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**DATE:** August 6, 2018

**MEMO TO:** Carol Calabresa, Chair  
Planning Committee

**FROM:** Randall L. Seebach  
Director of Planning and Land Preservation

**REQUEST:** Provide policy direction regarding a potential letter of support for the College of Lake County and Village of Grayslake Bike Share Program.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED:** Public Access and Connections; Leadership

**FINANCIAL DATA:** There is no financial impact at this time.

**BACKGROUND:** Forest Preserve District staff, along with the Lake County Division of Transportation, were recently invited by the College of Lake County (CLC) and the Village of Grayslake (Village) to participate in discussions regarding a potential bike share program in the Grayslake area. By providing rentable bike opportunities, residents will have an additional opportunity for convenient access to and from the college campus, Metra stations, Pace bus stations, Village destinations, Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve and regional trails such as the Millennium Trail, Casey Trail and Greenway and the Prairie Crossing Trail. It is anticipated that a bike share program will improve the quality of life for residents by reducing traffic congestion, reducing carbon emissions, allowing access to parks and regional trails, making daily commutes easier and providing an additional form of exercise.

To help offset the initial start-up costs, which are currently estimated at \$47,000.00, the Village and CLC have identified a funding assistance opportunity through the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). If approved, the RTA could provide funding for up to 80% of the start-up costs. CLC and the Village are serving as co-applicants on the grant application and have requested that the District provide a letter stating its support for the program. Staff recommends that the District provide a letter of support for the bike share program which will be included in the grant application.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel.