



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Richard C. Irvin

FROM: Alex Minnella, Planner

DATE: July 30, 2019

SUBJECT:

A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Kane County Division of Transportation and the city of Aurora expressing interest in participating in the Kane County Bike Sharing Services.

PURPOSE:

Kane County Division of Transportation is proposing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding to express interest in participating in the Kane County Bike Sharing Services.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, as an initial partnership, the Cities and Villages of Algonquin, Aurora, Elgin, McHenry, Naperville, and South Elgin, applied for CMAP's assistance in facilitation of partnership efforts, research and data collection, public outreach and engagement, facilities planning, and other topic-specific expertise to develop the plan for a Regional Active Mobility Program.

Early in 2018, CMAP approved the grant application and conducted a few coordination meetings that involved the stakeholders.

Recently CMAP decided that their role within the development of bike sharing in the suburbs, through the RAMP Initiative, is coming to a close. They will be taking a step back and primarily offering resources for interested parties rather than acting as the lead at meetings/projects.

Ryan Peterson, Transportation Planner with Kane County Division of Transportation, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator with Kane Kendall Council of Mayors; has volunteered to coordinate between all of the various counties and agencies that have taken up bike sharing or are interested in investing in the future. While the RAMP program may be concluding, it is important to help advance bike infrastructure in the region.

The Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) is very excited to work with its municipalities, park districts, forest preserve(s), non-profits, and private institutions to create a countywide bike sharing system.

Aurora has had bike sharing for a few years now. The benefits of bike sharing schemes include transport flexibility, reductions to vehicle emissions, health benefits, reduced congestion and fuel consumption, and financial savings for individuals. Research has shown that bike sharing has a positive impact on commercial activity, as well. Users reported that they engaged in new spending at these neighborhood businesses because of the access provided by bike sharing. In short, for both businesses and consumers, bike share systems have a positive effect on business activity due to

increased accessibility within local neighborhoods.

Bike sharing will be an affordable, healthy, safe, environmentally sustainable, and popular addition to Kane County's transportation options. Implementing a top-quality system will boost the County's transportation network and further advance Kane County's position as a high quality destination and place to live. Bike share will help connect residents, commuters and visitors to more of Kane County's businesses, institutions and attractions. Future requests from neighboring counties or municipalities for participation in the Kane County System offer the possibility for expansion beyond the initial service area.

In order to offer comments on the forthcoming Requests for Proposals that will be used to procure a bike sharing contractor, the executed Memorandum of Understanding is required.

DISCUSSION:

This proposal is based on the fact that the City recognizes the need for a comprehensive bike sharing program that can meet the demand of the community as well as the opportunity to create more livable cities, enhanced recreational offerings, additional transportation options and a reduced carbon footprint.

This MOU does not create any financial or legal obligations, nor does it signal any commitment of funds from either Party.

This MOU must be signed before August 23, 2019. In the event the MOU was not signed before the aforementioned deadline the City will not be eligible to offer comments to the RFP.

IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding provides the eligibility to offer comments on the forthcoming Request for Proposals that will be used to procure a bike sharing contractor.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Kane County Division of Transportation and the City of Aurora expressing interest in participating in the Kane County Bike Sharing Services; and authorize the Mayor to sign it upon approval.

cc: Building, Zoning & Economic Development Committee



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. _____
DATE OF PASSAGE _____

A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Kane County Division of Transportation and the city of Aurora expressing interest in participating in the Kane County Bike

Sharing Services.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Kane County Division of Transportation and the City are proposing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding to express mutual interest in developing the Kane County Bike Share Program

WHEREAS, the partners listed below have agreed to enter into a collaborative agreement in which the Kane County Division of Transportation will be the lead agency

WHEREAS, the partners herein desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth goals and objectives identified for the initial launch of the system:

- Create a quality user experience with a convenient and easy-to-use system,
- Enhance connections to the public transit network and park-and-ride lots,
- Increase physical activity to benefit public health,
- Promote travel to landmarks, parks, trails and shopping districts (among residents and visitors),
- Increase access to job opportunities and education,
- Expand mobility options for low-income residents,
- Improve connectivity between existing hubs of activity, and
- Leverage bike share to help shift local culture towards multi-modal transportation

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding does not create any financial or legal obligations, nor does it signal any commitment of funds from either Party.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: that the City Council Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Kane County Division of Transportation and the city of Aurora expressing interest in participating in the Kane County Bike Sharing Services.