. Public/Local Agency Updates

A representative of the Illinois Prairie Path announced the Annual All Volunteer Trails Cleanup of the Great Western Trails and Illinois Prairie Path will take place on Saturday, April 23rd and they are looking for volunteers.

Dave Simmons with Ride Illinois announced three upcoming bicycle driver friendly courses. Check Ride Illinois website for details.

Roopa with the City of Aurora announced they extended their contract with Koloni for another year. Additionally, they received ITEP funds for the Montgomery Road Extension project. They just received approval from IDOT to utilize Section 1440 so they plan to kick-start phase 1 in March or April of 2022.

Anthony Isom from the City of Batavia spoke about their MOU and that he brought it to their Committee and will be going to their City Council for final approval.

Dave Waden from the City of Elgin explained they are currently working with Civiltech on getting the downtown bike racks installed. Now they are waiting on IDOT for confirmation on a grant they received for this project. Installation will take place this spring/summer.

Cathleen from the City of Geneva explained that they have set goals for improving bike facilities.

Patrick from the Village of Algonquin stated they are building bike facilities in downtown to connect to another bike path.

Jeff from Fox Valley Park District shared that their grant-funded work in the Aurora sections should start in March and wrap up this summer.

Tom from the Elgin Bike Commission shared that the city will be repaving a portion of the Fox River Trail.

Jackie Forbes shared that Kane County will resurface part of the multi-use path on Keslinger Road east of Peck Road, as part of the yearly bike/ped maintenance and ADA work. ADA intersection improvements are planned at approximately 20 intersections in South Elgin. Lastly, Kane County received HSIP funds for the Montgomery Road and the Illinois Prairie path intersection. Construction will either be this year or next.

Zach spoke about two resurfacing projects. The first being in Batavia at the Les Arends Forest Preserve where they will fix one mile this summer. Second, next year they will resurface a part of the trail in Elgin, north of the new Raymond Street Tunnel.

IV. Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting will be TBD spring/summer 2022

V. Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Jackie Forbes and seconded by Patrick Knapp. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.

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DATE: September 15th, 2022
TO: KKCOM Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
FROM: Council Staff
RE: Council / Planning Activities Update

Upcoming Meetings

The next KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee meeting will take place on **October 20th**.

The next KKCOM Full Council meeting will take place **TBD in the winter**.

The next KKCOM Bike Ped Committee will take place on **TBD in the winter**.

Funding Opportunities/Announcements

FFY 23-27 KKCOM STP-L Call For Projects Update

The STP-L FFY 23-27 Draft Program has been approved by the KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee and KKCOM Full Council. There are two remaining votes required for final program adoption.

- September 16: CMAP Transportation Committee
- October 12: CMAP MPO Policy Committee

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Cycle 15

The Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) call is open and will end **September 30**. This cycle will provide \$125 million in state and federal funding for walking, biking, and trail projects around the state.

The Active Transportation Alliance and Illinois Public Health Institute are working in partnership with IDOT to host a 3-part webinar series to help communities apply for funding. Registration and recording links are below.

Webinar Part 1 (July 20): ITEP basics, eligibility criteria, what's new, and best practices

- [Recording](#)
- [Slides](#)

Webinar Part 2 (August 24): Scoring, application walk through, Q&A with IDOT staff

- [Recording](#)
- [Slides](#)

Webinar Part 3 (September 14): Q&A with IDOT staff

- [Register here](#)

For more information, visit Active Transportation's [ITEP resource page](#).

U.S. DOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - Planning and Capital Construction Grants

The [Reconnecting Communities Pilot \(RCP\) discretionary grant](#) program is the first ever program to help reconnect communities previously cut off from opportunities by transportation infrastructure through solutions like high-quality public transportation, infrastructure removal, and main street revitalization. Visit the RCP Program website to access the [NOFO](#). Applications are due **October 13**. IDOT also issued [Circular Letter 2022-18](#) providing more information about this program.

Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Discretionary Grant Program

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is accepting applications for the [Railroad Crossing Elimination Program](#). Eligible projects include grade separation or closure as well as improvements or installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other related systems. Applications for planning, environmental review, and design will also be accepted. The FRA will not award grants for less than \$1,000,000, except for planning projects. No more than 20% of the funds can be awarded in any state. Applications are due October 4, 2022. IDOT also issued [Circular Letter 2022-19](#) providing more information about this program. Questions can be directed to Douglas Gascon, douglas.gascon@dot.gov.

***** Important Reminder Regarding 2023 CMAQ, TAP-L, and STP-SF Call For Projects *****

In order to be eligible to apply for CMAQ, TAP-L, and STP-SF funding in the upcoming Call for Projects in **January 2023**, Phase I Engineering must be **“substantially complete”** by the application deadline in **March 2023**.

IDOT Updates

NEW! Project Program Information Form

IDOT's PPI (Project Program Information) form has been updated and is effective September 1, 2022. Please use this form going forward, any PPI's submitted on the old form will be returned for revisions. As of September 6th, the PPI form has not been uploaded to IDOT's website. Please email planningstaff@co.kane.il.us for the latest version.

IDOT Releases FY 2023-2028 Multi-Year Program

On August 12, IDOT released the [FY 2023-2028 Proposed Highway Improvement Program](#), which includes \$34.6 billion to improve roads, bridges, transit, rail, airports, and ports over the next six years. The program aims to improve 2,562 miles of roads and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck. This funding represents a robust commitment to invest in people and communities backed by the historic Rebuild Illinois capital program. Read the press release [here](#).

IDOT Accepting Electronic Signatures

On August 19, IDOT issued Circular Letter 2022-21 announcing updates to more than twenty BLRS forms to accommodate the use of electronic signatures. A list of the affected forms and instructions for electronically signing forms is included in the circular letter.

CMAP Updates

IJJA Resources for Communities

CMAP has launched an [online resource](#) to provide communities and partners with the essential information they need to know about IJJA and its benefits to the region. This includes funding estimates for existing transportation programs as well as new programs that can make our regional transportation system stronger and more resilient for the next generation.

Community Data Snapshots

CMAP has updated its [Community Data Snapshots](#) with updated 5-year ACS data and employment and tax base tables. These data-rich snapshots - one for each of the region's 284 municipalities, 77 Chicago neighborhoods, and seven counties — summarize demographics, housing, employment, transportation habits, and other key details. They help local leaders and the public track progress to make informed decisions in their communities. Raw data, including more detail, is available on the [Data Hub](#).

Community Alliance for Regional Equity

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) seeks community- based organizations for the Community Alliance for Regional Equity. This new initiative will improve CMAP's investment processes so it can better serve people traditionally excluded from transportation planning. CMAP will recruit up to 12 community-based organizations and pay \$10,000 for one year of their time and expertise. Program highlights include:

- Ability to influence decision making that impacts your community
- Networking and relationship building opportunities
- \$10,000 unrestricted honorarium

Learn more and apply for the [Community Alliance for Regional Equity](#) by **Monday, September 19**.

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Kane County Updates

Fox Valley Bike Share Program

Kane County advertised an RFP for the 2023 Fox Valley Bike Share program as the current agreement with Koloni is expiring at the end of this year. Unfortunately, the County did not receive any proposals by the due date of August 5th. Staff is reaching out to communities that currently have a bike share program to request their vendor contact information and will follow up to see if they had feedback on the RFP.

New Staff Contact

As a new staff member, I am looking to make connections within the community. Please reach out to me at CrowleyKaci@co.kane.il.us or 630-444-2957

CMAP Updates

Improving Accessibility and ADA Title II Compliance

CMAP is developing a program to help communities in northeastern Illinois improve accessibility and comply with [Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#). This program will allow the region to make accessibility improvements that advance equity and build a [transportation system that works better for everyone](#). A key component of the program will be support for communities to create self-evaluations and ADA transition plans. Learn more [here](#).

Upcoming Conferences

September 21-23: [IDOT Fall Planning Conference](#)

September 28-30: [APA-IL State Conference](#)

October 12-13: [Ride Illinois 2022 Bike Summit](#)

2022 Illinois Bike Summit

The theme for the [2022 Illinois Bike Summit](#) is: **Pedaling Forward Together**. Everyone with an interest in riding a bike and making biking safer and better in Illinois are encouraged to attend the 2022 Illinois Bike Summit. The sessions and workshops on October 12 can be attended in-person or online, though not all sessions will be available to online attendees.

All are invited to attend the 2022 Illinois Bike Summit! [Register Here](#).

A separate, in-person professional training for planners, engineers, and municipal staff who aim to improve bike infrastructure and safety in their community will be held on Thursday, October 13. Contact Ride Illinois at community@rideillinois.org with questions about the 2022 Illinois Bike Summit.