INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON BIKEWAYS

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- This meeting will be recorded
- **Questions** & comments for presenters in the **Chat**
- Important **links** & supportive materials in the **Chat**
- Formerly Interagency Bikeways Coordinating Working Group (IBCWG)

AGENDA

- Agency Spotlight
- Legislative and Policy
- Funding Opportunities
- Partnership Opportunities
- Active Transportation Plan
- Open Forum / Round Table Discussion
- 2025 Meetings

Agency Spotlight – IL ATP

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Active Transportation Plan

- Preliminary Strategies and Action Items
- Complete Streets Memo
- Local Implementation Guidebook Draft

IDOT Active Transportation Plan

Local Implementation Guidebook Overview

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Purpose of the Guidebook

- Support IDOT staff and local partners in advancing active transportation planning and policymaking across jurisdictions
- Provide direct resources for planning, funding, policy, and design
- Highlight Illinois examples and national best practices of active transportation planning in urban, suburban, and rural contexts

Organization of the Guidebook

Partnerships & Collaboration

Planning Strategies & Resources

Policy Guidance & Implementation

Funding Sources

Design Guidance Recommendations

Micromobility

Key Focus Area: Partnerships

- Importance of partnerships for resource sharing and interagency collaboration
- Strategies to involve community groups and other external transportation planning partners
- Examples:
  - Data Sharing
  - Regional Coordination Groups
  - MOUs

Key Focus Area: Planning Strategies

- Overview of effective planning strategies across urban, suburban, and rural land use contexts
- Strategies to integrate effective community engagement and equity in active transportation planning
- Case studies:
  - Suburban: Chicago Heights Active Transportation Plan
  - Regional: West Central Municipal Conference Regional Bikeways Plan

Key Focus Area: Funding Sources

- Overview and resources for applying to federal, state, and local grant programs
- Examples of Illinois active transportation project funding awards:
  - ITEP: Village of Algonquin awarded $1.1 million to build a protected bike lane
  - Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's Special Transportation Studies Fund: East Peoria awarded $50,000 to develop a trail network feasibility study
  - Metro East Park and Recreation District (MEPRD) Park and Trail Grant Program and Community Planning Grant Program

Key Focus Area: Design Guidance

- Importance of uniform but flexible design standards for active transportation projects
- Strategies for navigating and implementing design standards and other resources:
  - IDOT BDE and BLRS Manuals
  - National guidance and best practices (e.g., NACTO Urban Street Design Guide)
- Effective Illinois Examples:
  - City of Macomb Comprehensive Plan featured innovative design guidelines for pedestrian crossings and corridor enhancements

Key Focus Area: Micromobility

- Overview of personal micromobility devices and the growth of shared systems for bikes and e-scooters
- Challenges and Opportunities: integration, safety, accessibility
- Illinois examples:
  - Divvy bike share and other micromobility in Chicago
  - Expanding shared micromobility in suburban communities and small towns

What's Next for the Guidebook?

- Tailoring strategies and resources for Illinois' diverse urban-to-rural land use contexts
- Additional case study and best practice research
- Continued refinement based on feedback from IDOT staff, MPOs, local partners, and other stakeholders

Discussion Questions

1. What additional resources or topics would be most helpful?
2. Are there other barriers facing local jurisdictions to address?
3. What feedback do you have on the proposed structure of the Guidebook?
4. What tools would be most useful for implementation at the local level?

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Legislative / Policy Discussion

Opportunity to share agency policy updates and/or legislation that may impact strategies, goals and/or allocation of resources in connection with active transportation.

Funding Opportunities Discussion

Opportunity to share funding opportunities or expenditure updates that may impact strategies, goals and / or allocation of resources or project status' in connection with bicycles.

Partnership Opportunities

Opportunity to promote partnership opportunities and / or gain the support of partners who may help your agency leverage resources in connection with bicycles.

Upcoming 2025 Meetings

- March 2025
- June 2025
- October 2025

THANK YOU!

For questions or to be placed on the agenda during an upcoming meeting, email:

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