



WORKING SESSION MINUTES

MEETING SUBJECT: Elgin O'Hare Western Access Local Advisory Committee #14 RECORDER: Carla Mykytiuk

MEETING DATE & TIME: August 11, 2014 at 6:30 pm PREPARATION DATE: August 13, 2014

MEETING LOCATION: Itasca Village Hall

ISSUE STATUS: Draft for Review Final

ATTENDEE NAME	ORGANIZATION	E-MAIL
Brian Smith	Roselle Planning Comm	
Carla Mykytiuk	CH2M HILL	
Derek Peebles	Des Plaines	
Erik Llewellyn	Senior Planner	
John Loper	DuPage County	
John Schneider	Village of Franklin Park	
John Yonan	Cook County	
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The fourteenth 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, August 11, 2014. Rodney Craig called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with those present being:

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| Len Maniscalco | Sharon Eckart | Rod Craig | John Loper |
| Karyn Robles | Paul DeMichele | Nellie Beckner | Shirlanne Lemm |
| Derek Peebles | Mark Hamilton | Paul Koch | Scott Kegarise |
| Michael Zonsius | Brian Smith | Nunzio Pulice | John Schneider |
| | | John Yonan | |

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

The minutes from the April and June meetings were unanimously approved. There was no old business to discuss.

Several residents of Florida Lane in Elk Grove Village were in attendance. They were concerned by the survey lines that had been placed near their property and asked whether it meant additional land would need to be acquired by the EOWA Project. Pete Stukas said that he thought it was just to confirm lot lines and that no additional land was being acquired in that area. He agreed to confirm that information and follow-up with the residents.

New LAC members, Shirianne Lemm of Elk Grove Township and Scott Kegaris of Schaumburg Township, were introduced. Mark Hamilton, substituting for Ron Lunt, from the Village of Itasca was also presented.

It was announced that there were still vacant LAC Membership positions for the City of Des Plaines and Leyden Township. Suggestions and assistance were encouraged to get positions filled to get full representation.

LAC Members then gave feedback on local issues and provided insight into what they were hearing from members of their communities.

- One issue presented was that drivers were confused by changing lane configurations at Rohlwing Road and Thorndale Avenue. It was suggested that additional signage should be added.
- It was also stated that there was dust on the road on the south side of Rohlwing Road. It was noted that there was awareness of this issue, it was being monitored daily, and that water trucks were being used to control and contain the dust.

Lidia Pilecky reminded the group that a priority for the project team was to continue to solicit feedback through the LAC as community/stakeholder representatives.

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 at I-90 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.

Two wrap-up contracts are pending in the west section (IL 390: US 20 to Rohlwing Road). One contract will include additional improvements to existing bridges and select guardrail and barrier wall sections, and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2015. In addition, a wrap-up landscape contract which will include tree planting and other landscaping improvements is scheduled to be completed in 2016.

Land Acquisition. Ongoing acquisition efforts include remaining land acquisition for the IL 390 corridor, the I-90/Elmhurst Road Interchange, and Taft Avenue. Efforts also include advance land acquisition along the north-south corridor at O'Hare International Airport, Canadian Pacific Railroad, Franklin Park early drainage, the I-294/North Avenue Interchange, and other advance ROW acquisition in various portions of the West Bypass corridor.

Lidia Pilecky also reviewed the Tollway's land acquisition process. The overall acquisition process should take 15 to 18 months, however, complex relocations may exceed this timeframe. Discussion concerning land acquisition, particularly in Bensenville followed. An LAC member asked about relocation assistance subsidies that are available and how to encourage businesses to stay in the community their land was acquired in to mitigate the impacts to the tax base suffered by the community. Rocco Zucchero said that impacted businesses should be working with a counselor provided by the Tollway as part of the relocation program. He said that typically, the Tollway covers moving expenses, relocation costs and acquisition expenses for displaced businesses. The Tollway relocation assistance specialists do encourage property owners to consider relocation options in the community where they currently reside. Rocco also gave a quick summary of the recently held Bensenville Connects to Businesses Meeting hosted by the Village of Bensenville and included representatives of the Tollway, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the Illinois Department of Transportation. All Bensenville businesses being relocated were specifically invited, though it was open to the entire business community. Tax incentives and

employment incentives available to businesses remaining in the community were explained by DCEO representatives. Staff from each agency was also on hand to address specific questions from attendees before and after the presentations.

Construction Implementation Timeline/Status. An overview of construction status was provided and the construction timeline was briefly reviewed, noting that the timeline is generally consistent with prior status reports. Three new construction contracts were presented. The question was asked if a toll rate has been determined. Rocco Zucchero said the Tollway Board was still determining the business rules associated with tolling, including the rates to be charged at each of the gantry locations. They would determine the rates for the entire system at the same time. Rocco mentioned that a focus group meeting had been held that discussed signage concerning tolling. The question was asked if tolls would be collected by the end of 2015. Rocco said that was also to be determined by the Board, but that the general goal is that tolling would not be implemented until construction of a usable segment is substantially complete and open to commuters.

Business and Residential Outreach. Updates were provided on events since the last LAC meeting. Meetings were held with Itasca property owners affected by Park Boulevard closures and project staff participated in the Bensenville Connects to Businesses Meeting as previously discussed. Upcoming outreach will include a Roselle homeowners association located along the north side of Illinois Route 390.

John Loper of Dupage County provided an update to the committee. He discussed the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), and described the application process. He said that three firms had been shortlisted to provide design services. He also presented information about potential corridor-wide aesthetic enhancements, and related collaboration with the communities. John also said that candidate projects to submit for additional Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding were being considered. The current TIGER Grant application was also reviewed and goal and objectives for the next cycle were presented.

Erik Llewellyn, Senior Planner for Pace Suburban Bus Service (Pace) shared with the LAC how the EOWA Project fits into Pace's long term planning and potential bus rapid transit (BRT) or express bus service in corridor.

Pace recently initiated the Cook DuPage Area Rapid Transit Investment Plan Project in an effort to develop an incremental transit investment plan that restructures existing Pace local bus services that develop transit markets and support expressway and arterial rapid transit features. The primary focus of the current project is to bring together the numerous existing studies for the Cermak Road/22nd Street, Elgin-O'Hare, and J Route corridors and to identify a preferred strategy for implementing rapid transit in the western Cook and DuPage County area.

A Stakeholder Involvement Group (SIG) has been established to help Pace align the previous studies and identify locally preferred implementation strategies. The SIG group is made up of representatives from various state, regional, county and municipal entities in the western Cook and DuPage County area.

The final deliverable of this project is an action plan that will be used by Pace to implement projects such as transit service along Illinois Route 390 between Hanover Park and O'Hare International Airport.

Pace is also in the planning stages of the I-90 Market Expansion Project. This project is a long-term comprehensive solution to address the region's growing congestion and air quality concerns. The project is intended to improve connections, reliability, and travel options for both traditional and reverse commuters. The project's new and expanded routes will travel primarily along the I-90 Jane Addams Memorial Tollway, between Elgin and Rosemont. However, Pace will also be introducing two new distributor services that will connect with local Pace bus routes as well as the new I-90 Express routes that will serve Schaumburg. One of the new distributor routes will travel between Schaumburg, Roselle and Addison and will provide a valuable transit connection between Cook and DuPage Counties. Pace is expected to begin the roll-out of this service expansion project in early 2017.

The meeting concluded with a review of next steps and a general reminder of the next LAC meeting scheduled for October 6, 2014 at the Courtyard Marriott, Wood Dale. Potential topics/presenters for the

next meeting included sustainability, construction protocol/winter wrap-up and projects out for bid/letting dates.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

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

Action Items: Next Meeting: October 6, 2014 to accommodate Columbus Day holiday.
Reschedule a site tour. The site tour will last approximately 1.5 hours. Those originally signed up for the August 11 date will be given priority for spaces.