

Weigh In On Arlington Hts. Bike, Pedestrian Plan

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Do you think walking or biking Arlington Hts. could be better? Then share your ideas at an upcoming public workshop.

The village and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency of Planning (CMAP) are seeking public input on the creation of a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan. Residents are invited to provide input at a visioning workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 12 at the public works dept., 222 N. Ridge Ave.

The planning process is fully funded by a Local Technical Assistance Planning grant the village of Arlington Hts. received in 2014. Implementation of the proposals, which could include new paths or upgrades to existing pedestrian and cycling routes, could require future village funding, according to Briget Schwab, civil engineer for the village.

“But that’s years down the road,” she said.

Next week’s meeting will focus on what residents and users want to see out of the village’s bike and pedestrian connections along with safety and access issues.

“This is just a vision of what we want Arlington Hts. to get to,” Schwab said.

Arlington Hts. officials, members of the village’s bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee, and CMAP representatives will be on hand to answer questions and take feedback.

The plan for a comprehensive network is expected to be completed by late summer, though Schwab said that timeline is fluid.

“We want this to be the best plan possible,” she said, “so if we need to take more time we’re willing to take more time.”