

January 25, 2016

**Title**

PC 16-04

**Petitioner**

Village of Lombard  
255 E. Wilson Avenue  
Lombard, IL 60148

**Property Location**

Village-wide

**Approval Sought**

The Village requests approval of amendments to the Village's Comprehensive Plan pertaining to a bicycle and pedestrian master plan.

**Prepared By**

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**DESCRIPTION**

The petitioner, the Village of Lombard, requests the approval of an overall update to the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

The Public Works Department, in partnership with Alta Planning + Design and Active Transportation Alliance, has been completing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The Village-Wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan serves as an update to Lombard's 2008 Lilac Bikeway Plan and will be its first pedestrian plan.

This plan also serves as an amendment to the Village's Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2014. The Comprehensive Plan has a Transportation Chapter, where bicycle improvements are discussed. It is noted that "Lombard is fortunate to have access to several important regional bicycle facilities." "A unified bicycle system should identify key activity centers in the Village of Lombard and stress connections among them. These activity centers include community facilities, high-density residential concentrations, and commercial and employment areas. In the future, bicycle improvements should seek to link these areas. More specific improvement planning should identify the type of each facility. These improvements should then be coordinated with the Park District and included as part of the Village's street program and capital improvements programs, as appropriate." Regarding the Lilac Bikeway, the Plan said "To date, the recommended improvements have not been completed. The Village may revisit the proposed Lilac Bikeway route, objectives, amenities, and liabilities with updated information and revise the plan accordingly."

**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW**

Staff shared the documents with the Building Division, Fire Department, Private Engineering Services Division, and the Public Works Department. All had no comments.

**PUBLIC REVIEW**

The Village of Lombard hosted two public open houses on July 1 and November 19, 2015. Brief presentations reviewed recommendations, and brain storming sessions were also completed. Additional public outreach included a stakeholder advisory committee, online input participation, Cruise Nights, National Night Out, and other promotions including social media, print media, and local businesses, events, and organizations.

Over 700 people visited the online map, took the survey, met project planners at Cruise Nights, and attended public meetings. All of the feedback received helped determine what types of bicycle and pedestrian facilities the plan includes.

**PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS**

The report recommends improving twenty (20) corridors and forty-seven (47) intersections. This would add over eight (8) miles of bicycle boulevards, seven (7) miles of bike lanes, two (2) miles of buffered bike lanes, fifteen (15) miles of shared use paths, and two (2) miles of streetscape enhancements. Wayfinding signage is also encouraged along with safety features at intersections.

Page 90 shows the recommended improvements. Many new bike lanes are proposed, some that would connect to existing paths. All of Lombard would be within a half mile of an improvement. Page 111 starts the discussion of implementation and priorities. High priority projects are discussed starting on page 120 such as Grace Street, wayfinding signage, Westmore-Meyers Road, and Yorktown Mall.

**FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the above findings, the Inter-Departmental Review Committee recommends that the Plan Commission make the following motion recommending approval of this petition:

Based on the submitted petition and the testimony presented, I move that the Plan Commission accept the recommendations included within the Lombard Downtown Revitalization Project Guidebook and accept the findings of the Inter-Departmental Review Report as the findings of the Plan Commission and recommends to the Corporate Authorities that the report be adopted as a supplement to the existing Village Comprehensive Plan.

Inter-Departmental Review Committee Report approved by:

  
William J. Heniff, AICP  
Director of Community Development

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