Regional Actions

• Prioritize non-motorized modes of transportation like bicycling in the upcoming regional plan, ON TO 2050.

• Create incentives for bike- and walk-friendly development near transit stations, including expansion of major job centers into mixed-use destinations connected by rapid transit.

• Ensure regionally programmed funding sources, like the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and Surface Transportation Program (STP), prioritize active modes such as bicycling.

• Provide additional training and technical assistance to communities with limited staff capacity.

• Assist communities with limited local funds in raising local match money for federally funded projects.

State Actions

• Invest state dollars in bikeways projects and programs, including targeted support for planning and construction in high-need communities.

• Implement the Illinois State Bike Transportation Plan. In particular:
  – Dedicate state funding for Complete Streets facilities like bike lanes and sidewalks, and prioritize such projects.
  – Track the number and impact of Complete Streets projects.
  – Develop biking and walking safety standards and assign adequate “Highway Safety” funds to achieve the standards.
  – Update IDOT design manuals, and the Bikeway Selection Tables, to reflect modern best practices for how best to accommodate biking and walking.

• Evaluate and report on the implementation of state Complete Streets to date and make improvements.

Federal Actions

• Maintain and grow federal funding sources for biking projects in the Chicago suburbs, including the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and TIGER Grant program.