

CITY OF WARRENVILLE

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To: Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Members
CC: City Administrator Coakley
From: Kristin Youngmeyer, Public Works Management Analyst *KY*
Subject: FEBRUARY MONTHLY REPORT
Date: February 4, 2022

This report is intended to provide communication from the Commission Staff Liaison to the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission members on a monthly basis. It is copied to the City Administrator. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Follow Up to Public Comment on Continental Drive Parking and Bike Path Suggestion

Vehicles can legally park on both sides of the street along Continental Drive. Upon review of current conditions, as long as motorists are parking legally, it is determined the current conditions allow them to safely do so. If there are vehicles parking illegally, then the police department should be called for enforcement.

Commissioner Tate reviewed traffic on Continental Drive between Mack Road and Route 59 to observe signage for street parking. He noted signage stating “No Parking between Signs” in the immediate area of the entrance and exits to Johnson Elementary School, signs that state no parking on that side of street when more than 2” of snowfall, and that all side streets had clear signage stating “No Parking” on certain sides of the street. Additionally, there is a marked parking lane on both sides of Continental from Lakeview to Mack Road.

Areas of concern for pedestrians and motorists are in the immediate areas of Johnson School and eastward to the Summerlakes footbridge due to higher traffic, busses, and the blind curve immediately in front of the Summerlakes clubhouse. Commissioner Tate observed traffic one weekday morning, and several times observed that traffic heading eastward on Continental had to stop prior to Johnson School to allow busses to shoot the gap westbound on Continental in order to pull into Johnson School because Continental was too tight for a bus and car to pass each other simultaneously with the parked cars on each side. Staff Liaison Youngmeyer has communicated the concerns to the Public Works Director Kuchler, and Deputy Chief of Police Jacobson.

In regards to the suggestion to a bike path on Shaw verses Route 59, while staff agrees that a path on the west side of Shaw is a good idea, at this time there are not currently any plans or funding for such a path. The City is currently about to start preliminary engineering for a sidewalk and path project on Route 59 from Batavia Road to Meadow Avenue/ Continental Drive. The City has a grant to partially fund construction of that project. As plans to expand and develop multi-use paths are discussed, this location will be kept in-mind.

Laws, Advocacy and Charity Helped Strengthen Support for Cycling in 2021

In a Daily Herald article, Ralph Banasiak highlights significant events that happened in 2021 for bicyclists: <https://www.dailyherald.com/entlife/20220114/how-new-laws-advocacy-and-charity-helped-strengthen-support-for-cycling-in-2021?cid=search>

Suburban Communities Adopt New Biking and Pedestrian Plans

In a Daily Herald article, Ralph Banasiak covers municipalities and counties that have adopted bike and pedestrian plans during the pandemic: <https://www.dailyherald.com/entlife/20220107/suburban-communities-adopt-new-biking-and-pedestrian-plans?cid=search>

Instructors, Clubs and Courses Offer Programs to Train on Bike Safely

In a Daily Herald article, Ralph Banasiak reviews options available to the public on how to safely bike. <https://www.dailyherald.com/entlife/20211112/instructors-clubs-and-courses-offer-programs-to-train-you-to-bike-safely?cid=search>

Feb	07	7:00 p.m.	City Council meeting - VIRTUAL
	08	7:00 p.m.	Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
	10	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission / Zoning Board of Appeals meeting
	14	7:00 p.m.	Public Works and Infrastructure meeting
	15	7:00 p.m.	Environmental Advisory Commission
	15	7:00 p.m.	Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Awareness Commission
	17	7:00 p.m.	Tourism and Arts Commission
	21		<i>Presidents Day Holiday – City Offices Closed</i>
	22	7:00 p.m.	City Council meeting
	23	7:00 p.m.	Board of Fire and Police Commission
	24	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission / Zoning Board of Appeals meeting
Mar	07	7:00 p.m.	City Council meeting
	08	7:00 p.m.	Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
	10	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission / Zoning Board of Appeals meeting
	12	9:00 a.m.	City Council Budget Workshop
	14	7:00 p.m.	Community Development meeting
	15	7:00 p.m.	Environmental Advisory Commission
	15	7:00 p.m.	Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Awareness Commission
	17	7:00 p.m.	Tourism and Arts Commission