Congratulations on taking the first steps to create an updated comprehensive Village-wide Master Bike and Active Transportation Plan. Regularly updating your bicycle plan is key to improving conditions for bicycling, adhering to evolving best practices and national standards, and institutionalizing processes for continual evaluation and improvement.

» Continue to expand the on-road bike network in Wilmette. Develop a design manual that meets current NACTO standards or adopt the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide. Ensure that your community follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume. Ensure that your 2015 Complete Streets ordinance is followed for all projects, and that compliance is tracked.

» Develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards to ensure that APBP-compliant bike parking is available at transit and key destinations.

» Encourage more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers and to seek recognition through the Bicycle Friendly Business program.

» Adopt a comprehensive road safety plan or a Vision Zero policy to create engineering, education, and enforcement strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Road diets, lane diets, and traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing safety.

» Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk. Increasing staff time, either by creating a position or changing the responsibilities of current staff, can have a positive impact on the ability of your community to execute bicycling and walking-related projects and programs.