

# **CMAP Approves \$3.1M For Higgins Busse Woods Bike Bridge**

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Funding to the tune of \$3.1 million for the proposed Higgins Road bicycle bridge at Rte. 53 into Busse Woods was approved by Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) officials last week.

The project will likely see construction begin this spring. If all goes well the project could be completed by April 2014.

Elk Grove Village is the lead agency on the project. Mayor Craig Johnson said CMAP is funding \$3.1 million with federal dollars and the village is funding \$700,000 for the bridge. U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam (R-6th) also secured \$450,000 in federal funds that covered all engineering costs for the project.

Johnson said bidding on the bridge project would take place in April 2013 with construction set to start the following month in May with completion expected in April 2014.

Johnson said bridges are key safety features allowing cyclists and pedestrians to safely enter Busse Woods without the need to cross major roadways. Plans for the Higgins and Rte. 53 bridge have been in the works for several years.

A matching bicycle bridge into Busse Woods exists at Arlington Hts. Road and Higgins.