



**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force  
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

**Members Present:** John Donovan, Jessica Hyink, Sidney Kenyon, Patrick Knapp, Aaron Maertins, Allan Mellis, Jessica Ortega, Ryan Peterson, Lee Ann Prather, Keith Privett, Tom Rickert, Karen Shinnars, Pamela Sielski, Kevin Stanciel, Alex Perez (on behalf of Maggie Czerwinski), David Simmons

**Staff Present:** Caitlin Goodspeed, Jen Maddux, Jared Patton, Erin Aleman

**Others Present:** Sam Carlson, Adekemi Ademuyewo, Christina Whitehouse, Jamie Simone, Eric (no last name), Kendra Johnson, Michael Klemens, Lacey Cordero, Matt Pasquini, Patrick, Qili Sui, Ruth Rosas, Sara Khoadadost, Tim Gustafson, Norah Jones

**1.0 Call to Order 1:00 p.m.**

Mr. Rickert reviewed the Task Force's digital communications protocol. Attendees were asked to remain muted unless speaking or use the chat function for questions and comments.

**2.0 Approval of Minutes – December 2, 2020**

Motioned by Allan Mellis, seconded by Sidney Kenyon, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented, with no comments.

**3.0 Agenda Changes & Announcements**

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

**4.0 CMAP Board meeting updates**

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, gave updates on several CMAP initiatives including a new regional economic task force that will focus on how to make a strong economic recovery post-COVID. The hope is that the task force will come up with a list of shared priorities and ways to collaborate. As part of this initiative, CMAP is also working on a mobility recovery plan. CMAP is working closely with the RTA and regional transit partners to think proactively about the ripple effects if people don't return to the office and creative last mile solutions to address gaps in service.

Erin also informed task force members that a safety resource group has been formed to address safety concerns in the region and develop a regional safety action agenda. This is a 12–18-month initiative in which solutions will be identified to increase safety in the region.

### **5.0 Bike Lane Uprising**

Christina Whitehouse, Founder of Bike Lane Uprising, gave a presentation on how the organization was founded and what they are currently doing to keep streets safe. The Bike Lane Uprising app is a platform where people can report and post photos of blocked bike lanes. Whitehouse said that by better understanding the problem of blocked bike lanes, we can identify unique solutions for the future. Anyone can use the app to report a blocked bike lane. The hope is that this data will help inform cities as well as smaller municipalities when it comes time to make decisions about road safety. Whitehouse said that pedestrians can also use the app to report blocked bike lanes and sidewalks.

### **6.0 Northern Lakeshore Trail Connectivity Plan**

Jen Maddux and Tim Gustafson, project managers for the Northern Lakeshore Trail Connectivity Plan, presented on the final plan. The plan provided strategies, actions, and design guidelines to improve walking and bicycling connections between and among five north lakeshore communities: Beach Park, Zion, Winthrop Harbor, Waukegan, and North Chicago. Jen and Tim shared the goals of the plan and reviewed the planning process with task force members.

Allan Mellis asked if they had plans to include separated paths for bicyclists and pedestrians like the Lakeshore trail in Chicago. Tim said that they recommended that paths be 10 feet wide. They found that travel volumes were lower than in the city of Chicago so they didn't expect there to be a need for wider paths.

### **7.0 Project Updates**

Jen gave an update on CMAP's local technical assistance program. There has been a backlog of projects from last few calls so CMAP is taking a step back to reevaluate the program. There was planning assistance for targeted communities and there will be more news on LTA program this summer. Jen also mentioned that McHenry and Cook Counties are beginning their county-wide bike plans so to expect open houses for both of the plans soon.

### **8.0 Other Business**

There was no other business mentioned in the meeting.

### **9.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments or questions received prior to the meeting.

### **10.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

### **11.0 Adjournment**

**Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force Members:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Ed Barsotti

\_\_\_\_\_ Maggie Czerwinski

\_\_\_\_\_ John Donovan

\_\_\_\_\_ Carlos Feliciano

\_\_\_\_\_ Jessica Hyink

\_\_\_\_\_ Sidney Kenyon

\_\_\_\_\_ Patrick Knapp

\_\_\_\_\_ David Longo

\_\_\_\_\_ Aaron Maertins

\_\_\_\_\_ Allan Mellis

\_\_\_\_\_ Jason Meter

\_\_\_\_\_ Randy Neufeld

\_\_\_\_\_ Jessica Ortega<sup>+</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Ryan Peterson

\_\_\_\_\_ Lee Ann Prather

\_\_\_\_\_ Keith Privett

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Rickert<sup>\*</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Karen Shinnars

\_\_\_\_\_ Pamela Sielski

\_\_\_\_\_ Troy Simpson

\_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Staniel

\*Chair

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