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Northwest Municipal Conference Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee Agenda

**Tuesday, September 8, 2026
10:30 a.m.**

NWMC Offices or via Video Conference

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 850 1147 1119

Passcode: 258982

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. Approval of May 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes
- III. ITEP Projects for the NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan Pipeline (Attachment B)**
NWMC staff will share example ITEP projects from the membership and partners that advanced the NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan, followed by a presentation on the ITEP application.
- IV. Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee Policy Actions**
NWMC staff will discuss three policy action topics for consideration by the Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee, including:
 - Policies addressing construction detour routes and alternate accommodations for vulnerable road users.
 - Policies and best practices guide on working with third parties on project right of way acquisition.
 - Updating and development of the NWMC Multimodal Plan.

Staff will discuss these topics, and others of interest to the membership, along with the development of committee policy actions to advance to the NWMC membership.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
- V. Local Project Updates**
Committee members will have an opportunity to provide updates on local projects.
Action Requested: Discussion
- VI. Funding and Planning Opportunities**
Staff will provide an update on funding and planning opportunities.
 - 1) [Cook County Bicycle and Pedestrian Expressway Crossing Study](#) – September 30
 - 2) [ITEP](#) – October 5**Action Requested:** Informational
- VII. Other Business**

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.

IX. Adjourn

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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2026
10:30 a.m.**

NWMC Offices and via Video Conference**Members Present**

Terri Gens, Trustee, Village of Mount Prospect, Chair
Caroline Tittle, Elk Grove Village
Bill McLeod, Mayor, Village of Hoffman Estates
Luke Foresman, Village of Mount Prospect
Nathan Bruemmer, Village of Niles
Larry Schroth, Village of Palatine
Lara Sanoica, Mayor, City of Rolling Meadows
Rachel Applegate, Village of Schaumburg
Erik Sanchez, Village of Skokie
Ross Klicker, Village of Wheeling
Scott Mangum, Village of Winnetka

Others Present

Andrea Larson, Village of Buffalo Grove
Eric Heiker, City of Des Plaines
Chris Tomich, Village of Morton Grove
Jorge Cruz, Village of Wilmette
Kathleen Ebeling, CBBEL
Victoria Barrett, CMAP
Ralph Banasiak, Daily Herald
Dave Simmons, Ride Illinois
Mark Fowler, Northwest Municipal Conference
Larry Bury, Northwest Municipal Conference
Eric Czarnota, Northwest Municipal Conference
Brian Larson, Northwest Municipal Conference

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Trustee Gens called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

II. Approval of April 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bruemmer motioned to approve the April 14, 2026 minutes. Ms. Applegate seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. 2026-2027 Meeting Dates

Mr. Larson presented the proposed meeting dates for 2026-2027.

Mayor Sanoica moved to approve the proposed meeting dates for 2026-2027. Mr. Mangum seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

IV. How High Injury Networks and County Safety Action Plans Can Improve Your SS4A Grant Applications

Ms. Barrett presented on the High Injury Networks (HIN) identified in the [countywide Safety Action Plans](#) adopted last year, and how the corridors and intersections identified can assist communities in applying for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grants. Ms. Barrett shared that [Rail Corridors](#) were recently added to the Safety Action Plans to help with additional federal safety grants. Her presentation highlighted that bicyclists and pedestrians make up 25% of fatalities in Cook County. Ms. Barrett highlighted examples of successful regional safety interventions, including a joint Midlothian/CMAP/IDOT/Pace project and roundabouts in McHenry County.

Mr. Czarnota asked about the SS4A grant application and how it differs from the Surface Transportation Program Local (STP-L) applications. Ms. Barrett replied that the Planning and Demonstration grants are a 2 page narrative, using statistics from countywide action plans, while the Implementation grants are more involved. She noted that the project implementation narrative is a maximum of 6 pages, a cost-benefit analysis is required, and the community impacts section needs areas of persistent poverty analysis.

Mr. Larson said he would talk with NWMC's Ellen Dayan regarding Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) devices and whether the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative can assist with purchasing those for member vehicle fleets.

Mayor McLeod was appointed as Chair following Trustee Gens' departure.

V. 2026 NWMC Summer Field Trip Location

Mr. Czarnota presented an overview for the 2026 Summer Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Field Trip, to be held on Tuesday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Sanoica shared that the Route 53 bridge work is impacting Palatine, Rolling Meadows, and Schaumburg and noted that alternative routes for pedestrians and cyclists have not been provided by IDOT, with available travel lanes reduced from 4 to 2. She added that alternative routes are provided for pedestrians and cyclists during construction in other jurisdictions. Mayor Sanoica asked whether other communities have requested or required IDOT to provide alternative routing? Mayor McLeod said he was unaware of any efforts. Mr. Czarnota said NWMC could develop a survey of the membership on the issue of detour routing. Mayor Sanoica said she would like a playbook going forward so that pedestrian infrastructure is not an afterthought to IDOT during planning, sharing that the routes are still being used, which puts pedestrians and cyclists in danger. Mr. Czarnota said he would follow up with IDOT.

Mr. Mangum said he did not have an analogous example, but provided examples of private construction, such as the MWRD Sledge project, which provided detours.

Mr. Banasiak asked about visiting Hicks Road path. Mr. Larson responded that Hicks Road was one of the options considered and voted down by the committee, but could be included, which would make for a longer tour.

Mayor Sanoica said the meeting and parking would be held at City Hall, and could look into a traffic escort from municipal police if needed.

VI. E-mobility Legislation Update

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Mr. Czarnota presented an update on e-mobility legislation under consideration by the Illinois General Assembly. He shared that SB 3336 was unanimously passed by Senate, and now moves to the House, with two amendments cleaning up definitions. Mr. Czarnota said that NWMC has been in contact with the Secretary of State's office, and has provided feedback on signage unfunded mandate and which organizations could implement restrictions. Mayor McLeod stated the desire to have a statewide policy versus separate municipal policies.

VII. Local Project Updates

Mr. Simmons extended an invitation to Rides of Silence in Arlington Heights, Elk Grove Village, and Evanston/Skokie the following Wednesday evening, noting that support and attendance from elected officials and municipal staff is meaningful.

Mr. Larson shared that Safe Routes to Schools grants were awarded including Buffalo Grove, Evanston, Fox Lake, and Schaumburg.

VIII. Funding and Planning Opportunities

Mr. Larson provided an update on funding and planning opportunities, including [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#), [Love Your Block](#), [Railroad Crossing Safety Program](#), [League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community](#), and [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#).

IX. Other Business

Mr. Czarnota thanked the committee for their leadership and work this year, and encouraged members to notify the NWMC about any summer events as NWMC staff is able to assist.

X. Next Meeting

Mayor McLeod announced the next meeting of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in person at the NWMC offices or virtually via Zoom.

XI. Adjourn

Mayor Sanoica moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Mr. Mangum seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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ITEP Projects for the NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan Pipeline

Projects that advanced specific Priority Bicycle Corridors in the NWMC Multimodal Plan:

- **Barrington-Wilmette Bikeway**
 - *Wilmette* - Glenview Rd, Wilmette Ave., Ridge Rd. Bicycle Improvements
 - *Glenview* - Village Wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Signage and Pavement Marking
- **Deerfield Bikeway**
 - *Riverwoods* - Deerfield Road from IL 21 US 45 Milwaukee Ave to CH W24 Saunders Road
- **Evanston-Elgin Bikeway**
 - *Hoffman Estates* - Hassell Road Corridor Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Enhancements
 - *Evanston* - Church Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements
 - *Skokie* - Church Street Bike Lanes
- **Fox River-Busse Woods Bikeway**
 - *Streamwood* - Irving Park Road (IL 19): Schaumburg Road to IL 59 Reconstruction
- **Northwest Bikeway**
 - *Mount Prospect* - Melas-Meadows Pedestrian Bridge

Projects that addressed incomplete sidewalk and transit access identified in the NWMC Multimodal Plan:

- *Des Plaines* - Oakton Street Sidepath
- *Glencoe* - Green Bay Trail
- *Hanover Park* - County Farm Road Multi-Use Path
- *Highland Park* - Sheridan Road Non-Motorized Improvements
- *Lake Forest* – Route 60 Bicycle Path Connectivity Project
- *Mount Prospect* - Busse Road Shared Use Path
- *Mount Prospect* - Rand-IL83-Kensington Shared Use Path
- *Niles* - Niles Pace Bus Stop Access and Golf/Greenwood Intersection Improvements
- *Prospect Heights* - Camp McDonald Road Sidewalk Project
- *Prospect Heights* - Wolf Road Sidewalk Connectivity Project – Phase 3
- *Rolling Meadows* - Hicks Road Bike Path
- *Streamwood* - Streamwood - IL 59 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overpass
- *Wilmette* - U.S Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard) Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement