



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



Illinois Department
of Transportation



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?**

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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