

CITY OF WARRENVILLE
MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Kristin Youngmeyer, Management Analyst
CC: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Subject: RIDE ILLINOIS OPPORTUNITIES – 2020 BIKE SUMMIT AND AFFILIATION
Date: August 6, 2020

Introduction

BPAC commissioners are interested in attending Ride Illinois’ Virtual Bike Summit on Tuesday September 15th. The work plan to attend the summit was approved prior to the pandemic, but since conditions have changed and the event is now being held virtually, this item is being brought to City Council to review again. BPAC recommends approval to register and attend the event. Background on the upcoming summit is provided below.

Also, recently, it was discovered that the City of Warrenville is eligible to become an affiliate of Ride Illinois, which would provide additional resources to BPAC, including a potential cost savings to attend the upcoming 2020 Bike Summit. Management Analyst and BPAC Liaison Kristin Youngmeyer recommends Council approve the City in becoming an affiliate of Ride Illinois. Further information on becoming an affiliate and associated benefits is also provided in this memo.

For FY 2021, BPAC has not spent any funds for budget items that were approved prior to the pandemic.

Overview of 2020 Bike Summit

The Bike Summit will provide a full day of online learning and networking with bicycle advocates, planners, engineers, transportation agency staff, and others from around the state. With a range of session topics – from bikeway design and tips to advocacy and community engagement – the summit offers strategies to make communities more bike-friendly. The themes for 2020 Illinois Bike Summit are: Infrastructure, Education, and Inclusion.

Summit Registration Costs:

- \$60 for non-members (\$300 for all BPAC members to attend)
- \$20 for Ride Illinois members. (\$100 for all BPAC members to attend)

Ride Illinois Affiliation

Ride Illinois recently changed membership qualifications with the intent to open opportunity for groups like BPAC to become involved. BPAC commissioners could be considered a Ride Illinois members if the City of Warrenville became an affiliated organization. Becoming an affiliate group requires making an annual donation to Ride Illinois. There is a range of affiliate levels based on

donation amount, and there is no minimum donation. The most affordable affiliation would be at Ride IL's "Friend Level", which is gained with a donation between \$1 to \$99.

Affiliated organizations receive the following benefits:

- Receive Bike IL's annual Ride Guide, Upshift newsletter,
- Receive alerts about state and local bicycling issues, and resources on advocacy efforts,
- Receive Illinois Bike Law cards, BikeSafetyQuiz cards, stickers, and other materials,
- Promotion of BPAC programs, events, and accomplishments, and
- Membership rate for events and programming.

References

- 2020 Bike Summit Information: <https://rideillinois.org/events/2020-illinois-bike-summit/>
- Ride ILLINOIS Affiliate Benefits: <https://rideillinois.org/bikeclub-org-membership/>
- Affiliate and Sponsor Levels: <https://rideillinois.org/bike-club-sponsors/>
- Mission and Vision: <https://rideillinois.org/mission-vision/>