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## Olympia Fields to receive \$488,800 grant to extend bike paths

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**OLYMPIA FIELDS** - A new 1.25 mile bike path & multi-use trail will be newly built on Vollmer Road. The proposed bike path connects Vollmer Woods Forest Preserve to an existing bike trail that ends at southeast corner of Crawford Avenue and Vollmer Road.

"Projects like these will help continue to make our community a great place to live," Senator Hastings said. "We are continuing to build the Southland as a place where people can be proud to raise a family and enjoy the outdoors."

The bike path & multi-use trail will also connect to on-street bike lanes currently existing at the Kedzie Avenue Traffic signal. In addition, signal modifications will be completed to provide countdown pedestrian timers for safe non-motorized travel at signalized intersections.

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## Governor Quinn Announces \$52.7 Million for Local Transportation Improvement Projects

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**CHICAGO** - Governor Pat Quinn today announced a \$52.7 million investment in community transportation projects throughout Illinois. The investment will support more than 400 jobs through 71 projects, including bike paths, walking trails, historic preservation and streetscape beautification projects in communities across Illinois. The funding is through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) - a federally-funded, competitive program that encourages transportation-related projects.

"These projects will support hundreds of jobs while preserving our heritage, beautifying communities and creating opportunities for pedestrians, bicyclists and others across Illinois," Governor Quinn said. "The projects will help improve the quality of life for everyone, and I

commend Senator Durbin and Illinois' congressional delegation for fighting for this important community funding."

The ITEP program is designed to promote alternative transportation options, including bike and pedestrian travel, along with streetscape beautification. The federal funds are awarded competitively, and any local or state government is eligible to apply. Local matching funds are required, and work must begin on the projects within three years. For the current round of funding, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) received 232 applications requesting ITEP federal funding totaling nearly \$260.5 million.

"These grants will make our communities better places in which to live and work," Transportation Secretary Ann Schneider said. "They promote outdoor activity and help make us more proud of what our home towns have to offer."

A full list of projects follows:

#### Adams County

##### **Quincy Park District, \$972,350** **Bill Klingner Trail**

Project adds 0.7 mile of multi-purpose trail to an existing 0.8 mile trail. This segment completes a 1.5 mile trail running from 18th to 5th Street. Concurrently, the existing park road north of the 5th Street terminus will be closed to vehicles, creating an additional 0.6 mile segment, accessed on a 100 yard designated bike lane on 5th Street. A future project will replace the shared road segment with a bridge underpass that has been accommodated in the 5th Street Bridge design.

#### Champaign County

##### **Champaign County Forest Preserve District, \$1,840,080** **Kickapoo Trail - Champaign County**

The Kickapoo Trail project consists of the conversion of a 24.5-mile abandoned railroad right-of-way into a multi-use recreational trail. The project parallels US Route 150 for most of its route and extends from the west side of Smith Road in Urbana to the east Vermilion County fairgrounds entrance. This application requests funding for construction of the first Champaign County stage of the trail, a 6.42 mile section from High Cross Road in Urbana to Main Street in St. Joseph.

##### **Village of Rantoul, \$505,320** **Downtown Area Bike Path**

The proposed Downtown Area Bike Path will connect to 25,000 feet of Village bike path and will complete a portion of the Village-wide bike path plan. The path adds on to an existing bike path that was completed in 2013 and provides pedestrian and cycle access to the downtown district of Rantoul and numerous schools and parks. The bike path will connect with the existing sidewalk system at nine intersections along the proposed route and provide increased access and safety upgrades for residents.

## **Champaign County Forest Preserve District, \$293,780**

### **Mahomet - Route 47 Multi-Use Trail**

The project consists of the construction of a bicycle/pedestrian path paralleling IL Route 47 from Franklin Street to the south ramp to I-74 and again from the existing trailhead at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve to Briarcliff Drive, all within the Village of Mahomet. A widened shoulder, part of IDOT's improvements to IL 47, will connect the two pathway portions giving cyclists a complete transportation corridor through most of the village.

#### Cook County

## **Village of Olympia Fields, \$488,800**

### **New Construction Bike Path/Multi-Use Trail**

A new 1.25 mile bike path/multi-use trail will be constructed new on Vollmer Road. The proposed bike path connects the Vollmer Woods Forest Preserve to an existing bike trail that terminates at southeast corner of Crawford Avenue and Vollmer Road as well as connecting to on-street bike lanes currently existing on Kedzie Avenue. Traffic signal modifications will be completed to provide countdown pedestrian timers for safe non-motorized travel at signalized intersections.

## **Village of Riverside, \$818,160**

### **Riverside Train Station**

The project will assist the Village to complete rehabilitation of this historic structure. In early 2013 the village completed a masonry project (tuckpointing) on the main station building and north and south pavilions. The roof is original to the structure and in need of repair.

## **Calumet City, \$191,110**

### **Bike Path/Multi-Use Trail**

A 0.78 mile-long trail/bike path will be constructed on Torrence Avenue, located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Calumet City (near River Oaks Mall). The proposed project encourages non-motorized transportation options, as the project directly links to the development of a bike path sponsored by the Cook County Forest Preserve. Both trails connect at the NE corner of Torrence Ave. and 159th Street.

## **Countryside, \$916,550**

### **Brainard Avenue Multi-Use Path**

A multi-use path will be installed on the east side of Brainard Avenue from Joliet Road to 55th Street, in Countryside. Brainard Avenue is one of the thoroughfares in the City of Countryside. Brainard Avenue begins just south of Joliet Road in Countryside, and ends on the north at Ogden Avenue in LaGrange.

## **City of Rolling Meadows, \$691,260**

### **Euclid Avenue Bike Path**

This project consists of constructing a 10-foot wide asphalt path within the Euclid Avenue Right of Way. The portion from Rohlwing Road to West Salt Creek Lane will occur on the north side of Euclid Avenue. The project will take advantage of the lighted intersection at West Salt Creek Lane to Cross to the south side of Euclid Avenue. There it will run parallel to Euclid Avenue until it reaches the existing Salt Creek Trail bike path.

**Evanston, \$1,492,400**

**Sheridan Road/Chicago Avenue Bike Path**

The project will provide a two-way off-street bike path adjacent to Sheridan Road from Lincoln Street to Chicago Avenue adjacent to Northwestern University Campus, and a two-way on-street path on Chicago Avenue between Sheridan Road and the Central Business District connecting with Church Street and Davis Street protected bike paths.

**Village of Riverdale, \$2,183,000**

**Cal-Sag Trail: Halsted/Jackson to Indiana/138th Street Segment**

The Calumet-Sag Greenway Trail - Riverdale Segment is part of a much longer trail that begins near Lemont and continues eastward to the Burnham Greenway Trail near the Indiana State Line. The project consists of constructing a 10-foot wide, 26-mile long bike trail along the Calumet-Sag Channel and Little Calumet River corridor. The entire project will be constructed in a number of segments, many of which have already received construction funding with construction beginning early in 2014.

**City of Des Plaines, \$1,281,630**

**U.S. Route 12 (Rand Road) Sidepath**

The project consists of constructing a side path, for use by both pedestrians and bicyclists, along the south side of US Route 12 (Rand Road) between Central Road and Elk Boulevard. The side path will close an existing major gap in the sidewalk network and will carry the Evanston-Elgin Regional Bikeway through the City of Des Plaines. At its southern terminus, the project will connect to several programmed improvements, creating a continuous bicycle corridor through the length of Des Plaines.

**Northbrook, \$57,750**

**On-Street Bicycle Signs and Pavement Markings**

The Northbrook Bicycle Plan identifies streets that can be improved to provide a fully connected bicycle network for use by residents to travel to schools, the library, parks, athletic fields and other popular destinations. When complete, this network may serve to provide a viable alternative to automotive transportation. A relatively low cost means of reaching this goal is to install pavement markings and street signage to indicate bicycle routes on Village streets.

**City of Berwyn, \$12,240**

**East Avenue Bike Plan Implementation**

This project will consist of installing shared lane markings along one of Berwyn's designated bicycle ways, East Avenue. This project will assist the City in implementing its City-wide bike plan. The City has placed bike route and destination signage along this particular route and the next

step is to place pavement markings to further remind drivers that this street is a shared route and to assist bicyclists with lateral positioning while using this route.

**City of Berwyn, \$82,040**

**City of Berwyn Sidewalk Improvements**

This project consists of the installation of sidewalks, where non-existent along City and State owned arterials and collector routes. This project will provide an alternative and comfortable mode of transportation, provide a connection to alternative modes of transportation, such as public transit; will enhance the existing transportation network and improve the attractiveness and the aesthetics of the area.

**City of Berwyn, \$15,120**

**Citywide Bike Route Signs**

The project will consist of installing bike route signage and destination signage along the City's bike network. The City started to sign its bike network in 2011. Positive feedback has been received from bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers. All users of the network indicated that the destination signs are very informational and the bike route signage has made drivers aware that bicyclists may be within the right-of-way.

**Village of Riverside, \$754,660**

**Burlington Street Streetscape Project**

Riverside proposes to implement a streetscape project along E. Burlington Street to support revitalization of the Village's historic Central Business District. The project will be implemented in coordination with the E. Burlington Street resurfacing project funded by the Surface Transportation Program. Riverside recently completed its Central Business District Plan with assistance from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. The proposed project is based on the recommendations of this plan.

**Village of Western Springs, \$467,560**

**Bemis Woods Bike Path Extension to Wolf Road and Ogden Avenue**

A bike path and pedestrian crossing facilities will be constructed at Wolf Road and Ogden Avenue to allow for access and connection to the Salt Creek Trail system. The construction of this connecting path system will allow for pedestrians from La Grange, Western Springs and Hinsdale to easily access the existing trail system by foot or by bike from the south. It will also allow access to the pedestrian bridge over I-294 located at Maple Street.

**Skokie, \$630,800**

**Howard Street Multi-Use Trail**

An asphalt bituminous bike path will be constructed along a key east-west corridor combined with an on-street path to connect existing facilities. The Howard Street bike path is part of an approved Village Corridor Plan which is intended to link all of the pedestrian-heavy land uses in the heart of Skokie. The route follows one of the most heavily trafficked streets in Skokie.

**City of Prospect Heights, \$284,000**  
**Willow Road Sidewalk Improvement Project**

The City of Prospect Heights is a built-out, land locked community. The majority of the city, especially interior residential areas, still has no sidewalks. The proposed project will allow connectivity, enhance safety and promote pedestrian and bicycle transportation. It is the goal of Prospect Heights to expand beyond the traditional accommodations for cars, trucks and transit while enhancing safety and offering alternative means of travel for commuters, visitors, students and residents.