



## WORKING SESSION MINUTES

MEETING SUBJECT: Elgin O'Hare Western Access Local Advisory Committee #13 RECORDER: Carla Mykytiuk

MEETING DATE & TIME: June 9, 2014 at 6:30 pm PREPARATION DATE: June 16, 2014

MEETING LOCATION: Courtyard Chicago Wood Dale/Itasca

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The thirteenth meeting of the Elgin O'Hare –Western Access Project Local Advisory Committee (LAC) was held at the Courtyard Chicago Wood Dale/Itasca at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2014. Rodney Craig called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with those present being:

Len Maniscalco  
Karyn Robles  
Derek Peebles  
Michael Zonsius

Sharon Eckhart  
Paul DeMichele  
Ron Lunt  
John Schneider

James Petri  
Brian Smith  
Rod Craig  
Nellie Beckner  
Robert (Bud) Phillips

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

The minutes from the February and April meetings were unanimously approved. The February meeting had not been previously approved, due to a lack of a quorum at the April meeting. There was no old business to discuss.

New LAC members, Bud Phillips of Maine Township and Karyn Robles of the Village of Schaumburg, were then introduced. The role and focus of LAC was then reviewed briefly.

The floor was open for public comment. Diane Hunter, a resident from Itasca, inquired about the status of the noise wall study along Illinois Route 390 in the vicinity of Arlington Heights Road to Prospect Avenue. Lidia Pilecky said the study was on track and renderings would be completed in the coming weeks.

The floor was then opened to hear from LAC members regarding their thoughts on how project implementation was progressing. Topics of discussion were construction operations and traffic flow, right-of-way acquisition, design features, and development opportunities and trends. Members noted that construction-related information is being shared effectively with communities and motorists, and that the Tollway team has been responsive to issues encountered during construction.

A brief project status update was then presented:

**Design Status.** In the project area on Illinois Route 390 from US 20 to Meacham Road/Medinah Road final design has been completed for major contracts. In the section of Illinois Route 390 from Meacham Road/Medinah Road to Prospect Avenue final design near I-290 will be completed by late 2014/early 2015 and at Elmhurst by late 2014. In the section of Illinois Route 390 from Prospect Avenue to Western Access and Illinois Route 19 final design has been initiated and will continue midway through 2016.

**Land Acquisition.** Ongoing acquisition efforts include right-of-way required for 2014 to 2015 construction (Illinois Route 390/Thorndale Avenue Corridor, I-90/Elmhurst Road Interchange, and Taft Avenue), as well as, advanced right-of-way acquisition along select portions of the West Bypass corridor.

**Construction Implementation Timeline/Status.** An overview of construction status was provided, and questions/issues from LAC members regarding individual construction contracts were discussed. The construction timeline was briefly reviewed, noting that the timeline is generally consistent with prior status reports.

The question "What triggers tolling" was asked. Rocco Zucchero responded that the Tollway Board's official *Move Illinois* program resolution affirms that no tolls would be implemented prior to 2015. The Tollway's goal is to deliver benefits before tolling and is still developing business rules on how to treat all customers on the new all-electronic tolling system. The goal is to treat tollway users as customers as opposed to "violinator". He suggested that rates and business rules would need to be evaluated and approved by the Tollway Board of Directors.

**Business and Residential Outreach.** The Tollway design team has continued community outreach efforts related to the design and construction of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (EOWA) project. Since the last LAC meeting the following outreach has occurred: Wood Dale business owners, Village of Roselle Board, Village of Itasca Board, and local agency staff meetings. Upcoming coordination efforts include meetings with Village of Itasca residents (related to the temporary closure of Park Boulevard in August), and with the Village of Bensenville business community and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). LAC members were asked for their input on additional stakeholder groups and meetings to be scheduled in the upcoming months.

Choose DuPage, a DuPage County group designed to support local municipal economic development and to grow business provided a presentation to the LAC. Choose DuPage's goal is to establish the Western Access Corridor as a premier site for businesses to locate due to accessibility to O'Hare Airport and other regional resources that benefit the business community. They presented an integrated marketing plan to notify potential targets that this project is happening now and its benefits.

The meeting concluded with a review of next steps and a general reminder of the next LAC meeting scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2014, with location to be determined at a later date. Potential topics/presenters for the next meeting included PACE or RTA to discuss transit planning for the area. It was suggested that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) would be good to talk about specific programs available for economic development. Paul DiMichelle suggested that a topic covering the relocation program and explaining relocation expenses would be helpful. Rocco Zucchero said that the relocation plan specific to Bensenville was being developed and that he could potentially report results at the next meeting. He further noted that the City of Bensenville is sponsoring a joint meeting with representatives of the Tollway and DCEO which will focus on the business community and in particular those business that are affected by the project.

No executive session was called. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

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

**Action Items:** Next Meeting: Monday, August 11, 2014

Schedule a site tour. The site tour should be approximately 1.5 hours. The decision was made to have the site tour in advance of the next LAC meeting rather than in lieu of to avoid losing an opportunity for the LAC to convene.