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Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee October 7, 2010 Draft Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance:

Bill Reese	Public Works Committee	Campton Hills
Ed Barsotti	Executive Director	League of Illinois Bicyclists
Geoff Payton	Streets Superintendent	Sugar Grove
Jan Ward	Deputy Director	KKCOM
Jim Eby	Director of Planning	Batavia Park District
Jim Reuter	Director of Parks and Recreation	South Elgin
John Gamble	Bike Commission Chairman	Batavia
Laura Schraw	Park Designer	Yorkville
Karen Miller	Executive Planner	Kane Development Department
Kristian Zoerhoff	Resident	Gilberts
Mary Heineman	Bike & Ped Planning Committee	Sugar Grove
Michele Springer	Planner	Kane County Forest Preserve
Michael Brown	Planner	Montgomery
Mike Ferencak	Planner	Sugar Grove
Mike Sullivan	Regional Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Monica Meyers	Executive Director	Kane County Forest Preserve
Nathan Roseberry	Traffic Engineer	Hoffman Estates
Noel Basquin	City Engineer	Batavia
Paul Bednar	Parks and Recreation	Elgin
Steve Coffinbargar	Council Director	KKCOM

I. Opening of Meeting

- A. Monica Meyers called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Introductions were made.
- B. Mary Heineman asked that the minutes be changed to clarify that she is no longer a village trustee. A motion by Mary Heineman to approve the meeting minutes from October 29, 2009 was made. The motion second by Ed Barsotti and passed unanimously.

III. General Business

A. Director / Planning Liaison Update

Stearns Road Bridge Corridor Update

The Stearns Road Corridor is expected to be completed and open for use by mid-December 2010. KDOT has gone to great lengths to make sure that the IPP has stayed open during construction, creating temporary access points and ramps to get the trail users across the open pavement. In order to keep the IPP open in the area of IL 25/Stearns Road/Dunham Road, there are two sets of steps that lead up to and down from IL 25. The construction crew has installed push buttons and walk signals to allow pedestrians and cyclists to safely cross IL 25. Crews have finished the concrete work on the extension of the Stearns Road pedestrian tunnel. More information along with photos and videos of the progress of the project can be found at www.stearnsroad.com.

Call for Projects:

Safe Routes to School Grants

IDOT is accepting applications for the 2010 [Safe Routes to School](#) (SRTS) planning and application cycle. Illinois is expected to award at least \$7 million in SRTS monies throughout the state. The Illinois Safe Routes to School Program supports projects and programs that enable and encourage walking and bicycling to and from school. The program applies to schools serving grades K-8th grade.

In order to participate in the 2010 planning and application cycle, you will be required to submit, and receive approval for, a new or updated [School Travel Plan](#) for your community. School Travel Plans must be submitted by November 12 and funding applications must be submitted by December 15, 2010.

CMAQ is working with the Active Transportation Alliance and TY Lin International to present the [Safe Routes to School \(SRTS\) National Course](#) in eight northeastern Illinois communities. The courses are community-based workshops bringing together schools, local agencies, and communities to plan for safe routes to school at the community level. There are two workshops currently schedule in Kane County.

October 13 City of Aurora

October 22 City of Batavia

Contact Kevin Dekkinga (kevin@activetrans.org) in regards to attending one of the workshops.

October 19 [The Safe Routes Online Application](#) (Webinar) —12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

CMAQ Program

CMAQ is expected to release a call for project proposals in December of 2010 for the [Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement \(CMAQ\) Program](#). CMAQ funds are used for transportation projects that reduce congestion and related air pollution. Examples of projects that may be funded are transit service improvements, traffic signal interconnects, bicycle/pedestrian projects and diesel engine retrofits. More information is expected to be released soon.

For municipalities that have CMAQ projects with work phases scheduled in 2010, a project update form must be submitted in October. One-time move requests for projects that are not obligated by 9/30/10 should be made when performing the update. Each October project sponsors are required to:

- Submit a progress update for each project through the [CMAQ website](#).
- Identify any project phases that did not meet planned schedule for obligation. Obligations must occur by September 30 of the year the phase is programmed.
- If obligation has not occurred a one-time change is allowed.
 - If the onetime change has already been used, the project will be considered for withdrawal.

Other Upcoming Events (see www.cmap.illinois.gov/calendar.aspx for additional CMAP meetings)

October 13 [GOTO2040 Kickoff Event](#)—10:30 a.m.
Harris Theater's Rooftop Terrace, Millennium Park, Chicago, IL

October 14 [Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors Transportation Policy Committee](#)—1:00 p.m.
Kane County Government Center, Auditorium

October 18 [CMAQ Bike & Pedestrian Task Force](#)—1:00 p.m.
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Suite 800, Willis Tower, Chicago, IL

October 28-29 [Designing for Pedestrian Safety](#)
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Suite 800, Willis Tower, Chicago, IL

B. Municipal / Park District Update

- Michelle Springer, Kane County Forest Preserve, gave a presentation of projects being completed by the Kane County Forest Preserve. 7 projects were recently resurfaced totaling nearly 6 miles in trails. Work was also being done or recently completed at Brundige/Paul Wolf, Lake Run, Muirhead Springs, Raceway Woods, Bowes Creek Woods and Elburn Forest Preserve.

- Bill Reese, Campton Hills, reported that the Village has just begun working on a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and are looking into starting a Safe Routes to School program.
- Nate Roseberry, Village of Hoffman Estates, stated that the Village has adopted a new Comprehensive Plan which is available for viewing online. The Village currently has 4 bicycle projects in engineering, 2 paths and 2 road diets. Work is also being done on 2 grant applications for future submittal.
- Ed Barsotti, League of Illinois Bicyclists, reported that LIB completed a series of Bicycle Planning Seminars and was able to reach about 500 people through the 10 events. All of the materials are available on the LIB website for download.
- Mary Heineman, Sugar Grove, reported that the Village is currently working on a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and are able 75% complete. Attendance at the LIB Bicycle Seminar gave impetus for getting the plan started in Sugar Grove.
- Ed Barsotti and Nate Roseberry provided the group with some additional information on funding sources for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Mr. Barsotti directed the group the LIB website for additional information on grants.
- John Gamble, City of Batavia, reported that the City recently had a Safe Routes to School training done by the Active Transportation Alliance. In addition, the City had 13 bicycle racks donated and are working on installing signage to better direct cyclists.
- Paul Bednar, City of Elgin, reported that the City recently completed a Bike for Life ride to help raise money for bicycle racks. The City is also working on implementing to Safe Routes to School grants that were awarded in 2008. Two CMAQ grants are currently in engineering for implemented the City's bicycle plan and work is being done on an ITEP application.
- Laura Schraw, City of Yorkville, reported that work is being done on 2 Safe Routes to School grants. Yorkville is also working with IDOT on trail connections on state road improvements and the City is looking at a \$1 million referendum for trails.

IV. Other Business

A. Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

Jan Ward gave a presentation on the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update. A working group of volunteers will be formed to help guide the update of the plan.

Mr. Barsotti recommended that the plan update include measurable that the group could review and see how implementation of the plan was going forward.

VII. Adjournment

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