



PALATINE/WILLOW ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

Walking and Biking for Transportation

Comments from December 12, 2003 Meeting in Arlington Heights

Participants in the December 12, 2003 meeting used maps to discuss opportunities and need for walking and bicycling improvements along and across Palatine/Willow Road. The following comments were taken from the maps.

Palatine

- Proposed bike trail across Palatine Road just west of Winston Dr.
- Bicyclists use frontage roads; curb ramps are needed at cul-de-sac ends.
- High bicycle and pedestrian use along Hicks Rd., Rohlwing Rd., Winston Dr., and Palatine Rd.

Arlington Heights

- Install sidewalk along Palatine Road at Route 53.
- Biking, walking, and driving to and from
 - Frontier Park (pool and park) at Kennicott and Palatine Road.
 - Town and Country Mall & Strip centers at Arlington Heights Road and Palatine Road.
 - Lake Arlington (very large destination).
- Add a crossing light at Dale Ave. to allow children to get across to school.
- High bicycle and pedestrian use along Kennicott Ave., Arlington Heights Rd, Rand Rd., Eastwood/Southpoint Dr., Windsor Dr., and Palatine Rd.

Prospect Heights

- A curb-cut is needed on Palatine Road is at Mac Arthur Junior High School.
- Traffic in and out of District 23 schools needs to be coordinated with intersection.
- Schoenbeck will be the first traffic light in 3 ½ miles for westbound Palatine Road. A flashing warning light should be installed to alert drivers.
- High bicycle and pedestrian use along Schoenbeck Rd., Rt. 83, Milwaukee Ave., and Palatine Rd.

Wheeling

- Truck traffic would have to travel longer distances with Wheeling Road overpass.
- Palwaukee Airport is a major barrier.
- There is a break in the Prospect Heights bike path between Palatine Rd./Wisconsin Central and Wheeling Rd./Com Ed ROW.
- High bicycle and pedestrian use along Wheeling Rd, Wolf Rd, and Palatine Rd.

Glenview/Northbrook

- Need a sidewalk over I-294 from Landwehr Rd. to Milwaukee Rd.
- Coordination of sound walls with sound adjusted design of entries to optimize access/sound damper of adjacent communities. Deflectors at openings in the wall will prevent the negation of the wall's purpose.
- Safe crossing is needed at Landwehr and Willow for students of district 31.
- Kids dart across Willow just east of Pflingsten to access shopping centers.
- Viaduct under UP tracks is too narrow and has bad sidewalks.
- Need bus shelters on Willow east of Shermer.
- Intersection of Willow and Patriot is not pedestrian friendly.
- Willow Rd. is the only connection between Patriot Dr. and Shermer Rd.
- West Fork North Branch Bike Trail is currently detoured to cross at Ravine Way.
- New road planned north of Willow at Westleigh Dr.
- New retail center at Willow and Waukegan.

Northfield

- Improve transportation (ie bus to business district and New Trier West High School).
- High bicycle and pedestrian use along Waukegan Rd., Northfield Rd., and Willow Rd.

Winnetka

- Intersection improvements needed at Willow and Hibbard.
- Dangerous school crossing at Willow and Glendale Ave.
- Dangerous crossing at Willow and Green Bay Rd. Needs improvement or grade separation.
- High bicycle and pedestrian use along Hibbard Rd.