



Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force Agenda

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Sears Tower
Chicago, Illinois

- 1.0 **Call to Order and Introductions** 1:00 p.m.
Tom Rickert, Chairman
- 2.0 **Approval of Meeting Notes from September 16, 2015**
Meeting notes are posted at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/bikeped/minutes.aspx>
SUGGESTED ACTION: *Approval of meeting notes*
- 3.0 **Local and Regional Planning**
- 3.1 **ON TO 2050 Comprehensive Regional Plan**
CMAP staff (Kristin Ihnchak) will provide an update on the development of the new comprehensive regional plan, [ON TO 2050](#), giving an overview of the plan's broad goals, planning process and timeline, and opportunities for input.
SUGGESTED ACTION: *Information and discussion*
- 3.2 **Regional Greenways and Trails Plan Update**
CMAP staff (Brian Daly) will report on the status of the project to update the Regional Greenways and Trails Plan. Staff will present briefly on data collection and processing efforts and on preliminary mapping/visualization of existing, planned, and potential regional facilities found in CMAP's Bikeway Inventory System database. Staff will describe and seek Task Force input on planned outreach to sub-regional and, in some cases, local agencies on existing and planned trails and trail priorities, as well as definitions of regional trails/greenways and other policy questions.
SUGGESTED ACTION: *Information and discussion*
- 3.3 **City of Chicago Loop Link Project – Bicycle and Pedestrian Components**
The City of Chicago and the Chicago Transportation Authority recently opened the *Loop Link*. The *Loop Link* is a multimodal transportation upgrade along Washington, Madison, Clinton, and Canal streets in the City's central business district, connecting Union and Ogilvie stations with destinations and transportation facilities across the Loop to Michigan Avenue. In addition to Bus Rapid Transit elements, the project includes protected bike lanes and wider sidewalks aimed at creating safer, more vibrant streets. CDOT staff will present on the bicycle and pedestrian components of the project.

SUGGESTED ACTION: *Information and discussion*

4.0 Pedestrian and Bicycle Project Programming and Policy

4.1 CMAP Bicycle Switching Model and Bicycle Usage Survey

The CMAQ and TAP programs fund bicycle improvements according to performance-based criteria. For years, a simple spreadsheet tool has been used to estimate the air quality benefits of proposed bicycle improvements during the project evaluation process (for CMAQ projects). Over the last couple of years, CMAP staff have been working on a more robust analysis tool to estimate how often a person will “switch to bicycle” from another mode. Staff (Craig Heather and Aaron Brown) will discuss the Bicycle Switching Model and will introduce an online survey CMAP is launching to help calibrate the model.

SUGGESTED ACTION: *Information and discussion*

4.2 Ride Illinois (formerly League of Illinois Bicyclists) – Motorist-Directed Bicycle Passing Signage

Ride Illinois has investigated motorist-directed signage alternatives to the “Share the Road” sign, which was found to be too vague in a recent behavioral study. The investigation has focused on motorist passing of bicycles along routes where cyclists and motor vehicles share general-purpose travel lanes. Three options were verified for MUTCD compliance and discussed with IDOT for possible adoption as state standards. Ride Illinois’ Ed Barsotti will present on the technical brief he has produced on this issue and his organization’s desire to work with road agencies to install signage at priority locations.

SUGGESTED ACTION: *Information and discussion*

5.0 Project Updates

Implementing agencies will be invited to provide a brief update regarding the status of programmed projects. Staff is requesting information on recently let projects, completed projects, and project delays which need attention by CMAP staff.

SUGGESTED ACTION: *Information, discussion, and referral to staff*

6.0 Public Comment, Announcements, and Other Business

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair’s discretion.

SUGGESTED ACTION: *Information, Discussion*

7.0 Meeting Dates

Staff proposed the following meeting dates for 2016

- Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 1:00 p.m
- Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 1:00 p.m
- Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 1:00 p.m

ACTION REQUESTED: *Information*

8.0 Adjournment

3:30 p.m.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force Members:

_Ed Barsotti	_Gin Kilgore	_Lowell Nelson (Alt.)	_Pamela Sielski
_Richard Bascomb	_David Longo	_Randy Neufeld	_Kevin Staniel
_Ron Burke	_Aren Kriks	_Greg Piland	_Kyle Smith
_Bruce Christensen	_Allan Mellis	_Keith Privett	_Dan Thomas
_Patrick Knapp	_Barbara Moore	_Karen Shiners	_Brian Hacker
_Jessica Ortega	_Joe Moriarty (Alt.)	_Tom Rickert, Chairman	_Robert Vance