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April 29, 2010

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council  
Sean R. Stegall, City Manager

From: David Lawry, General Services Group Director  
Transportation and Mobility Working Group

Subject: Sustainable City Master Plan Semi-Annual Report

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Mayor and Members of the City Council with information regarding the Elgin Sustainable City Master Plan and the progress made by the Transportation and Mobility Working Group.

## **Group Membership**

The following individuals are members of the Transportation and Mobility Working Group: Steve Frerichs, Clarence Hayward, Richard Hirschberg, Chris Manheim\*, Omar Santos, Dennis Schwank (chair), Betty Skyles, Steve Wasilowski\* and Bill Werst.

\* Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee member

## **Goals**

Our primary goal has been to discover those transportation and mobility issues which impact sustainability; then to provide related proposals to the City of Elgin. In a nutshell, sustainable mobility relies on inter-dependent public transit and efficient routing and control of motor vehicles based upon and combined with well-planned and well-implemented infrastructure that supports safe and efficient movement of citizens, including pedestrians and bicycles.

A significant secondary goal is to pursue our primary goal in conjunction with other Sustainable Master Plan Working Groups whose goals and concerns overlap. These include particularly Economic Development and Urban Design. Connections to Green Building, Green Infrastructure and Alternative Energy also come into play.

## **Relevant Discussion Items**

Below is a list of significant items discussed since the previous report.

- We became aware that there are at least three other groups focused on many of the same concerns we have. This is good, yet it is not.
- We learned of the proposed sewer project which will construct a ‘bridge’ over the Fox River. We support efforts to include a pedestrian/bicycle path using that right-of-way.
- Two members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee joined our group—now there is communication between two groups with overlapping concerns.
- The birth/death/rebirth of a possible new Amtrak route with a stop in Elgin has our whole-hearted support.
- We discussed volunteer opportunities for the NIU conference and the May 8 event.
- The Economic Development Working Group met jointly with us in April. Thus begins our mutual attempt to work together.

### **Group Focus for the Upcoming Quarter**

In addition to continuing to reach out to other Working Groups (and non-SMP groups) with over-lapping concerns, we will ramp up our lobbying efforts for the Amtrak project. We will continue to support an inventory of Elgin’s sidewalks. We will reiterate our urging that the City pursue traffic signal coordination more aggressively.