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KKCOM Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Agenda

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 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
A. Introductions ... All
B. Approval of September 29, 2025 minutes ... Chair
Action: Approval
C. Public Comment ... All
II. General Business
A. Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator Update... KKCOM Staff
Action: Information
B. Bicycle Friendly Communities ... KKCOM Staff
Action: Discussion
C. E-Bikes & E-Motos ... KKCOM Staff
Action: Discussion
III. Announcements/Updates
A. Director Updates... Chair
Action: Information
B. Public/Local Agency Updates ... All
Action: Information
IV. Next Meeting
TBD Summer 2026
V. Adjournment



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Monday, September 29th, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Hybrid: Forest Preserve District Headquarters and Zoom

Attendance

Ben Haberthur, Chair	Executive Director	FPDKC
Kevin Anderson	Traffic Engineer	City of Aurora
Roopa Anjanapra	Civil Engineer	City of Aurora
Tim Grimm	City Engineer	City of Batavia
Caleb Haydock (online)	Management Analyst	Village of East Dundee
Don Kirchenberg	Chairman	Friends of the GWT
Jeff Palmquist	Director of Planning	Fox Valley Park District
Antoinette White	Acting Executive Director	FPD Kendall Co.
Ashley Monroe	Deputy Executive Director	FPDKC
Jennifer Rooks-Lopez	Chief of Planning & Operations	FPDKC
Zach Tegge	Landscape Architect	FPDKC
Brian Davids	City Engineer	City of Geneva
John Ashworth (online)	Place Designer/ Advocate	Judson University Bikes
Kurt Nika	Assistant Director of Transportation	KDOT
Heidi Files	Executive Director	KKCOM
Heidi Lichtenberger	Council Director	KKCOM
Bruce Heidlauf	Owner	Mill Race Cyclery
Emma Field	Planner	City of St. Charles
Chris Gottlieb	Engineering Manager	City of St. Charles
Scott Nadeau	Executive Director	Sugar Grove Park District

I. Opening of Meeting

- A. Chairman Ben Haberthur called the meeting to order at 2:04. Everyone made introductions. Ben Haberthur noted that going forward, the new Deputy Director of the Forest Preserve Ashley Monroe will serve as this committee’s chair.
- B. Approval of the May 1, 2025 minutes.
Scott Nadeau of Sugar Grove Park District made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jeff Palmquist of Fox Valley Park District. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- C. Public Comments
Don Kirchenberg, Chairman of the Friends of the Great Western Trail, commended St. Charles for their pedestrian safety improvements around downtown. He also requested an update on the Great Western Trail Extension to Randall Road. Ben Haberthur responded that the Forest Preserve, City of St. Charles, and the St. Charles Park District are working with attorneys to negotiate with the railroad.

II. General Business

A. Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator Update

Gretchen Klock from KKOM delivered the Bicycle & Pedestrian coordinator update, as included in the agenda packet.

B. KKOM Bike Map Update

Gretchen shared that updated 2025 Kane & Northern Kendall have been printed and are available for free through the Order Form. The next map update is anticipated for 2027. In the meantime, the KKOM Bike Web App will be continuously updated with new bike facilities.

C. E-Bikes & E-Motos

Gretchen provided information about current e-Bike regulations in Illinois and information and guidance from Ride IL regarding efforts to define and regulate e-Motos or out-of-class electric vehicles.

D. Land Acquisition Partnership Opportunities

Ben Haberthur shared that the Forest Preserve has funding to acquire land and is interested in opportunities to partner with other agencies to acquisitions and new trail connections. Public Agencies interested in partnering can contact Ben Haberthur and Jennifer Rooks-Lopez.

III. Announcements/Updates

A. Director Updates

There were no additional updates from the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.

B. Public/Local Agency Updates

Fox Valley Park District reported that engineering is proceeding for the new bicycle & pedestrian bridge across the Fox River between The Wilds at Red Oak and Les Arends Forest Preserve. Construction is anticipated to begin and could be finished by the end of 2027.

Scott Nadeau of Sugar Grove Park District shared that the bicycle & pedestrian bridge connecting the neighborhood to the Virgil Gilman Trail is now open. This project was a collaboration between the Sugar Grove Park District, Sugar Grove Township, Village of Sugar Grove, and Forest Preserve District of Kane County.

Antoinette White of the Forest Preserve District of Kendall County shared that the Forest Preserve is anticipated to complete two major projects by the end of November. One project is a new nature center at Subat Forest Preserve. The second project is funded using Recreational Trail Program funding to connect three forest preserves including a connection under the Eldamain Rd Bridge.

IV. Next meeting

The next meeting will be Spring 2026.

V. Adjournment

Jeff Palmquist made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Scott Nadeau. The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.



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DATE: April 7, 2026
 TO: KKCOM Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee
 FROM: Council Staff
 RE: Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator Update

Upcoming Meetings

KKCOM Transportation Policy: April 16
 KKCOM Full Council: May 28

Funding Opportunities

CMAP & RTA Local Technical Assistance

CMAP has opened the application for their [Local Technical Assistance](#) program in partnership with the RTA’s [Community Planning](#) program. The call opened March 30 and closes **April 17 at noon**. CMAP is hosting virtual open houses on April 2 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and April 8 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Types of technical assistance offered this year include ADA Transition Plans, Bike Plans, and many other plan types. Awarded projects will be announced in the summer of 2026.

Safe Streets for All

USDOT released the [NOFO](#) for the FY2026 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant on March 27. The deadline for the grant is **May 26 at 4 p.m. CT**. The SS4A program funds initiatives to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Municipalities included in the Kane County Safety Action Plan and other eligible Safety Action Plans are eligible to apply for implementation grants. Details including webinar opportunities are available on the USDOT website: [SS4A](#).

ITEP Special Programs Assistance Conferences

IDOT will be hosting a series of [Special Programs Assistance Conferences](#) (SPAC) focused on the upcoming Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Cycle 17, which will open on August 1, 2026. SPAC 2026 will take place from the second week of April 2026 through mid-June 2026, with sessions hosted at various locations across IDOT districts. These conferences will highlight key updates and exciting changes planned for the next ITEP funding cycle. An informational session will be held on the morning of the first day and the remainder of Day 1 and all of Day 2 will be available for agencies to reserve one-on-one sessions with IDOT staff. Local sessions will be held May 18-19 at the IDOT D1 Headquarters in Schaumburg and on May 27-28 at the McHenry Government Center.

Training/Conferences

Kane County Bike Friendly Community Workshop

Kane County is partnering with the League of American Cyclists to offer a Bicycle Friendly Community workshop for local agency staff, elected officials, residents, bike advocates, and other partners interested in discussing ways to improve cycling in Kane County. Access the [flyer](#) for more details and [registration](#) information.

ADA Coordinators Groups

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. The next meeting will be May 12 at 9:30 a.m. and registration information will be posted soon. Details on the group including past slides and future registration opportunities are available online: [CMAP ADA Coordinators Group](#). IDOT has a similar [ADA Coordinators group](#) covering the entire state. This group's next meeting will be May 21 at 9:30 a.m. and will cover Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS). Registration for the virtual meeting is available via IDOT's [T2 Portal](#).

IDOT & CMAP's ADA Templates

IDOT has partnered with CMAP and HDR to produce an ADA Transition Plan for the Public ROW template and companion guide to assist local agencies with compliance. These resources are available on the Project Next Steps tab of the [IDOT ADA Title II](#) webpage. The template provides agencies with a step-by-step process to comply with ADA Title II requirements.

Planning Updates

Bicycle Friendly Communities

The League of American Cyclists announced awards for the Bicycle Friendly Communities Program. Aurora and Batavia retained their Bronze status with the program and Kane County was awarded an Honorable Mention. Kane County's [report card](#) contains feedback from the League and from surveyed community members. The next

Kane County Bike Web App Update

On the [Kane County Bicycle & Pedestrian Web App](#), the "Report an Issue" tab has been updated to include a fillable form to report either a maintenance issue or map revision to the Bicycle & Pedestrian coordinator. As always, please contact Council Staff to acquire boxes of 2025-2026 Kane County Bike Maps for public distribution!

Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Greater Chicago

CMAP partnered with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission to develop the [Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Greater Chicago](#). As the first regional framework to address all major sources of greenhouse gas emissions across a 13-county area spanning Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin, the plan charts a clear and ambitious path forward.

Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan

In partnership with regional stakeholders, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) created the [Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan](#) (TRIP) to identify vulnerabilities in the regional transportation system and highlight how to make it more resilient to extreme weather and climate change. This plan meets the FHWA's PROTECT Program requirements for a resilience improvement plan and will help the region compete for PROTECT funds in future calls for projects.



BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

2026 BFC WORKSHOP

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us at our 2026 Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Workshop! This interactive workshop will benchmark our community on how welcoming we are to people who bike, offer concrete solutions to issues we identify, help us realize the community's strengths and weaknesses, and provide a holistic view of how to strengthen and grow our bicycle network and programs through an equity lens. The workshop will also conduct a bike ride audit, organized and led by Kane County Division of Transportation.

Date: June 25-26

Location: Kane County Government Center

Cost: Free to attend the event. Lunch will be provided on Day 1. Other costs are up to the participants, such as bike rental for the ride audit.

SIGN-UP FORM: [REGISTRATION](#)

FOR MORE INFO: [KLOCKGRETCHEN@KANECOUNTYIL.GOV](mailto:klockgretchen@kanecountyil.gov)





Kane County, IL

AWARD HISTORY:

First-Time Applicant

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Population: 516,522 (Size classification for weighted scoring: **Large**)

Area: 519.4 square miles

Population Density: 994.46 people/square mile

Land Classification: Mixed Suburban/Urban/Rural

Poverty Rate: 8.2%*

Median Household Income: \$97,633*

Percent of the Population that Speaks a Language

Other Than English at Home: 32%*

Percent with Disability: 10.6%*

Percent of Households with No Vehicle Available: 4.3%*

*Source: https://data.census.gov/profile/Kane_County,_Illinois?q=050XX00US17089

KEY OUTCOMES

Overall Commuter Ridership: 0.2%

Male Commuter Ridership: 0.2%

Female Commuter Ridership: 0.2%

(Bicycle Mode Share among commuters, according to the Census Bureau's 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate.)

Bicycle Mode Share: Unknown

(Reported by applicant)

Annual Average Bicyclist Crashes in last 5 years: 75

Annual Average Bicyclist Fatalities in last 5 years: 1.6

(Crashes and Fatalities both reported by applicant)

THE 5 ES CATEGORY SCORES	KANE COUNTY	MAX SCORE THIS ROUND
ENGINEERING	31.84%	78.63%
EDUCATION	10.23%	92.06%
ENCOURAGEMENT	22.03%	89.83%
EVALUATION & PLANNING	21.24%	84.16%
EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY	13.08%	75.32%

Scores are determined by points earned in each 'E' Category, weighted against comparable communities in the 2025 BFC round. See pages 2-3 for your full subcategory points in each Category.

KANE COUNTY'S BFA PROGRAM STATS

of Local Bicycle Friendly Businesses: 5

of Local Bicycle Friendly Universities: 1

of Local League Cycling Instructors: 0

Illinois's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: #11

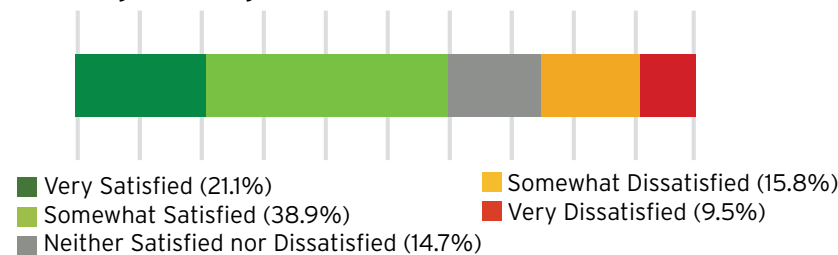
KANE COUNTY'S BIKE LINKS

Bike Network Map, if available: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/1faea2d4c5cb4402bffcd3c7ad9a4db/page/Bike-Trails>

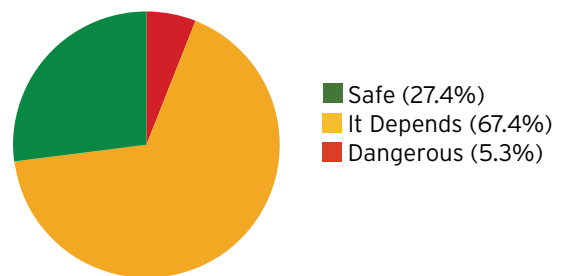
Bike Plan, if available: https://kdot.kanecountyil.gov/Publications/2024-1004%20Final%20Plan_Compressed.pdf

2025 BFC PUBLIC SURVEY RESPONSE SUMMARY FOR KANE COUNTY, IL

How satisfied are you with how this community is designed for making bike riding safe? (n = 95)



Is it safe or dangerous to ride a bicycle in your neighborhood, or does it depend? (n = 95)



What are the top 1-3 changes you would most like to see the local government make in this community for bicyclists? (n = 96)

1. More bike paths (51.0%)
2. More bike lanes (49.0%)
3. Improve markings and signage that direct people to safe bike routes (32.3%)
4. Improve existing bike lanes to protected bike lanes (22.9%)

ABOUT THIS REPORT CARD

The following scores are based on the online application submitted by Kane County in the 2025 Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) submission round. These scores reflect a combination of automatically-generated points earned through the online application, as well as judge-assigned points and bonus points given by BFC reviewers.

The League updated its Bicycle Friendly Community application and awards criteria in 2022, after nearly a year of research, focus groups, interviews, listening sessions, and other outreach. The updated application includes a new section on Equity and Accessibility, and other changes throughout. As such, **this Bicycle Friendly Community Report card is a beta version** as we refine our new scoring system and develop a greater understanding of how to convey new information.

All 2025 BFC Report Cards (including this one) will be republished with updated scores if there are significant changes to the points system after the next round of BFC applications. To learn more about the BFC application and awards criteria, please visit <https://bikeleague.org/community>.

Kane County earned 31.84% in the Engineering Category, weighted against other Large-sized communities in this round. Below is the full breakdown of points that Kane County earned in each subcategory within the Engineering section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2025 BFC application.

ENGINEERING SUBCATEGORIES	KANE COUNTY'S SUBCATEGORY POINTS IN ENGINEERING
POLICIES AND DESIGN STANDARDS FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT	12.63 / 41 pts
END-OF-TRIP FACILITIES	6.63 / 44 pts
BICYCLE NETWORK	17.54 / 128 pts
NETWORK MAINTENANCE	5.43 / 32 pts
BICYCLE ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	11.43 / 23 pts
BIKE SHARING	3.2 / 24 pts
OTHER BICYCLE-RELATED AMENITIES	2 / 6 pts
REGIONAL COORDINATION	15 / 23 pts
ENGINEERING BONUS POINTS	0 / 10 pts

Kane County earned 10.23% in the Education Category, weighted against other Large-sized communities in this round. Below is the full breakdown of points that Kane County earned in each subcategory of the Education section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2025 BFC application.

EDUCATION SUBCATEGORIES	KANE COUNTY'S SUBCATEGORY POINTS IN EDUCATION
YOUTH BICYCLE EDUCATION	10.08 / 68 pts
ADULT BICYCLE EDUCATION	4.17 / 47 pts
MOTORIST EDUCATION	1.75 / 28 pts
BICYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION RESOURCES	0 / 16 pts
INCLUSIVE EDUCATION	0 / 26 pts
EDUCATION BONUS POINTS	0 / 7 pts

Kane County earned 22.03% in the Encouragement Category, weighted against other Large-sized communities in this round. Below is the full breakdown of points that Kane County earned in each subcategory of the Encouragement section section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2025 BFC application.

ENCOURAGEMENT SUBCATEGORIES	KANE COUNTY'S SUBCATEGORY POINTS IN ENCOURAGEMENT
ENCOURAGEMENT POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS	1.25 / 21 pts
ROUTE-FINDING SUPPORT	4.17 / 10 pts
BICYCLE CULTURE AND PROMOTION	11.58 / 93 pts
ACCESS TO BICYCLE EQUIPMENT AND REPAIR SERVICES	11.15 / 35 pts
REDUCING WORK-RELATED/FLEET VMT	0 / 11 pts
ENCOURAGEMENT BONUS POINTS	1.83 / 7 pts

Kane County earned 21.24% in the Evaluation & Planning Category, weighted against other Large-sized communities in this round. Below is the full breakdown of points that Kane County earned in each subcategory of the Evaluation & Planning section section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2025 BFC application.

EVALUATION & PLANNING SUBCATEGORIES	KANE COUNTY'S SUBCATEGORY POINTS IN EVALUATION & PLANNING
STAFFING AND COMMITTEES	5.67 / 35 pts
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR BICYCLE PLANNING	2.67 / 35 pts
PLANNING, FUNDING, AND IMPLEMENTATION	5.67 / 28 pts
EVALUATING THE BICYCLE NETWORK	4.93 / 25 pts
EVALUATING RIDERSHIP	0.5 / 20 pts
EVALUATING & IMPROVING SAFETY OUTCOMES	7.83 / 42 pts
EVALUATION & PLANNING BONUS POINTS	2.42 / 15 pts

Kane County earned 13.08% in the Equity & Accessibility Category, weighted against other Large-sized communities in this round. Below is the full breakdown of points that Kane County earned in each subcategory of the Equity & Accessibility section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2025 BFC application.

EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY SUBCATEGORIES	KANE COUNTY'S SUBCATEGORY POINTS IN EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY
EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY STAFFING, COMMITTEES, & PARTNERSHIPS	2.75 / 24 pts
EQUITY DATA COLLECTION & GOALS	0.75 / 27 pts
EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY POLICIES & PLANS	5.1 / 21 pts
EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY IN ENGINEERING	2.33 / 44 pts
EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY IN EDUCATION	0 / 52 pts
EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY IN ENCOURAGEMENT	6.1 / 42 pts
EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY IN EVALUATION & PLANNING	4.08 / 51 pts
EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY BONUS POINTS	0 / 9 pts



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE:

To improve on Kane County's Honorable Mention-level Bicycle Friendly Community status, BFC Reviewers recommend...

- Work with the local jurisdictions in Kane County to lower speed limits -- and designed speeds -- on residential streets to 20 mph or less. Help and encourage these municipalities to take advantage of IDOT's new policy revising speed limit study methods to rely on the 50th percentile rather than the 85th when speed limits. Introduce road diets and traffic calming measures to ensure compliance of new, lower speed limits. Develop a system of bicycle boulevards, utilizing these quiet neighborhood streets, that creates an attractive, convenient, and comfortable cycling environment welcoming to cyclists of all ages and skill levels.
- Just over 18% of Kane County's roadway network was reported as having unknown speed limits. Work with your local municipal governments to improve your inventory of speed/volume data for all roadways to help the County more accurately assess the need for bikeway improvements on those roads.
- Improve the County's on- and off-street bikeway maintenance practices to ensure that all bicycle facilities remain safe and usable year-round. Frequent sweeping, vegetation maintenance, snow and ice clearance, repainting, and surface repairs are important to maintaining these facilities in useable condition for the safety and convenience of your riders. Consider developing a regular maintenance schedule such as annual repainting of markings if necessary.
- Work with your local communities to increase the amount of high-quality bicycle parking throughout the County, including at transit stops. Conduct a bike parking study or audit to determine current conditions of bike parking, both in terms of quality and quantity. Adopt a bike parking ordinance for new and existing buildings that specifies the amount and location of secure, convenient bike parking available. Develop County-wide Bicycle Parking Standards that adhere to current APBP guidelines, and support your municipalities in doing the same for their jurisdictions. (See www.apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions).
- Work with the school districts to expand and improve existing in-school bike safety education to include an on-bike component to help children and teens of all ages become safer and more confident riders. Provide a fleet of bikes in schools to ensure that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household, including adaptive cycles for children and youth with disabilities. Learn more about best practices from around the country at <https://bikeleague.org/ready-to-ride>.
- Develop bicycle education opportunities for adults. Consider ways to target demographics who currently do not feel safe riding with classes or events that address their concerns and create an inclusive, welcoming environment.
- Host a League Cycling Instructor (LCI) seminar to increase the number of local LCIs across the County. Having several active instructors in the area will enable you to expand cycling education for youth and adults, recruit more knowledgeable cycling ambassadors, deliver Bicycle Friendly Driver education to motorists, and have experts available to assist in encouragement programs. Visit bikeleague.org/ridesmart for more information.
- After hosting a League Cycling Instructor seminar, work with new local LCIs to offer Bicycle Friendly Driver training to motorists in Kane County, particularly to professional drivers and fleet operators. Learn more at <https://bikeleague.org/bfd>.

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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

- Develop a County-wide trip reduction ordinance/ program, commuter incentive program, and a Guaranteed Ride Home program to encourage and support bike commuters in Kane County.
- Encourage more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers and to seek recognition through the Bicycle Friendly Business program.
- Expand Bike Month efforts by working with local municipalities and employers to create a County-wide Bike to Work Day event or series of events. Bike to Work Day often involves central “pit stop” stations with food, community groups, and elected officials promoting and helping people to choose to bike to work.
- During or beyond Bike Month, create a signature annual event, such as an open streets event or annual ride. A signature annual event can be a catalyst for the creation of a culture that supports bicycling. Signature events can be based around iconic infrastructure or architecture, locally important businesses or celebrities, or other existing cultural touchstones.
- Develop education and encouragement outreach methods and programs that specifically target families, women, seniors, low-income, and non-English speaking communities, in addition to general non-targeted outreach and media campaigns that discuss current and new bicycle facilities, safe driver and bicyclist behavior, and events related to walking and biking.
- Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk in Kane County, either by creating a new full-time position or expanding the responsibilities of current staff. Ensure that the Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator position is well supported with training and professional development opportunities to stay up-to-speed on the latest best practices and safety guidelines for bicycle planning, outreach, and infrastructure.
- Establish a dedicated annual budget for implementation of the 2023 Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, in addition to funding for ongoing bicycle programming and infrastructure development/maintenance. Establish and adopt specific measurable goals to better benchmark and track the success of your bike plan, and develop a more public mechanism to share the County’s progress on implementation with the broader community for greater transparency and accountability.
- Create a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection to create an understanding of current bicyclists and the effects of new facilities on bicycling in Kane County. Automated bicycle counters provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points in a community and mobile counters can provide periodic or before/after data related to a change in your community’s road or bicycle network. Observational counts and surveys can supplement automated data in order to collect demographic information and examine social equity goals.
- Build relationships with local, regional, and statewide advocacy organizations and other community partners to deepen your local policy and programming impact. Find potential connections on the League’s Local Resources Map: <https://bikeleague.org/map>.
- Elevate the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors Bicycle Committee into a formal County-wide Active Transportation or Bicycle Advisory Committee and increase the Committee’s meeting frequency above the proposed 3 times per year.
- Increase collaboration with Committee members, local advocates, and other community partners during your next BFC application to allow Kane County to more fully demonstrate its efforts across the entire ‘5 E’ framework.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

Guide to this BFC Report Card: <https://bit.ly/BFC-Report-Card-Guide-2025>

League of American Bicyclists: <https://www.bikeleague.org>

Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program: <https://bikeleague.org/community>

Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community: https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources

About the BFC Application Process: <https://bikeleague.org/content/about-bfc-application-process>

The Five E's: <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>

The BFC Ideabook and Map: <https://bikeleague.org/BFCIdeaBook>

The League's Benchmarking Project on Biking & Walking Data and Reports:
<https://data.bikeleague.org>

Bicycle Friendly State (BFS) Rankings and Report Cards: <https://bikeleague.org/states>

Bicycle Friendly Business (BFB) Program: <https://bikeleague.org/business>

Bicycle Friendly University (BFU) Program: <https://bikeleague.org/university>

Smart Cycling Education Program: <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>

National Bike Month Resources: <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>

More Reports and Resources from the League: <http://bikeleague.org/reports>

Federal Funding Resources from the League: <https://bikeleague.org/federal-funding-resources/>

Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities from U.S. DOT Transit, Safety, and Highway Funds:
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.pdf

U.S. DOT Navigator: <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>



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DATE: April 7, 2026
TO: KKCOM Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee
FROM: Council Staff
RE: E-Bikes & E-Motos

Multiple bills are in the works in the Illinois General Assembly to define and regulate micromobility devices that are not currently regulated state-wide including High-Speed Electric Bicycles, E-Motos, Electric Unicycles, and High-Speed Electric Scooters. Currently only low-speed e-scooters and low-speed e-bikes are regulated through the Class I, II, and III system.

The Illinois Secretary of State launched a campaign titled “[Ride Safe, Ride Smart, Ride Ready](#)” to help Illinoisans understand the current rules and generate support for updates to the IL Vehicle code. The Secretary of State has convened a stakeholder’s group including the Illinois High School & College Driver Education Association, Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, Illinois Municipal League, and Ride Illinois to collaborate on establishing priorities and educational efforts.

Discussions in the Illinois General Assembly are on-going in both the Senate and the House. The spring session of the Illinois General Assembly ends on May 31, 2026.

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Current Illinois Regulations

Device Type	Image	Description	Speed Capability	Current Regulation
Low-Speed Electric Bicycle		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class 1 Pedal-Assist (Up to 20 mph): Motor only works when you pedal. No throttle. • Class 2 Throttle-Assist (Up to 20 mph): Motor can power the bike without pedaling. • Class 3 Pedal-Assist (Up to 28 mph): Motor only works when you pedal. Fastest current classification. 	20–28 mph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed on streets, bike lanes, bike paths, and shared-use trails. • Prohibited on sidewalks. • Class 3 rider must be at least 16 years old.
High-Speed Electric Bicycle		Pedal bicycle with an electric motor of 750+ watts that can travel faster than 28 mph.	Up to 50+ mph	NO REGULATION
E-Moto		Electric motor bike with a 750+ watt motor that can travel faster than 28 mph.	Up to 50+ mph	NO REGULATION
Electric Unicycle		Self-balancing one-wheeled device with an electric propulsion system.	Up to 50+ mph	NO REGULATION
Electric Skateboard		Skateboard powered by an electric motor that can travel 15–40 mph.	15–40 mph	NO REGULATION
Low-Speed Electric Scooter		A device with 2–3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, powered by an electric motor and human power.	10–20 mph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation limited to scooters capable of traveling up to 10 mph. • Rider must be at least 18 years old. • Use on streets, bike lanes, bike paths, and shared-use trails, regulated locally. • Prohibited on streets with speed limit over 35 mph and state highways.
High-Speed Electric Scooter		A device with 2–3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, powered by an electric motor and human power with a maximum speed over 20 mph.	Up to 50+ mph	NO REGULATION