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Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Thursday, February 18, 2021

2:00 p.m.

Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Monica Meyers – Chair
Zach Tegge
Anthony Isom
Amanda Rafter
Dave Simmons
Joshua Harris
Roopa Anjanappa
Jerad Chipman
Chris Gottlieb
Cathleen Tracy
Andrea Podraza
Lauren Blayney
Sam Geevarghese
Joanne Spitz
Tom Rickert
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Village of East Dundee
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Village of Montgomery
City of St. Charles
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I. Opening of Meeting

a. Troy Simpson called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

b. Approval of December 10th, 2020 Minutes

A motion was made by Jerad Chipman to approve the minutes from the December 10th, 2020 KKKCOM Bike Ped Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Anthony Isom and passed unanimously.

II. General Business

a. Planning Liaison Update

Noah Jones gave the PL Update

Upcoming Meetings

The next KKKCOM Transportation Policy Committee will be taking place on **April 15, 2021** on Zoom.

The next KKKCOM Bike Ped Committee will be taking place on **June 17, 2021** on Zoom.

Funding Opportunities/Announcements

CMAP FY22-26 Call for Transportation Projects

From January 8 to February 19, 2021. CMAP is accepting funding applications for surface transportation projects that improve transit, bicycle facilities, freight and traffic movement and safety, fix bridges, reconstruct roads, and invest in alternative fuel vehicles and equipment. Funding for these projects will be distributed through federal sources that CMAP programs: Surface Transportation Program (STP) Shared Fund, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and locally programmed Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L). Project sponsors must submit applications to Planning Liaisons for review on **February 19, 2021**. See more on the call for projects website.

CMAP has created a video explaining the flow and purpose of program funds in this call for projects.

IDOT FY2022 Surface Transportation Program Federal Funding Allotments

IDOT has released a Circular Letter (CL 2021-03) detailing the FY2022 Surface Transportation Program allotments for STR, STU and STP-Br. The STU amount for the Chicago region is \$153,112,168.77, from which the programming mark for the Council for FY22 will be derived. Updated numbers will be posted to the Council STP program as they are made available official via CMAP.

IDOT Local Agency Bonds Third Issuance Estimates and Allocation Procedure

IDOT released a Circular Letter (CL 2021-04) detailing the bond disbursements to local agencies as well as outlining a process to identify projects through an information exchange. The Circular Letter has not been posted to the IDOT website as of 1/13/2021; however, local agencies can find the bond estimates and the non-committal project form online. Submissions of projects are due **February 16, 2021**. Troy Simpson mentioned that as of the date of this meeting the Circular Letter was now posted to the IDOT website.

KKCOM Staff Activities

Staff have attended sessions and committees of the Transportation Research Board Conference throughout **January**. Attended sessions have included the Pedestrians subcommittee and the Bicycle and Pedestrian data subcommittee.

KKCOM Agreement Tracker

KKCOM staff have compiled an [agreement tracker](#) on the council [STP page](#) where local agencies can check in to see how long it has been since an agreement was submitted as well as track expected times to assist with Active Program Management. The tracker includes all federal funding sources.

Mobility/Travel COVID-19 Data

Council staff have been keeping up-to-date reports on mobility data provided by Google Maps giving insights into the type of travel people are undertaking in our local region as well as the volume of travel during the COVID-19 situation. Reports will continue to be updated so long as the data is available. The reports/data are hosted on [GitHub](#).

Other

IDOT D1 Letting schedule updated

IDOT D1 has updated their letting schedule to include dates out to CY2023. Find the updated letting schedule on the KKCOM STP Program webpage.

Regional Transportation Authority COVID Dashboard

The RTA continues to update their region-wide dashboard for ridership and fare box trends due to the ongoing pandemic. Other data include revenue impacts to the RTA Sales Tax. Current data show ridership resilience as strongest for bus services, both in the suburbs and the city, with Metra seeing the greatest overall declines in ridership. See the dashboard on the RTA website.

CMAP Maps

CMAP has updated both the Regional Land Use Inventory as well as the Regional Reference map. You can find the 2015 Land Use Inventory update here and the Reference Map here.

III. Announcements/Updates

a. Coordinator Updates

Troy Simpson gave a few announcements and updates.

Fox Valley Bike Share System 2021 Updates

Council staff are pleased to announce that the Fox Valley Bike Share System will be open for riders beginning **April 15, 2021** at the earliest (weather cooperating). The system will include some new sponsors (some pending):

- Shodeen (St. Charles) – **Confirmed**
- St. Charles Park District – **Pending**
- City of St. Charles – **Pending**
- Shodeen (Oswego) – **Pending**
- Village of Oswego, Oswegoland Library District – **Pending**
- Geneva Park District – **Pending**

Cathleen Tracy, with the City of Geneva, mentioned that they shouldn't be pending. They would just like to follow things and they haven't changed their status since last year.

Council Staff gave a presentation with the bike share vendor (Koloni) to stakeholders in Oswego,

including Village Administration, Community Development Staff, Public Works Staff, Representatives from the Park District and Library District, as well as with Shodeen staff. Oswego joining the system would create a continuous series of stations from the Aurora area into Northern Kendall County.

The contracts from the vendor continue to be individually negotiated with municipal and special district governmental units, though Council staff will continue to provide updates to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee as well as solicit feedback. We are excited to see more of the system come into play in 2021.

Dave Simmons, with Ride Illinois, asked about any e-bikes that might be included in any fleets. The City of Batavia signed a contract for e-bikes last year initially, but they couldn't get the shipment in. Supply chain issues are still impacting accessing those bikes. Overall, there is interest for e-bikes. Anthony Isom mentioned in reference to the Forest Preserve about their regulations on e-bikes. Troy Simpson talked about those regulations again. They can disallow any type of electronic vehicle on any of their trails. Kane County Forest Preserve doesn't want to allow any e-bikes of any kind for now. They don't want to take on the burden of saying someone has a class 2 e-bike, which might be okay, but someone else has a class 3 e-bike, which might not be okay. Monica Meyers mentioned that the larger issue with this problem is that they do not recognize any electronic vehicles on any of their trails. They want to minimize liability and have public safety as their foremost interest.

Regional Safety Action Agenda

CMAQ is placing increasing attention on traffic safety as the number of fatalities and injuries continue to increase, and we (the region) have lacked progress towards meeting the federally required safety performance targets. CMAQ is kicking off a Safety Resource group to dive into the issue more deeply. The group will inform a "Regional Safety Action Agenda" to recommend safety improvements through the lenses of equity, engineering, education, enforcement, and emergency services and public health. The Resource Group will include members from across these fields to prioritize actions, build consensus and develop safety tools, resources and policy for regional partners. In introducing the work, CMAQ has cited the continued rise in pedestrian fatalities even as total traffic volumes have decreased during the pandemic. Council staff will keep the Bike Ped committee updated as this resource group begins to build and convene.

Jackie Forbes mentioned that she believes the first meeting will take place in March.

Active Transportation Alliance Suburban Action Week

The Active Transportation Alliance will be hosting a week-long mobilization event aimed at creating better walking, biking, and transit in Chicagoland's suburban communities. There will be a series of events taking place between **February 15** and **February 20**, including a Kane and Kendall Counties update featuring Council staff at **11am** on **February 19**.

MUTCD Proposed Updates

A Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPA) was released on December 14, 2020 detailing wide-ranging change proposals to the MUTCD. These would constitute the 11th edition of the MUTCD. See the changes and comment until **March 15** at the Federal Register. Troy went over the changes of note which included:

- Incorporation of provisional traffic control devices currently under Interim Approval, including pedestrian-actuated Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at uncontrolled marked crosswalks, green-colored pavement for bicycle lanes, red-colored pavement for transit lanes, and a new traffic signal warrant based on crash experience.
- Improvements to accessibility and safety for pedestrians, including the location of pushbuttons at signalized crosswalks, crosswalk marking patterns, and accommodations in work zones.
- Expanded traffic control devices to improve safety and operation for bicyclists, including intersection bicycle boxes, two-stage turn boxes, bicycle traffic signal faces, and a new U.S. bicycle route design.
- Considerations for agencies to prepare for the deployment of automated driving systems.
- Revised procedures for the posting of speed limits, new criteria for horizontal alignment change warnings, new application of traffic control devices for part-time shoulder travel, and new applications of traffic control devices at busway crossings.

USDOT [DRAFT] Strategic Plan on Accessible Transportation

The U.S. Department of Transportation published a draft of its first Strategic Plan on Accessible Transportation, which aims to help make America's transportation system more accessible for all travelers. The plan is anticipated to guide the UDOT's efforts in Fiscal Years 2021-2025.

Troy mentioned that this will be more of a mission strategy and it should be a shorter document.

Active Transportation Alliance Survey – IDOT Local Match Requirements

Council staff would like to remind members of the Bike Ped Committee of a survey being conducted by the Active Transportation Alliance regarding local agency maintenance requirements for Complete Streets infrastructure on state routes. They are specifically interested in whether any communities have ever had to say "no" to including said infrastructure on a State road because of the match requirement.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Resources for KKCOM

Council staff would like to remind members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee of some of the resources we have available on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Resources page on the KDOT website as well as the Bike/Ped Info page on the KKCOM website.

These include:

- KKCOM Bike Ped App (Continuously Updated)
- KKCOM Bicycle Facilities Implementation Dashboard (Continually Updated)
- Kane and Northern Kendall County Bike Map (Updated – will not be printed until completion of Longmeadow Parkway Trail)
- Fox River Trail Signage Inventory (Continually Updated)
 - Signage Spreadsheet
 - Location Map

Public/Local Agency Updates

Monica Meyers shared pictures of the Raymond Street tunnel for the new bike path going in on the East side of the Fox River. She showed the rendering of the original plans and what it will look like. The tunnel should be open this summer at some point for bicycle use.

IV. Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting will be **June 17th, 2021** on Zoom.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Troy mentioned that the City of Batavia has made significant strides in ridership growth, contributing it to marketing tasks and bringing attention to the program.

b. **Director Updates**

Chair Meyers announced the Grand Opening of Raymond Street Tunnel Project which links the Fox River Trail at the prairie path and the junction of Elgin and South Elgin. The tunnel opened this summer and was a 10-year project. They perform approximately 1 mile of repair / renovations each year of the Fox River Trail and are currently working on bids.

c. **Public/Local Agency Updates**

Roopa Anjaappa (City of Aurora) announced that the ATC Pedestrian Bridge opened on June 11th with positive feedback. Also, City of Aurora is submitting four (4) applications for Safe Routes to School.

Troy Simpson announced Silver Glen Road, between Randall and IL 31, is almost complete and that six (6) ADA ramps have been installed. Also, the bike path on the west side of Randall, Silver Glen to Gyorr Ave, is one continuous path. ADA and resurfacing has been completed on the east side of the river on Fabyan Parkway.

IV. Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting will be TBD December

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

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Thursday, September 23, 2021

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Patrick Knapp
Dave Simmons
Bruce Heidlauf
Roopa Anjanappa
Danielle Marion
Devin Kamperschroer
Cathleen Tracy
Andrea Podraza
Susan Quasney
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I. Opening of Meeting

a. Troy Simpson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

b. Approval of February 18th, 2021 Minutes

A motion was made by Andrea Podraza to approve the minutes from the February 18th, 2021 KKCOM Bike Ped Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Monica Meyers and passed unanimously.

c. Roll call was done by Heidi Lichtenberger

II. General Business

a. **Planning Liaison Update**

Heidi Lichtenberger gave the PL Update

Upcoming Meetings

The next KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee meeting will be taking place on **October 21st, 2021** on Zoom.

The next KKCOM Full Council meeting is **November TBD**.

Funding Opportunities/Announcements

CMAP Call for Transportation Projects

The CMAP Transportation Committee has approved the staff recommended programs for both the STP and CMAQ/TAP-L portions of the current call for projects. The STP and CMAQ portions of the program do not include any projects in Kane or Kendall Counties. The TAP portion of the program includes the shared-use paths for KDOT's Randall at Hopps and Dauberman Rd Extension projects.

Safe Routes to School Cycle 2021

IDOT is currently accepting applications for the SRTS funding Cycle 2021 through Thursday, September 30, 2021, with a target of spring 2022 for announcement of awards. The program applies to schools serving grades K-8, and can fund projects that encourage children to walk and bicycle to school, both physical and non-physical. Infrastructure projects must have a local government sponsor. Cycle 2021 will only allow awards to infrastructure projects, which are reimbursable for 80% of construction only. For more details, consult IDOT circular letter [2021-20](#).

KKCOM Staff Activities

Council staff attended the Transport Chicago conference on June 18th. Session topics included pandemic mobility changes current and forecasted, parking minimums, the Regional Transportation Authority's RTAMS portal, transportation equity research from CMAP and Cook County, road use charges, and first/last mile connections.

Council staff attended the Chicago Region Climate Action Plan launch event, which was held on July 13th. The [plan](#), which is one of the first regional climate plans in the United States, was created with support from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Metropolitan Planning Council, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, European Union and Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

IDOT Crash Data Update

IDOT has finalized the 2019 and 2020 crash data, which is available via IDOT's Safety Portal and Crash Facts publications. The Crash Facts report for 2020 is currently under development. IDOT

continues to support the "Drive Zero Fatalities to a Reality" initiative through the provision and maintenance of data resources for Local Public Agencies. Read more and find links to access the data in [Circular Letter 2021-17](#).

b. **2021/2022 Bike Share Vendor RFP**

When the initial RFP was launched for the Fox Valley Bike Share System in September 2019, the Kane County DOT only received one respondent (Koloni) which has been providing services to our current bike share sponsors for the past two riding seasons. The contracts signed are nearing their end date of December 31, 2021, at which point the current sponsors can either extend the contract at the existing rate for a single year or allow the contract to expire.

There has been discussion over the past two years about the possibility of putting out a new RFP with the likelihood of attracting more interest from potential vendors. The process followed the timeline below in 2019-20:

July 2019 – Memorandum of Understanding

Aug 2019 – Draft RFP

Sep 2019 – Final RFP

Oct 2019 – RFP Responses and Interviews

Dec 2019 – Award to Vendor

Jan 2020 – Feb 2020 Sponsor Contracts

This timeline applied to now would place our current contract signing date with potential vendors around April 2022, which would likely not be feasible for getting the system launched for the 2022 riding season from a supply chain standpoint. As such; council staff proposes a discussion on the following two items:

Should existing sponsors extend contracts one year/do sponsors desire to extend their contracts one year?

Should council staff begin the process of pursuing another MOU and subsequent RFP process?

Troy stated that with the current RFP timeline, if we were put out another RFP in order to gain interest, it would result in a contract signing of April 2022. That would be if we started next month (October 2021), which could lead to supply chain issues. Troy said one option is to hold contracts at the existing rate with the current vendor but is also interested in changing the RFP process, if that will make more sense.

Currently there are 4 agencies participating; City of Batavia, Village of Montgomery, City of Aurora and Oswego land library district.

Roopa (City of Aurora) will go along with a new RFP. City of Batavia is in favor to continue the bike share program and is considering partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Batavia Board to create an advertisement for the program.

Troy will share the timeline with the current participating sponsors for the potential RFP, see what everyone wants to do with that contract extension provision and ultimately decide when to start the new RFP process to get concrete dates.

c. **E-Bike Policy Updates**

Monica Meyers opened the discussion by talking about modifying current ordinances regarding E-bikes. The Kane County Forest Preserve will allow Class 1 and Class 2 low-speed electric bikes that have governors, which limits top speed, to be used. Current speed limit is 15 mph and Monica is considering an increase to 20 mph because the bikes can easily attain 20 mph.

Dave Simmons (Ride Illinois) stated that Cook County has a 15mph speed limit and allows Class 1 & 2 bikes.

Most accidents are speed related, which may result in a speed enforcement issue.

Tom Rickert recommends keeping a 15 mph speed limit.

Monica questioned if any municipalities are going to review and potentially change bike-related ordinances. Tom is going to reach out to municipalities and forest preserves to see if they have a plan in place or have addressed such issues.

Tom pointed out the existence of a blanket ordinance of 55 mph for the county highway systems, might be a good idea to implement for the trail systems.

III. **Announcements/Updates**

a. Coordinator Updates

Troy Simpson gave a few announcements and updates.

IDOT Complete Streets Bill Becomes Law

HB 270: Provides that, in and within one mile of an urban area, the Department of Transportation shall establish and solely fund bicycle and pedestrian ways in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any state transportation facility. Legislation provides for an exemption in the case of communities that pass a resolution stating that the facility does not fit within its development plan.

ITEP Awards

IDOT released the ITEP Cycle 14 Award announcements on June 9th. Project applications totaled 270 at \$293 million and 99 were awarded at \$105.9 million. Municipalities within KKCOM accounted for 5 of the projects at \$3,464,820, including:

- City of Aurora – Montgomery Rd Multi-Use Path Extension – Middlebury Dr to IL Route 59
- City of Geneva – Kautz Rd Bike Path Gap – Between IL-38 and IL-64
- Village of Sugar Grove – Blackberry Creek Bridge and Shared-Use Path
- Village of Sugar Grove – Sidewalks for Safe Routes to School (Grove St, West St, Calkins St)
- Village of Oswego – Wolf's Crossing at Harvey Rd Shared-Use Path

Chicagoland ADA Compliance

The Metropolitan Planning Council, in partnership with the Great Lakes ADA Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, published a report this past March containing the results of a regional survey on ADA Transition Plans among the 200 municipalities with more than 50 employees in the Chicagoland region. The results of the survey indicated that only 22 municipalities (11%) were able to show that they had an ADA transition plan.

The FHWA, through communication with CMAP and partners, has signaled interest in significant improvements to compliance in the region, which has fallen since the passage of the ADA in 1990. Various forms of technical assistance have been discussed, including the ability to Utilize State Planning and Research (SPR) dollars to develop ADA transition plans, as well as the possibility of CMAP accepting applications from local municipalities through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program to the same effect. Per IDOT, MFT funds are currently able to be utilized for the transportation system elements of ADA transition plans (i.e. consulting/services for the development of plans). Council staff will be continuing the discussion with KKCOM local agencies about developments/technical assistance moving forward.

Troy mentioned the local agencies would be better served to start preparing an ADA Transition Plan. A few simple steps to begin the process include identifying an ADA Coordinator and putting out a public notice. These small steps will yield more points when scoring projects.

Fox Valley Bike Share Ridership Growth in 2021

Ridership for the Fox Valley Bike Share system is up significantly in 2021, at \$2,073.77 in total revenue with 474 rides as of September 17. For the same period in the 2020 season, ridership was at 145 with \$803.30 in total system revenues.