



# Village of Algonquin

The Gem of the Fox River Valley

June 27, 2017

Local Technical Assistance Program  
CMAP (Attn: Tony Manno)  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Local Technical Assistance Program—Regional Active Mobility Program

To Whom it May Concern:

The Village of Algonquin is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Regional Active Mobility Program application to CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program. The regional collaboration for this project started through conversations at the Fox Valley Sustainability Network meetings. The Village of Algonquin became very interested in the bike share concept after hearing a presentation from the City of Aurora on their Zagster program. Village staff have spoken to Zagster, watched webinars on bike sharing, heard a program on Divvy, and have met with our local bicycle shop owner to better educate ourselves on the program. Encouraging people to use the bike trails in the Village and the regional trail is a goal of the Village. The recently completed Fox River Corridor Study, completed with a LTA grant, focused on drawing people to the Fox River for recreation and using the Prairie Path/Fox River Trail bike path that runs through the Downtown and along the Fox River.

The Village is also interested in a comprehensive Wayfinding program. The Village recently participated in the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors efforts to unify the signage in Kane County along the Fox River Trail. Wayfinding can be so much more than just identifying where on the trail the user is currently. Wayfinding can provide opportunities and encouragement to the user to go just a bit farther to see something different or to get off the path and visit the downtown.

Learning how to promote the amenities of the area, the Fox River, the great trail system, the unique downtowns of the region is a benefit to all communities. The residents living here take for granted the amenities or may not even know about all of them. To share this area with tourists would generate a sense of pride for the residents as well as generate revenue for the local businesses.

The Village of Algonquin is eager to continue growing the partnership in the region and collaborating with the municipalities, counties, and organizations to see Regional Active Mobility. Please do not hesitate to call Katie Parkhurst (847-658-2700 x 3311) if you would like to further discuss Algonquin's programs and support to this regional initiative.

Sincerely,

Tim Schloneger  
Village Manager