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KKCOM Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Agenda

Monday, September 29th, 2025

2:00 p.m.

In Person:

*Forest Preserve District of Kane County
1996 S. Kirk Rd, Suite 320
Geneva, IL 60134*

Remote:

[Join Meeting:](#)

*Call-in Information: +1 (312) 626-6799
Meeting ID: 939 370 0229 (276737)*

- I. Opening of Meeting**.....Chair Haberthur
 - A. IntroductionsAll
 - B. Approval of March 20, 2025 minutes.....Chair Haberthur
Action: Approval
 - C. Public CommentAll
- II. General Business**
 - A. Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator Update..... KKCOM Staff
Action: Information
 - B. KKCOM Bike Map Update KKCOM Staff
Action: Discussion
 - C. E-Bikes & E-Motos KKCOM Staff
Action: Discussion
 - D. Land Acquisition Partnership OpportunitiesChair Haberthur
Action: Discussion
- III. Announcements/Updates**
 - A. Director Updates.....Chair Haberthur
Action: Information
 - B. Public/Local Agency UpdatesAll
Action: Information
- IV. Next Meeting**

TBD February/March 2026
- V. Adjournment**

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Kane Kendall Council of Mayors (KKCOM) Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

March 20th, 2025 2:30 pm

Hybrid – Forest Preserve District of Kane County Headquarters & online via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Ben Haberthur, Chair	Executive Director	FPDKC
Kevin Anderson	Traffic engineer	City of Aurora
Roopa Anjanapra	Civil Engineer	City of Aurora
Scott Marquardt	Project Manager	Village of Campton Hills/HR Green
Tom Anderson (online)	Board Member	Elgin Community Bikes
Ken Anderson	Business Development	ERA
Don Kirchenberg	Chairman	Friends of the GWT
Jeff Palmquist	Director of Planning	Fox Valley Park District
Jennifer Rooks-Lopez	Chief of Planning & Operations	FPDKC
Zach Tegge	Landscape Architect	FPDKC
Brian Davids	City Engineer	City of Geneva
Heidi Lichtenberger	Council Director	KKCOM
George Kandathil	Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Gretchen Klock	Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator	KKCOM
Bruce Heidlauf	Owner	Mill Race Cyclery
Ryan Anderson	Superintendent of PW	Village of Minooka
Ric Offerman	President	Village of Minooka
Chris Gottlieb	PW Engineer Manager	City of St. Charles
Scott Nadau	Executive Director	Sugar Grove Park District
Brian Schiber	Public Works Director	Village of Sugar Grove

I. Opening of Meeting

- A. Chairman Ben Haberthur called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.
- B. Approval of October 10, 2024 Minutes.
Scott Nadau of Sugar Grove made a motion to improve the minutes, seconded by Kevin Anderson of Aurora. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- C. Public Comment
Chairman Ben Haberthur shared that the Forest Preserve District of Kane County tax referendum in the November 2024 election passed. He noted that other surrounding county forest preserve districts also saw success in passing referendums this past election season.

II. General Business

- A. Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator Update
Gretchen Klock from KKCOM delivered the Bicycle & Pedestrian coordinator update.

Staff Update

It is with bittersweet sentiment that KKCOM and the Kane County Division of Transportation bid farewell to Jackie Forbes on February 28th. Jackie's guidance, support, and wealth of knowledge have left a lasting impact on our team, shaping not only our work but also our growth as professionals. While we will certainly miss her leadership, we are immensely grateful for her expertise and distinct professionalism. We wish her all the success and happiness in her new role at the Illinois Tollway!

Upcoming Meetings

KKCOM Transportation Policy: April 17th, 2025

KKCOM Full Council: May 1st, 2025

Funding Opportunities

Federal Recreational Trails Program

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is now accepting applications for the [Federal Recreational Trails Program \(RTP\)](#). This program provides funding assistance for acquisition, development, rehabilitation, and maintenance of both motorized and non-motorized recreation trails. The RTP program can provide up to 80% federal funding on approved projects and requires a minimum 20% non-federal funding match. The application deadline is **March 21st**.

CMAP & RTA 2025 Call for Technical Assistance

This year, CMAP and RTA will again partner together to offer technical assistance to local governments to help foster the growth of sustainable, equitable, walkable, and transit-friendly communities around transit assets by encouraging transit-supportive land uses and infrastructure. Applications will be accepted from **March 10th to April 4th at noon**, and more information can be found online: [CMAP's Planning Technical Assistance Program](#).

Active Transportation Alliance Mini-Stipends

The Active Transportation Alliance is offering 10 \$200 mini-stipend for organizations to host a Bike Month (May) event and 10 \$200 mini-stipend for organizations/individuals to host a Week Without Driving (September 29th-October 5th, 2025) event. Any group/organization/individual is eligible to apply. Applications are due by **April 14th** for both programs and information including event ideas is available online: [Bike Month Stipends](#) & [Week Without Driving Stipends](#).

Training/Conferences

2025 IL Bike & Walk Summit

The 2025 Illinois Bike & Walk Summit hosted by Ride Illinois will take place May 7-8 in Springfield. Professionals, advocates, and individuals from communities of all sizes are invited to attend the conference

to learn, collaborate, and identify creative solutions related to biking and walking in their community. This year's theme is creating connected, livable, thriving communities. Those interested in attending can register online: [IL Bike & Walk Summit](#). Contact info@rideillinois.org with any questions.

CMAP ADA Coordinators Group

CMAP has launched a Regional ADA Coordinators Group to provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinators with practical, actionable knowledge and resources to help improve accessibility and ADA compliance in northeastern Illinois. This is also a space for ADA coordinators to connect with each other to share challenges, opportunities, and lessons learned. The next meeting is May 13th and will continue the discussion from the March 18th meeting on Self-Evaluation and Transition Plans. Details on the group including past slides and future registration opportunities are available online: [CMAP ADA Coordinators Group](#).

Planning Updates

Kane County Safety Action Plan

Work continues on the Kane County Safety Action Plan as the online survey and interactive map closed on Friday, February 28th. The project team will draft the safety action plan, using what they heard from the community and will share more on existing safety conditions and a high-injury network later this spring and summer. Kane County Department of Transportation teamed up with the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways to host a Safe Travel for All open house in Elgin on Saturday, February 22nd at the Centre of Elgin. The project team talked with residents from Elgin and the surrounding area about specific safety issues and locations of concern, as well as ideas for safety solutions in downtown Elgin.

CMAP Regional Transportation Plan Outreach

Take CMAP's [survey](#) and share how you get from point A to point B, and how the region's transportation system can be improved. As CMAP leads development of the [Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\)](#) — northeastern Illinois' blueprint for roads, rails, and trails over the next 30 years — your feedback will shape how CMAP improves transportation, reduce congestion, and build a more sustainable future for our region. Responses will be accepted throughout 2025, giving everyone plenty of time to weigh in. If you have questions about the RTP or questionnaire — or would like CMAP to present or attend a local event — please reach out to rtp@cmap.illinois.gov.

Kane Bicycle & Pedestrian Resources

This is a list of links and resources that regarding biking and walking in Kane County:

- [KKCOM Bicycle & Pedestrian Info](#) webpage
- [KDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Resources](#) webpage
- [KDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Web App](#)
- [KDOT 2023 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan](#)
- [2023 Kane & Northern Kendall Bicycle map](#) and [order form](#)

B. Bike Friendly Community Application

Gretchen Klock from KKCOM provided an update on Kane County's Bike Friendly Communities application. This is the county's first time applying to the program. Aurora and Batavia are working to reapply for their bronze level status and Geneva recently received an Honorable Mention and plans to reapply in the future. Gretchen is collaborating with these municipalities on the County's application and to support the communities' applications.

Gretchen answered a question regarding eligibility for the program. Park districts are not eligible to apply on their own for the Bike Friendly Communities Program. They would have to partner with the corresponding municipality.

C. KKCOM Bike Map Update

Gretchen said that she is beginning work on update the KKCOM Bike Map for 2025-2026. This map covers Kane and Northern Kendall Counties and is updated every two years. She is hoping to have the new map published this summer.

D. Regional Trail Signage

The City of Aurora shared that they are working with a consultant to evaluate what side path traffic signs are necessary to comply with a new Illinois law. The Fox Valley Park District stated that the law would require signs that would be convoluted and would not support safety. The Forest Preserve and Fox Valley Park District have been following the law to see what actions will be necessary and can share updates.

III. Announcements/Updates

A. Director Updates

Jen Rooks-Lopez shared that FPDKC has selected a contractor to do trail resurfacings in Big Rock Forest Preserve through a RTP grant. The contract was awarded and construction should begin soon. The Forest Preserve was also awarded RTP grant for Fitchie Creek to repair the limestone trails and do some drainage maintenance. The Forest Preserve is working on a 4-year trail restoration project on the Fox River Trail from SEBA Park to the John Duerr Forest Preserve. The project also includes retaining wall along the Trolley line.

Chairman Haberthur shared that cleanup of the Illinois Prairie Path east of Kirk cleanup is currently in the draft budget. Ben shared the annual report which includes information on the Carpentersville dam removal. He added that there are new IDNR and Army Corps regulations which may delay future dam removals for municipalities.

Additionally, the Kane County Cougars baseball team was sold to a Texas company, REV Entertainment. The team will continue to play at Northwestern Medicine stadium which is owned by the Forest Preserve.

On June 8th, the Forest Preserve District of Kane County is celebrating its 100-year birthday. There will be a celebration at Johnson Mound which is the first forest preserve in the district. There will be a tree planting and plaque unveiling ceremony.

B. Public/Local Agency Updates

Jeff Palmquist shared that the Fox Valley Park District is moving forward with their HUD grant for the Bike/Ped bridge over the Fox River by Lippold Park. He added that the Board approved an ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Fox Valley Park District trails from 20mph to 15mph in order to align with the Forest Preserve.

Ben added that the Forest Preserve has bought and deployed two speed feedback signs. The signs have been vandalized twice and had to be replaced. He added that speed feedback signs may encourage speeding as people may use them to test their speed. Jeff shared that he has begun working with the law enforcement division on an education campaign about the new speed limit.

Scott Nadeau gave an update on the Sugar Grove Park District bike/ped bridge over Blackberry Creek adjacent to the Virgil Gilman Trail. The bridge is anticipated to be installed in May with the feeder paths being constructed in June and July with a ribbon cutting ceremony in July or August. They are working to create a dedication plaque for the bridge.

President Offerman of Minooka shared that they are working on a bike path grant with Kendall County and as a part of the Ridge Road expansion project, a bike path will be build within Minooka. The mayor expressed a desire to eventually build a bridge over the DuPage River to connect Minooka Bicyclists with the IM Canal trail system starting in Channahon.

Don Kirchenberg, Chairman of Friends of the Great Western Trail shared that the 2025 Annual Trails Cleanup of the Great Western Trail and Illinois Prairie path will be on Saturday, April 26th. The group is celebrating the 30th anniversary of Great western Trail Clean Up. He also commended the Sycamore lions for their clean-up work as well on the trail. Kirchenberg asked about the eastern expansion of the Great Western Trail.

Ben Haberthur answered that there is no update of the Eastern expansion of the Great Western Trail in St. Charles. The Forest Preserve condemned the railroad but the railroad did not respond. St. Charles Park District attorneys are working with corporate council for the Forest preserve District to move forward. The project is stalled for the St. Charles mayoral race. Both the incumbent mayor and challenger support the project.

Roopa Anjanapra stated that in Aurora, the bike/ped bridge and Fox River Trail adjacent to RiverEdge Park north of downtown will be closed this year through November due to construction at RiverEdge Park. The Indian Trail and High Street signalized intersection with the Illinois Prairie Path is not officially open but has received praise for being safer. The city is aiming to have their draft Bike Plan available for public comment in April with a proposed plan adoption in May or June.

Chris Gottlieb from St. Charles shared that the Fox River Trail at IL 25 by Moore Avenue will be closed through May for a culvert replacement.

IV. Next Meeting

TBD June/July 2025

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13.

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DATE: September 29, 2025

TO: KKCOM Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

FROM: Council Staff

RE: Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator Update

Upcoming Meetings

KKCOM Full Council: October 7

KKCOM Transportation Policy: October 16

Staff Update—Heidi Files

Last spring, the Kane County Division of Transportation appointed Heidi Files as the new Executive Director of the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors (KKCOM). Heidi brings 21 years of experience in transportation planning and programming with Kane County, having started her career in 1998 as a KKCOM Planning Liaison. She has since served in various roles at both KDOT and Kane County and now returns in a new leadership role as Executive Director. Welcome back, Heidi!

Funding Opportunities

Safe Routes to Schools

IDOT's Safe Routes to School grant program will close **October 15 at 4:30 p.m.** This program funds programming and infrastructure projects that improve conditions for walking and biking within two miles of an elementary, middle, or high school. This cycle, \$12 million will be available at 100% funding (no local match needed). The maximum grant award is \$250,000 for infrastructure projects and \$100,000 for non-infrastructure projects. The 2025 guidelines and application materials are available online: [IDOT SRTS](#).

The Active Transportation Alliance partnered with IDOT to offer a three-part webinar series to support applicants with one part remaining. Recordings and past meeting slides are available: [Active Transportation Alliance SRTS](#).

RTA Access to Transit

The RTA's [Access to Transit program](#) is anticipated to open in October 2025. This program funds small-scale capital projects (under \$1M) that improve access to the regional transit system for pedestrians and bicyclists. A one-pager with information about the program is available with more information: [RTA Access to Transit](#).

Kane Kendall Council of Mayors STP-L Call for Projects

The FFY 2027–2031 STP-L Call for Projects will open **October 27** and close **December 19**. This call will program projects for FFYs 2030 and 2031. The full [schedule](#) is available on the [KKCOM STP Program webpage](#). In July, the KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee approved updates to the [STP-L Methodology](#) and the [KKCOM Programming Policies & Procedures](#), with final adoption anticipated at the October 7 Full Council meeting. *As a reminder, all projects currently on the Contingency List must reapply during this call to remain in the program.*

Training/Conferences

APA-IL State Conference

The Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association will be hosting its annual conference October 8-10 at the Old Post Office building in Chicago. Registration and the agenda are available online: [APA-IL](#).

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IDOT Fall Planning Conference

The 40th Annual IDOT Fall Planning Conference will take place October 22-24 in Moline, IL. Topics will cover updates on important statewide transportation plans such as the Long-Range Transportation Plan, Active Transportation Plan, and Public Transportation Plan. Registration is available online: [IDOT Conference](#).

Planning Updates

Kane County Safety Action Plan Approved

On May 30, CMAP's Transportation Committee and MPO Policy Committee adopted the countywide safety action plan for Kane County as well as Cook, DuPage, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties. With these plans adopted, municipalities within Kane County will be eligible to apply for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) implementation funding. The FY2026 cycle is anticipated to open in spring of 2026 and is currently the last cycle of funding planned under the current legislation. Kane County's Safety Action Plan is posted online: [Kane County SAP](#).

Highlighting Regional Bike/Ped Planning Efforts

- Kane County, Aurora, and Batavia each applied to the League of American Cyclist's Bike Friendly Communities program. As a part of the evaluation for awards, a public survey is open through October 5. The same link allows you to access each of these three surveys: [BFC 2025 Survey](#).
- Oswego is working on a Bike Plan through CMAP's Technical Assistance Program. Visit the [Oswego Bike Plan Engagement site](#) to see project updates and engagement efforts.
- East Dundee just kicked off development of their Bike Plan. A survey and interactive map are available on the [plan's project page](#).
- Elgin begun work on an Active Mobility Plan this summer. A survey, comment map, and more information are available on the [Engage Elgin](#) page.
- Geneva is beginning work on updating their Comprehensive Plan which includes updating their Bike Plan.



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DATE: September 29, 2025

TO: KKCOM Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

FROM: Council Staff

RE: Bike Maps

The Kane & Northern Kendall Bike Map has been updated for 2025. The map is available digitally on the Kane County DOT website's [Bicycle & Pedestrian Resources Page](#). Please use the [order form](#) to request maps. For those attending in person, a number of boxes are available for organizations to take. Please reach out to any KKCOM staff member to request a box or two.

The next update to the printed Bike Map is anticipated in 2027. The Kane & Northern Bicycle & Pedestrian [Web App](#) is kept up to date with any changes since the printing of the 2025 maps. This information is maintained by the Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator using aerial imagery, construction update posts/newsletter from municipalities, and information from individuals. Anyone with updates on new bike facilities or improvements are welcome to share those directly with the Bike/Ped Coordinator to make sure they are recorded in the online map for the 2027 map update: KlockGretchen@KaneCountyIL.gov.

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DATE: September 29, 2025

TO: KKCOM Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

FROM: Council Staff

RE: E-Bikes & E-Motos

Ride Illinois is advocating for the adoption of the term “e-Moto” to refer to Out-of-Class Electric Vehicles that do not fit the criteria of the three legal classes of e-Bikes as defined by Illinois Law. The State of Illinois approved three classes of low-power electric bikes in the Vehicle Code in 2018 which is in alignment with 47 other states. These legal classes of e-bikes have fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts:

- **Class 1** provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 mph.
- **Class 2** has a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 mph.
- **Class 3** is a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 mph. Per Illinois law, one must be 16 years of age or older to operate a Class 3 e-bike.

Devices with an electric motor greater than 750 watts are not e-bikes. Any type of device with an electric motor beyond a Class 1, 2, or 3 electric bicycle is not a legal e-bike and should not be advertised, sold, offered for sale, or labeled as an e-bike. These devices are commonly referred to as e-motos or Out-of-Class Electric Vehicles (OCEVs). Additionally, in the Spring legislative session for the Illinois General Assembly, Ride Illinois plans to advocate for clear distinction between e-bikes and e-motos in the Illinois Vehicular Code. Similar laws have been enacted in California and Utah.

Ride Illinois has created [Guidance for Municipalities](#) to consider if they wish to implement an e-Bike and/or e-Moto ordinance. The language in that guidance informed the definitions presented in this memo.