



**WORKING SESSION MINUTES**

MEETING SUBJECT: Elgin O'Hare Western Access Local Advisory Committee #12 RECORDER: Carla Mykytiuk

MEETING DATE & TIME: April 14, 2014 at 6:30 pm PREPARATION DATE: April 18, 2014

MEETING LOCATION: Itasca Village Hall

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The twelfth meeting of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project Local Advisory Committee (LAC) was held at the Itasca Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2014. Rodney Craig called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with those present being:

Michael Zonsius	Ron Lunt	Brian Smith
Sharon Eckhart	Nunzio Pulice	Rod Craig
Paul DeMichele	James Petri	Nellie Beckner
		John Loper

A quorum was not established because the committee was two short of the required number of committee members.

The minutes from the previous meeting were unable to be approved due to the lack of a quorum. Michael Zonsius requested that the discussion of budget status reporting be included in the February meeting minutes before being presented for approval at the next LAC meeting.

In regards to new business, Paul DeMichele introduced Chuck Russo of the Bensenville Chamber of Commerce.

In regards to public comment, residents of Itasca raised concern regarding noise impacts and options for adding noise walls or aesthetic or landscaping features. Lidia Pilecky indicated that noise impacts were studied in detail as part of the projects' Environmental Impact Statement, but that the project team is available to meet with concerned residents to address questions and to discuss potential aesthetic and landscaping features.

Rocco Zucchero informed the Committee that the EOWA Financial Plan is currently being finalized, and after approval will be updated on an annual basis. It was suggested and agreed that the project team will present a summary of the Financial Plan once it is finalized, and thereafter provide the Committee updates following the annual update process.

The project team provided an updated project status. Topics included design and construction status, land acquisition, project outreach, and funding.

Regarding design status, design is progressing or already completed along the Illinois Route 390 corridor and at the I-90 at Elmhurst Road interchange, with design for early portions of the Western Bypass corridor scheduled to start this year. As of the meeting thirteen construction contracts have been awarded.

The construction implementation timeline and operations were discussed. Pete Stukas provided a construction update. Early work includes construction of noisewalls west of I-290, roadway widening and rehabilitation between Roselle Road and Meacham Road, construction of the Rohlwing Road overpass, and work in the vicinity of the I-290 interchange. The construction activities will be more extensive and follow an aggressive schedule in 2014 and beyond, with extensive construction activities near I-290. Work hours are typically during the daytime Monday through Friday, with occasional Saturdays scheduled. Night hours are not typical, however will be required at certain locations and times such as to allow beam placement and if lane closures are required.

Regarding public outreach, the recent focus has been to share information in areas with ongoing or upcoming construction. This includes the villages of Itasca, Roselle and Elk Grove Village. There will also be targeted outreach with businesses in Wood Dale, at community request, beginning in the spring and summer months. Additional outreach events are planned in the coming months in Wood Dale and Itasca to alert adjacent business owners and residents regarding upcoming construction activities. In addition to outreach meetings, the project team has been delivered fliers to homes in residential areas describing upcoming construction activities. Residents and those impacted by construction can also visit the construction project office, either dropping in or scheduling an appointment. Also, area motorists will be informed of changes in traffic patterns a week ahead of time with traffic warning signs. A press release will also be distributed for any construction causing major traffic impacts. Once a change has been implemented the traffic sign will remain with changing messages.

The effectiveness of open houses and current public involvement techniques were discussed and reviewed. The group was invited to the upcoming I-90 at Elmhurst Road Interchange (DDI) Area Open House on May 1, 2014, The Open House will take place at the Holiday Inn Elk Grove. It was noted and agreed that coordination with emergency services will be necessary as the project moves forward.

A recap of the projects funding and continuing efforts to secure \$300 million in funding from other sources was presented, including an overview of the \$111 million in funding and in-kind contributions secured to date. John Loper then provided a brief update on the recent federal TIGER funding grant applications. Rodney Craig noted that the positive momentum in securing needed funding was attributed to collaboration among the agencies.

Ongoing land acquisition efforts were presented. Right-of-way acquisition is focused on areas required for 2013 to 2015 construction (Illinois Route 390/Thorndale Ave corridor, I-90/Elmhurst Road Interchange, Taft Avenue) as well in select advanced right-of-way acquisition areas along the West Bypass corridor and at the I-294 at North Avenue interchange.

CMAA led a presentation and discussion on the sub regional analysis of the freight and manufacturing clusters in the O'Hare Airport area and the relationship to future development opportunities. The presentation provided an overview of local influences on the success of the freight and manufacturing

cluster in the O'Hare subregion including workforce trends, infrastructure networks, planning initiatives & land use trends.

Closing comments were made. Choose DuPage's mission and support for the project was discussed. It was suggested and agreed that they will be invited to speak at the next LAC meeting. Also, it was requested and agreed that a status update on tolling will be presented at the next meeting, and that details will be shared with the LAC when available.

Chairman Craig indicated there was no need for an executive session. The meeting concluded with a general reminder of the next LAC meeting scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2014 at the Courtyard Chicago Wood Dale/Itasca, and a suggestion that the next meeting agenda include Choose DuPage and tolling. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:13 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Carla Mykytiuk, CH2M Hill for the LAC

**Action Items:** Next Meeting: Monday, June 9, 2014

Maps with pin #s were requested by the Bensenville Chamber of Commerce

Provide decorative rail handout.