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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  
Zach Tegge  
Anthony Isom  
Patrick Knapp  
Dave Simmons  
Bruce Heidlauf  
Roopa Anjanappa  
Danielle Marion  
Devin Kamperschroer  
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**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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>**.

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 17<sup>th</sup>** and will close on **March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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@cmapp.illinois.gov](mailto:bdaly@cmapp.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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.