



WORKING SESSION MINUTES

MEETING SUBJECT: Elgin O'Hare Western Access Local Advisory Committee #11 RECORDER: Libby Braband

MEETING DATE & TIME: February 10, 2014 at 6:30 pm PREPARATION DATE: April 1, 2014

MEETING LOCATION: Elk Grove Village Hall

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The eleventh meeting of the Elgin O'Hare –Western Access Project Local Advisory Committee (LAC) was held at the Elk Grove Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2014. Rodney Craig called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with those present being:

Henry Wesseler	Paul Koch	Nunzio Pulice
Michael Zonsius	Paul DeMichele	James Petri
June Johnson	Ron Lunt	Brian Smith
Sharon Eckart	Len Maniscalco	
Mariann Gullo	Derek Peebles	

With the required number of members present, a quorum was established.

The minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved. There was no old business to discuss and no public comment was offered.

The project team provided an updated project status including design and construction status and the potential 2014 construction opportunities. A funding status update was also provided. Michael Zonsius requested that the project team provide a more detailed summary of the project budget versus cost status at future meetings. The team summarized the aesthetic coordination that is ongoing and listed recent and upcoming outreach events. An update on land acquisition activities was also provided.

In regards to design and construction status, the team noted that twenty-four contracts are currently approved to provide design and construction management services and three additional engineering contracts are pending approval. It was also stated that the Concept Design Plans have been completed and that Final Design Plans are under development for the Illinois 390 corridor, the Elmhurst Road Interchange on I-90, the Taft Avenue area, and the North Avenue/Lake Street/County Line Road Interchange area on I-294. Land acquisition is ongoing for areas planned for construction between 2013 and 2015, as well as for advance acquisition areas along portions of the Western Access corridor. Previously awarded and anticipated 2014 construction opportunities were highlighted, including twelve (12) roadway construction contracts, one all-electronic tolling/ITS integration contract, and one wetland mitigation contract. The Illinois Tollway noted local contractors are already involved in the EOWA and noted continued opportunities moving forward.

The opening of the Project Construction Office in Wood Dale, IL, in early 2014 was also discussed. The purpose of the office is to allow residents to pick up general information about the project and to make appointments to meet with engineering staff to ask questions and obtain more detailed information.

A summary was provided of the funding status. There is positive momentum in closing the \$300 million funding gap. DuPage County has committed to in-kind donations of land along Thorndale Avenue and other commitments, estimated at \$25 million. Cook County, Franklin Park, and Northlake have offered design services for elements of the EOWA project as in-kind donations. The project is expected to receive Federal funding, with the CMAQ application approved, granting \$69 million. Land and other in-kind donation opportunities are still being identified and pursued.

The information discussed at the Mayors' Aesthetic Workshop, which met on January 24, 2014, was reviewed. The workshop primarily addressed the aesthetics of the proposed project. The project team summarized the information presented and outcomes of the Mayors' Aesthetics Workshop, as well as aesthetic treatments which the Tollway has committed as part of the project baseline. These treatments include:

- New bridges treated with prairie style rustication formliner detail
- Existing bridges improved (cleaned)
- Mechanically attached corridor identifier on local bridges over Tollway
- Ashlar stone pattern on noisewalls
- Limestone block and decorative leaf patterns on retaining walls
- Black traffic signal equipment
- Bicycle/pedestrian accommodations
 - Bridges sized to accommodate multi-modal uses
 - Grading at identified potential locations, where feasible
- Installation of LED underpass lighting (if requested by Municipality)
- Enhanced tree replacement policy along corridor

The project team then described the range of upgrade options including roadway upgrade elements, access control fencing, signage upgrades, structural upgrades and landscape upgrades. Generally, counties/local agencies will be responsible for maintenance/ownership of aesthetic improvements and the direct or incremental construction costs and maintenance of any requested aesthetic upgrade would be the responsibility of the requesting party. The project team highlighted the areas where locally-funded aesthetic upgrades are currently committed or under consideration, and described the general implementation plan for aesthetic and landscaping treatments along the corridor.

DuPage County discussed planned efforts to coordinate aesthetic upgrade priorities moving forward. In addition, the project team will develop a series of aesthetic design guidelines that will guide implementation as we move forward through design and construction.

Information regarding upcoming project events and outreach schedule was presented at the meeting. The following are the dates and locations of the upcoming events:

- March 11, 2014 – Open House – Village of Bensenville (Village Hall)
- March 12, 2014 – Open House – Wood Dale Junior High
- April – I-90/Elmhurst Road Interchange outreach

The team also discussed outreach to businesses related to upcoming construction activities along the Illinois 390 corridor east of I-290. Targeted outreach with businesses in Bensenville was conducted in February, and outreach to businesses in Wood Dale is planned for early Spring 2014.

The meeting concluded with a general reminder of the next group meeting scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2014. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Libby Braband, CH2M Hill for the LAC

Action Items: Next Meeting: Monday, April 14, 2014