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Re: Local Technical Assistance Program

On behalf of the City of Wilmington, and its planning partners, I am pleased to submit for your favorable consideration a request for CMAP LTA Assistance to allow for implementation of the BISON BIKEWAY STUDY.

The BISON BIKEWAY is a collaborative effort involving six units of government (City of Wilmington, City of Joliet, Village of Elwood, Will County, Will County Forest Preserve District, Island Park District), with supporting efforts from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, USDA Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie, and the Illinois Route 66 Association.

The BISON BIKEWAY will provide connectivity to:

- Kankakee River State Park IDNR
- Wauponsee Glacial Trail Bikeway
- Forked Creek Forest Preserve
- Forsythe Woods Forest Preserve
- Downtown Wilmington
- Route 66 – the Mother Road
- Peotone Road – Gateway to Central/Eastern Will County
- Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie, home to the North American Bison
- Des Plaines Conservation Area, IDNR
- Village of Elwood

- Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery
- Route 66 Raceway Motor Speedway
- Centerpoint Industrial Park
- City of Joliet
- Nowell Park (Joliet)
- Downtown Wilmington
- Wilmington High School
- Island Park District (Wilmington)
- Kankakee River
- Ridgeport Industrial Park
- Lorenzo Road, Gateway to Grundy County
In support of our application, please find letters of support from the following:

- Village of Elwood
- Island City Park District (Wilmington)
- City of Joliet
- Will County
- Will County Forest Preserve District
- Route 66 Association
- Will County Governmental League
- Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community
- Will County Trail Riders Association

Attached please find

- Our Application
- Southerly BISON BIKEWAY (Kankakee River State Park to City of Wilmington and Midewin)
- Northerly BISON BIKEWAY (Midewin to Village of Elwood and City of Joliet)
- Wauponsee Glacial Trail Map (Forest Preserve District of Will County)
- Corridor Plan for Illinois Route 53 Will County (aka GINKGO Plan)
- Route 66 Trail Concept Plan
- Will County Bikeway Plan

On behalf of all of the program participants, thank you for your favorable consideration of our application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Frank Koehler
Interim City Administrator

FJK/
June 21, 2017

Mayor Todd C. Matichak  
Village of Elwood  
401 E. Mississippi Avenue  
Elwood, IL 60421  

Regional Transportation Authority  
175 W. Jackson Blvd, Suite 1650  
Chicago, IL 60604  

For the attention of Mr. Michael Horsting, AICP, Principal Analyst, Local Planning and Programs Regional Transportation Authority; Mr. Tony Manno, Senior Planner, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  

Dear Local Technical Assistance Program Review Board,

The Village of Elwood is an enthusiastic participant in the multijurisdictional group dedicated to the formation of The Bison Bikeway. Working with this group, we hope to accomplish our long-anticipated goal of creating a pathway connection between Elwood and nearby sites and attractions.

Currently, there are no bicycle paths connecting our residents with the many remarkable visitor locations in our area, such as Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Joliet Area Historical Museum & Route 66 Welcome Center and Historic Downtown Wilmington. Likewise, visitors to the area have no way to access Elwood’s parks, businesses and Route 66 attractions by bicycle.

Through the collaborative effort of The Bison Bikeway Project, it is my hope that Elwood will create a connection locally to visitor attractions, as well as regionally to Kankakee River State Park, Waponsee Glacial Trail Bikeway, Forked Creek Forest Preserve and Forsythe Woods Forest Preserve.

This project has the potential to generate great benefit for the section of Will County between Joliet and Wilmington. Therefore, the Elwood Village Board of Trustees strongly supports the Local Technical Assistance Program Bikeway Planning Grant Application submitted by the City of Wilmington on behalf of Bison Bikeway Project.

Sincerely,

Todd C. Matichak  
Mayor, Village of Elwood
On behalf of Island Park District, we are supporting the City of Wilmington in its application for a multi-jurisdictional initiative to establish the BISON BIKEWAY. This would be a collaborative effort to establish a bikeway that links the Kankakee River State Park, Will County Forest Preserve District, City of Wilmington, Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie – home of the North American Bison, Village of Elwood and the City of Joliet. Implementation of the BISON BIKEWAY Plan will allow participating units of government to identify funding sources, including grants; to incorporate the plan into development standards for future land use considerations and entitlements; and to further individual and collective efforts to enhance quality of life within area communities and the region. Development of the BISON BIKEWAY also serves as a component of a multi-modal transportation system; promotes physical activity goals for public health; and assists Fire Protection and Ambulance services by providing access to often time’s in-accessible open space areas. As a representative of the Island Park District the Bison Bikeway can open avenues of cooperative recreational planning that currently does not exist and cannot as standalone agencies.

It is anticipated that development of the BISON BIKEWAY will serve as a catalyst for multiple regional economic benefits by creating a market for bike sales/rental/repair facilities, footwear and apparel stores; and complimentary food and beverage operations that cater to the needs and interests of biking and walking enthusiasts.

I understand that applicants will be required to contribute a local match.

To the extent possible, efforts will be made to identify and pursue additional funding from area developers, manufactures, and other businesses located adjacent to and beneficiaries to the creation of the BISON BIKEWAY. Additionally, to the extent possible, every effort will be made to identify and pursue additional resources and funding from IDOT, IDNR, and other government agencies, either in the form of grants, and/or in-kind services.

Renee Chavez
Executive Director
Island Park District
315 N Water Street
Wilmington IL
815-476-2729
June 27, 2017

Re: City of Wilmington LTA Grant for Bison Bikeway Plan

CMAP Board and Staff:

The City of Joliet supports the City of Wilmington in its application for a multijurisdictional initiative to establish the BISON BIKEWAY. This would be a collaborative effort to establish a bikeway that links the Kankakee River State Park, Will County Forest Preserve District, City of Wilmington, Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie — home of the North American Bison, Village of Elwood and the City of Joliet. Implementation of the BISON BIKEWAY Plan will allow participating units of government to identify funding sources, including grants; to incorporate the plan into development standards for future land use considerations and entitlements; and to further individual and collective efforts to enhance quality of life within area communities and the region. Development of the BISON BIKEWAY also serves as a component of a multi-modal transportation system; promotes physical activity goals for public health; and assists fire protection and ambulance services by providing access to often inaccessible open space areas.

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To the extent possible, efforts will be made to identify and pursue additional funding from area developers, manufacturers, and other businesses which are located adjacent to and beneficiaries of the creation of the BISON BIKEWAY. Additionally, every effort will be made to identify and pursue additional resources and funding from IDOT, IDNR, and other government agencies, either in the form of grants, and/or in-kind services.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Schwarz, AICP
Planning Director
June 26, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Will County Board District #6 Members, Don Gould and Debbie Militello, we are supporting the City of Wilmington in its application for a multi-jurisdictional initiative to establish the BISON BIKEWAY. This would be a collaborative effort to establish a bikeway that links the Kankakee River State Park, Will County Forest Preserve District, City of Wilmington, Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie — home of the North American Bison, Village of Elwood and the City of Joliet. Implementation of the BISON BIKEWAY Plan will allow participating units of government to identify funding sources, including grants; to incorporate the plan into development standards for future land use considerations and entitlements; and to further individual and collective efforts to enhance quality of life within area communities and the region. Development of the BISON BIKEWAY also serves as a component of a multi-modal transportation system; promotes physical activity goals for public health; and assists Fire Protection and Ambulance services by providing access to often times in-accessible open space areas.

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Sincerely,

Don Gould  
Will County Board Member

Debbie Militello  
Will County Board Member
June 26, 2017

Mr. Roy Strong
Mayor
City of Wilmington
1165 S. Water Street
Wilmington, Illinois 60481

RE:  Bison Bikeway CMAP Grant Application

Dear Mr. Strong,

The Forest Preserve District of Will County (Forest Preserve) would like to express its support for and participation in the CMAP grant application being made by the City of Wilmington for the Bison Bikeway. This multi-jurisdictional initiative will establish critical links between the Kankakee River State Park, the Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie, the City of Wilmington, the Village of Elwood, the City of Joliet, and Forest Preserve facilities.

The trail system is a highly regarded project for the area and has generated tremendous interest. This trail will be a highly visible and popular system.

The Forest Preserve is very interested in the trail system and fully supports this project for funding consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ralph Schultz
Chief Operating Officer
June 23, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

The Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project is the operating non-profit organization for the Illinois Route 66 National Scenic Byway. The Heritage Project would like to express its strong support for the BISON BIKEWAY CMAP Planning Grant Application.

Route 66 travelers are seeking their own, unique experiences along the Mother Road. An increasing number of those travelers, both domestic and international, are biking the Route 66 Corridor in Illinois. The opportunity to view Midewin’s Bison will dramatically enhance the Route 66 experience for those visitors.

We look forward to working with the Communities and Will County on this strategic project.

Sincerely,

William D. Kelly
Executive Director
Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project, Inc.
The Route 66 Trail Executive Council
Leading the development of the Route 66 Trail in Illinois

6/27/2017

Members:
Cities, Counties and Villages along Route 66
Forest Preserve Districts
Illinois Association of County Engineers
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Illinois Department of Transportation
Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway
League of Illinois Bicyclists
Local Individuals
National Park Service
Regional Planning Commissions
Trails for Illinois

The Route 66 Trail Executive Council has provided assistant in coordinating the development of the bicycling trail along famous Route 66 since 2008. On this behalf, the Council supports the City of Wilmington in its application for a multi-jurisdictional initiative to establish the Bison Bikeway as part of the Route 66 Trail.

Many towns along the trail support the Route 66 Trail and have developed portions of the trail through their communities with improvements including: signage, paved shoulders, connecting routes between local icons and residents, and off-road trails that will make Route 66 even more inviting to bicyclists.

The Bison Bikeway would be a collaborative effort to establish this portion of the Route 66 Trail that links Kankakee River State Park, Will County Forest Preserve, City of Wilmington, Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie (home of the North American Bison), Village of Elwood and City of Joliet.

It is anticipated that development of the Bison Bikeway will serve as a catalyst for multiple regional economic benefits and provide increased outdoor recreational opportunities. The Council is available to help provide technical assistance in further development of the Route 66 Trail.

Sincerely,

Donovan Gardner, Chairman

Staffing to the Route 66 Trail Executive Council is provided by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702, 217/782-3715
June 26, 2017

The Will County Governmental League, on behalf of our thirty-four municipal members, supports the City of Wilmington and their Local Technical Assistance application for the Bison Bikeway.

The development of the Bison Bikeway will serve as a catalyst for regional economic benefits throughout the area. The development of the Bikeway also serves as a component of a multi-modal transportation system fulfilling goals set forth in the Will County Bikeway Plan. The Bison Bikeway will become an asset not only for residents of Will County, but also for the entire region, acting as a tourism destination.

The Will County Governmental League believes that the Bison Bikeway will bring the people of Will County together around the common themes of regional mobility and livability.

Please let us know if the Will County Governmental League can be of any further assistance in the development of the Bison Bikeway.

Hugh O'Hara
Executive Director
Date: 06-21-2017

To: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

RE: BISON BIKEWAY TRAIL

The Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community is in full and enthusiastic support of the City of Wilmington’s application to CMAP for the participation in The Local Technical Assistance program (LTA) in regard to the BISON BIKEWAY TRAIL.

WCHC believes that the BISON BIKEWAY TRAIL will greatly benefit not only our community but other communities along the trail as well. We believe that the bike trail will be beneficial to the health and physical fitness of Wilmington’s residents, especially our youth. This trail will offer new opportunities for recreation, community involvement, and tourism.

We also agree and support this multi-jurisdictional plan as it is key to the success of the trail and its impact on the economic sustainability of all involved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Paula Ekstrom, Board President
Wilmington Coalition
1095 S. Water St., Suite F
Wilmington, IL 60481
815-476-1660
Dear Mr. Koehler:

I understand consideration is being given to creating a trail from Kankakee State Park on 102 to Forked Creek, and Forsyth woods Forest Preserve to Route 53/66 and onto Midewin.

Being the Vice President of Will County Trail Riders with over 100 members, I know both Kankakee State Park and Midewin are enjoyed by our members.

It's would only seem logical that the new connecting trail include horseback riders, along with the other trail users, as it already is in Kankakee State Park and Midewin. Additional trails would also attract additional users, including horseback riders from other areas. Tourism can only be enhanced by making riding trails (multiuse trails) more available.

Since trail riding is our recreation of choice, we more than welcome, and would greatly appreciate the addition of more multi use trails.

Sincerely

Andrea Pletzke
Vice President
Will County Trail Riders
CITY OF WILMINGTON
1165 S. Water Street
Wilmington, IL 60481
815.476.2175

CMAP BIKEWAY PLANNING GRANT – BISON BIKEWAY

1. **Name of Applicant:** City of Wilmington

2. **Main Contact:**
   - Name: Frank Koehler
   - Title: Interim City Administrator
   - Phone: 815.476.2175 x 232
   - Email: fkoehler@wilmington-il.com

3. **Type of Applicant:**
   - **Multi Jurisdictional Group:**
     - City of Wilmington
     - Village of Elwood
     - City of Joliet
     - Will County
     - Will County Forest Preserve District
     - Island Park District (Wilmington)
     - USDA Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie
     - Illinois Department of Natural Resources
     - Illinois Route 66 Association
   - **Name of Local Government Partners**
     - USDA Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie
     - Illinois Department of Natural Resources
     - Illinois Route 66 Association
     - Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community

4. **Project Type:**
   - X Preparation of a Plan
   - X Updating existing plans
   - X Land Use, Transportation
5. **Local Match Requirement:**

Yes, I understand that applicants will be required to contribute a local match.

To the extent possible, efforts will be made to identify and pursue additional funding from area developers, manufactures, and other businesses located adjacent to and beneficiaries to the creation of the BISON BIKEWAY. Additionally, to the extent possible, every effort will be made to identify and pursue additional resources and funding from IDOT, IDNR, and other government agencies, either in the form of grants, and/or in-kind services.

6. **Project Location**

The BISON BIKEWAY study involves three distinct routes (see attached map) collectively extending a distance of 33 miles:

**North Route:** South from Mills Road in Joliet (intersection of IL Routes 53 and 52) along Route 53/Route 66 to Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie, home of the North American Bison. (16 Miles)

**South Route:** North from Kankakee River State Park through Forest Creek Preserve and Forsythe Woods Forest Preserve to Route 53/Route 66, and along Route 53/Route 66 to Midewin NTGP (8.6 miles)

**West Route:** West from Forked Creek Forest Preserve along Kahler Road to Wilmington Island, with linkages to Downtown Wilmington, then south along Route 53/Route 66 to Stripmine Road, west along Stripmine Road, over I-55, and through Ridgeport Industrial Park to Lorenzo Road, gateway to Grundy County. (8.4 miles)

Three prior planning efforts have been under taken to underscore the benefits of the Route 66/BISON BIKEWAY. However these plans lack any specificity to allow any member communities to move forward in a comprehensive way. These prior studies, copies of which are attached, include:

- Corridor Plan for Illinois Route 53 Will County (aka GINKGO Plan)
- Route 66 Trail Concept Plan
- Will County Bikeway Plan

Each of these plans discussed the strategic significance of linking the attractions, and the economic benefits that would accrue throughout the region. However, none of the plans discussed specific roadways or specific linkages, or analyzed the capability of certain roadways and right of ways to accommodate anything more than shared roadway surfaces.

7. **Project Description**

The BISON BIKEWAY is a collaborative effort involving six units of government (City of Wilmington, City of Joliet, Village of Elwood, Will County, Will County Forest Preserve District, Island Park District), with supporting efforts from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, USDA Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie, and the Illinois Route 66 Association.
This project is unique in so many ways. Not only does it involve a significant collaborative effort among numerous local governments, state and federal partners, and local and statewide organizations, but it provides connectivity to the most American of Iconic Images: Route 66 — the Mother Road, and Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie, home to the North American Bison. It also provides a link to other regional trails, including more than 100 miles of trails within the Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie’s 14,000 acre preserve, the Kankakee River State Park Trail heading southeast to Kankakee, the Wauponsee Glacial Trail Bikeway, and the I & M Heritage Canal Trail, linking Joliet, Lockport and Lemont to the north, and LaSalle/Peru/Ottawa to the west.

The BISON BIKEWAY will provide connectivity to:

- Kankakee River State Park IDNR
- Wauponsee Glacial Trail Bikeway
- Forked Creek Forest Preserve
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- Island Park District (Wilmington)
- Kankakee River
- Ridgeport Industrial Park
- Lorenzo Road, Gateway to Grundy County

Implementation of the BISON BIKEWAY Plan will allow for formal consideration of specific roadways, corridors and linkages; analysis of the capacity of certain roadways and right of ways to accommodate anything more than shared roadway surfaces; identification of necessary easements and/or right of way acquisitions; and preparation of cost estimates for the construction of the bikeway. This will allow participating units of government to identify funding sources, including grants; to incorporate the plan into development standards for future land use considerations and entitlements; and to further individual and collective efforts to enhance quality of life within area communities and the region. Development of the BISON BIKEWAY has other regional benefits. It serves as a component of a multi-modal transportation system; promotes physical activity goals for public health; and assists Fire Protection and Ambulance services by providing access to often times in-accessible open space areas.

In addition to considering the optimal location of the bikeway, the study will also allow for consideration and placement recommendations as to the following and necessary amenities:
• Entry points clearly signed to encourage people to use the trail system
• Parking for bikes, cars, and other users of the BISON BIKEWAY
• Drinking fountains/water pumps for people, dogs, and for filling water bottles
• Seating areas on which to rest and adjust equipment
• Shaded picnic tables or group facilities, if the site allows
• Restroom/Port-a-potty accommodations
• Information boards or kiosks that contain important and useful information
• Recognition of any organizations and Adopt-a-Trail groups involved with the trail
• Bus stops for public transportation system linkages

It is anticipated that development of the BISON BIKEWAY will serve as a catalyst for multiple regional economic benefits by creating a market for bike sales/rental/repair facilities, footwear and apparel stores; and complimentary food and beverage operations that cater to the needs and interests of biking and walking enthusiasts. As an aside, in the community of Lockport, a volunteer organization has evolved that routinely plans and hosts bike and dine events, combining 5-10-20 mile bike excursions involving multiple restaurants along the route.

In addition to serving bicycle and walking enthusiasts, portions of the proposed BSION BIKEWAY could also accommodate horseback riding. Portions of the Kankakee River State Park and Mideswin National Tallgrass Prairie currently provide areas for horseback riding. It is altogether fitting and appropriate that the BISON BIKEWAY provide for similar accommodations. To this end, the resulting study would take into consideration and offer suggestions as to provisions that would be needed to incorporate this use into the final design.

Efforts to develop the BISON BIKEWAY are not intended to duplicate efforts presently underway for the CMAP LTA Downtown Wilmington Study. The Downtown Study is strategically focused on the retail district of Wilmington and ways “to improve the function and character of the City’s Central Business District”. The BISON BIKEWAY study is a regional, collaborative effort, involving multiple jurisdictions. The BISON BIKEWAY would compliment and amplify efforts to improve Wilmington’s Downtown by providing for greater regional connectivity and accessibility to the Wilmington Downtown.

8. Previous Plan Implementation Efforts

With respect to unrelated plans, the City of Wilmington is currently participating in an LTA initiative involving a study of its Downtown. The purpose of this study is to “develop a Downtown Plan that outlines a vision and provides development strategies to help improve the function and character of the City’s Central Business District”. The City is partnering with CMAP by providing matching funds, by staffing and coordinating meetings of an advisory panel, by providing CMAP Planners with names and contact information for key community stakeholders. While employed in other communities, I have worked to implement a CMAP LTA initiative for a Comprehensive Plan for the City of North Chicago, and to implement an RTA funded Transit Oriented Development Study for the Village of East Dundee and the Route 25/Route 72 corridors; to establish programs and funding as part of Downtown Improvement efforts in the Village of Homewood, City of Lockport, Village of East Dundee, and the City of Bloomington; have served as chair of the Transportation Subcommittee for the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission (1996-2007); have worked to create and implement Comprehensive Plans for the Village of Romeoville and the Village of Bourbonnais; and have worked to create numerous Tax Increment Financing and Business Development Districts.
9. Strategic Partnerships

As indicated on our application, this is a collaborative effort involving the following groups

**Multi Jurisdictional Group:**
- City of Wilmington
- Village of Elwood
- City of Joliet
- Will County
- Will County Forest Preserve District
- Island Park District (Wilmington)
- USDA Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Illinois Route 66 Association

**Name of Local Government Partners**
- USDA Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Illinois Route 66 Association
- Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community

Furtherance of the BISON BIKEWAY Planning Grant would help reinforce the ongoing efforts of all participants to continue to work together on this and many other projects. Furtherance of the BISON BIKEWAY Plan brings together numerous units of local government, state and federal partners, and local and statewide organizations in a dramatic and dynamic endeavor.

Equally as important, each community along the way would be able to build upon the BISON BIKEWAY by pursing their own community bikeway and safe routes to school bikeway programs, and by incorporating “Complete Streets” standards within roadway improvement programs.

Finally, to the extent possible, efforts will be made to identify and pursue additional funding from area developers, manufactures, and other businesses located adjacent to and beneficiaries to the creation of the BISON BIKEWAY. Additionally, to the extent possible, every effort will be made to identify and pursue additional resources and funding from IDOT, IDNR, and other government agencies, either in the form of grants, and/or in-kind services.

On behalf of all of the program participants, thank you for your favorable consideration of our application.

Frank Koehler
Interim City Administrator
City of Wilmington
Wauponsee Glacial Trail

Directions to Preserve:

Wauponsee Glacial Trail
Sugar Creek Preserve access is located at
17540 W. Laraway Road, 0.75 mile east of
Route 53, in Joliet.

Forest Preserve District
OF WILL COUNTY
Bringing People and Nature Together

For information, please call 815.727.8700 or visit ReconnectWithNature.org.