



# McHenry County

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## Division of Transportation

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Rakow Road

December 9, 2008

McHenry County Bicycle Advocates  
Mr. Eberhard Veit – President  
3502 S. Kilkenny Dr.  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Dear Mr. Veit:

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) has received your petition and letter regarding bicycle facilities on Rakow Road as well as your e-mail dated November 30, 2008 on the same subject. Below are responses to the questions listed in your e-mail:

1. Do you know who the new committee chairman will be or when that will be decided? The County Board Website does not show an update. – *The new appointments will likely be announced after the first of the year.*
2. Would it be possible to meet with one of you after the Dec. 17 meeting as I will be out at your offices anyway and it would save me a trip. – *(see answers below)*

I would like to discuss the following:

- 2.1 Rakow Road status of planning and status of petition (count is now over 300). Do you want me to submit again by mail or shall I bring them Dec. 17? – *The MCDOT has received your petition. If you would like to resubmit, you may mail it to the MCDOT.*
- 2.2 Walkup. As far as I can tell there is a good plan in place for that. Could you let me have a look at the current plan (a map would be most useful) and give me a quick update. – *The Walkup Road project currently scheduled for construction in 2010 consists of adding turn lanes to Walkup Road as well as adding a bike path on the east side of Walkup Road from Illinois Route 176 to Prairie Ridge High School. This project is being funded with a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant.*
- 2.3 What other road projects are in the planning, making or will be coming up for the future? What are the plans for non motorized traffic? *Please visit our website at [www.co.mchenry.il.us](http://www.co.mchenry.il.us) and go to the Division of Transportation's main webpage. There you may find our 5 Year Highway Improvement program which offers details about all of the upcoming MCDOT projects. The MCDOT works with each community as needed throughout the course of the project to address the needs of non motorized traffic.*

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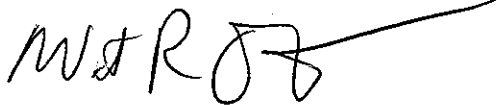
2.4 Randall, as it is the continuation of Rakow, what are the plans? *The MCDOT is currently undertaking a preliminary engineering study on Randall Road from Ackman Road to County Line Road. For additional information, please visit the project website at [www.randallroad.info](http://www.randallroad.info).*

3. If the above does not work for either of you please make an alternate suggestion for this year at any day of the week and any time of the day and I will try to make the meeting. Please give me 2 of 3 options. If I am in town I will come but I still have some travels coming up this year. *Please review the answers provided above, if you still desire a meeting on specific issues we can discuss at that time.*

4. When can I expect an answer to the letter that accompanied the petitions? – *The MCDOT will re-evaluate bicycle accommodations (including they types of suggestions made in your letter) during the Phase II design process, which is anticipated to begin later this winter. Your concerns will then be addressed at that time.*

The MCDOT thanks you for your concerns regarding bicycle facilities on Rakow Road.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W.R. Dittrich', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Walter R. Dittrich, P.E.  
Design Manager

c: Joseph Korpalski - MCDOT