



WORKING SESSION MINUTES

MEETING SUBJECT: Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project
Local Advisory Committee #23 RECORDER: Carla Mykytiuk

MEETING DATE & TIME: June 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm PREPARATION DATE: July 15, 2016

MEETING LOCATION: Bensenville Police Department, Community Room

ISSUE STATUS: Draft for Review Final

ATTENDEE NAME	ORGANIZATION
Manar Nashif	Illinois Tollway
Rocco Zucchero	Illinois Tollway
Kevin Donahue	Illinois Tollway
Lidia Pilecky	CH2M HILL
Carla Mykytiuk	CH2M HILL
Rodney Craig	Hanover Park (LAC Chair)
Derek Peebles	Des Plaines
Paul Koch	Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce
Paul O'Connor	Hamilton Partners
Paul DeMichele	Bensenville Chamber of Commerce
Scott Kegarise	Schaumburg Township
Karyn Robles	Schaumburg
Nellie Beckner	Mount Prospect
Mariann Gullo	Elk Grove Village
Eric Richard	Franklin Park
John Loper	DuPage County
John Yonan	Cook County
Maggie Jablonski	Elk Grove Village
Scott Viger	Village of Bensenville
Len Maniscalco	Bensenville Chamber of Commerce
Scott Marquardt	HR Green
James Petri	Elk Grove Village
Chuck Rizzo	Bensenville Chamber of Commerce
Bob Gill	Astroblast
Joanne Gil	Astroblast

The twenty-third meeting of the Elgin O'Hare–Western Access Project Local Advisory Committee (LAC) was held at the Bensenville Police Department Community Room at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2016. Mayor Rodney Craig, LAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with those present being:

Rodney Craig	Mariann Gullo
Paul O'Connor	Nellie Beckner
Derek Peebles	Len Maniscalco
Paul Koch	John Loper
Scott Kegarise	John Yonan
Paul DeMichele	Brian Smith
Karyn Robles	James Petri
Eric Richard	

With the required number of members present, a quorum was established; the minutes from the March 2016 meeting were unanimously approved with no discussion. There was no old business to discuss. No public comment was received.

Feedback on Local Issues

LAC Member Scott Kegarise mentioned ongoing community discussions with COMED regarding planned transmission lines. Discussions are ongoing regarding putting the lines underground; but this would affect taxes in the affected communities. Mayor Rodney Craig referred to Illinois Route 390 as “their Lake Shore Drive” and asked the LAC members to stand together to work with COMED to put the lines underground.

Design and Construction Status

With construction of the Illinois Route 390 corridor underway, the Tollway plans to initiate design for portions of the Western Access corridor by the end of 2016.

Construction of the I-90/Elmhurst Road Interchange will be completed by the end of 2016. Construction of the west end of the Illinois Route 390 corridor is substantially complete. The Village of Schaumburg’s associated improvements to the existing frontage road between Springinguth Road and Wright Boulevard will be substantially complete by the end of June 2016.

Contract Update and Construction Timeline

Since 2012, thirty-seven engineering contracts totaling \$306 million and thirty-eight construction contracts totaling \$641 million have been awarded.

For the remainder of 2016, construction work will focus on Illinois Route 390 between I-290 and York Road. Highlights of the EOWA construction timeline including upcoming major construction in 2016 were reviewed.

- Construction of a wrap-up landscaping contract for the Lake Street to Rohlwing Road project segment is ongoing. This contract includes planting of trees, shrubs, and evergreens along Illinois Route 390 from US 20 to IL 53.
- The ramp from Illinois Route 53 to eastbound Illinois Route 390 will be completed in 2017.
- Construction of the second segment – the extension of Illinois Route 390 from Rohlwing Road to Illinois Route 83 – is ongoing and scheduled for completion by the end of 2017.
- Construction of the Illinois Route 390 at I-290 Interchange is ongoing with completion scheduled for 2017.
- A major milestone in late summer 2016 will be the movement of traffic off of existing Thorndale Avenue onto the new frontage road system..
- Construction of the west half of the Wood Dale Road Bridge over Illinois Route 390 is underway; traffic is shifted to the east.
- Construction of the I-90 at Elmhurst Road interchange is ongoing and scheduled for completion at the end of 2016. The new bridge is being built where the existing was located.
- Trees have been removed near O’Hare Airport in preparation for advanced work west of York Road to facilitate construction of the Illinois Route 390 and Western Access corridor interchange.

Karyn Robles/Schaumburg asked if an agreement has been reached between the Tollway and City of Chicago for acquisition of the City owned land required for the EOWA Project. Rocco Zuccherro/Tollway said that the Tollway is in general agreement with the city and is hopeful the agreements will be completed soon.

Scott Kegarise/Schaumburg Township asked if the lanes would be modified at the Meacham Road intersection with Illinois Route 390. He mentioned that drivers are speeding at this location. Manar Nashif/Tollway noted this is still in a temporary configuration.

Paul O’Connor/Hamilton Partners asked when the segment between Prospect Avenue and Ketter Drive would be complete. Manar Nashif/Tollway indicated that the Westbound Illinois Route 390 roadway between Hamilton Lakes Drive and Prospect Avenue and westbound frontage road between Arlington Heights Road and Prospect Avenue is currently under construction. Portions of the roadway will be opened in Summer 2016 when traffic is shifted off of portions of Thorndale Avenue.

Paul DeMichele/Bensenville Chamber of Commerce asked if the location of the permanent maintenance facility had been identified. Rocco Zuccherro/Tollway said that the Tollway would be utilizing IDOT’s facility on Biesterfield Road until a permanent location is identified.

Business and Community Outreach

There have been 6 local coordination meetings since the last LAC meeting in addition to a community-wide

distribution of tolling outreach materials. Upcoming meetings include GOA Regional Business Association, a Mayors' Meeting, a Town Hall meeting in Roselle sponsored by Representative Mussman and a presentation to the Lions Club of Itasca. A video of the Bensenville Businesses meeting held on May 5 is available on Bensenville's website (<http://www.bensenville.il.us/index.aspx?nid=809>).

Tolling Outreach

Rocco Zucchero thanked the group for suggesting the mobile I-PASS kiosk idea and said that the Tollway is willing to come out to locations and events. So far, the Tollway has brought the kiosk to several locations and it has been well received.

Rocco said that 6 more variable message signs displaying toll rates would be added to the roadway.

He then reviewed the payment options for Illinois Tollway customers. Rocco mentioned that fines for unpaid tolls are reduced for the Illinois Route 390 corridor and this is the first time that the Tollway is providing a discount for trucks during off-peak and overnight hours.

The new functionality of license plate searches to determine which toll you've missed will be coming online soon.

The new Illinois Route 390 Tollway Video was shown. The video can be linked from YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxU7qvOINDM>).

Regarding digital and print tolling outreach materials, Cindy Klima/Tollway asked the group for suggestions on useful materials and said the Tollway is willing to accommodate/customize materials to meet the needs of the communities.

Paul DeMichele asked if surface transportation/transit would be provided on Illinois Route 390. Rocco said the Tollway is coordinating with Pace. Paul asked if buses would use existing pavement. Manar Nashif/Tollway said that the inside shoulders can accommodate buses.

Cindy Klima/Tollway told the LAC that Tollway will continue their tolling outreach campaign after the July 5th tolling start. In July and August the focus will be on customer service and with assisting customers who don't have an I-PASS.

Rocco summarized the Tolling Outreach discussion by noting that I-PASS is currently accepted and interoperable with tollways in 15 states and across 26 tolling agencies. He said that MAP-21, the federal transportation funding legislation urges interoperability across the U.S. Eventually, tollways in Florida, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina and Washington will also be on a platform that can be used by I-PASS customers.

Cook and DuPage County Update

John Yonan/Cook County and John Loper/DuPage County provided an update on federal funding opportunities for the EOWA Project, including the County's continuing discussions with the USDOT. John Loper said that the next ITEP grant applications are due mid-June. DuPage County would be pursuing funding for landscaping and other aesthetic improvements for the I-290 to York Road section of the Illinois Route 390 corridor.

Mayor Craig/Hanover Park asked for an update on the CP Railroad. Rocco Zucchero/Tollway said that the Tollway had been to court several times since the last LAC meeting, but that there had been no progress and no updates. He pointed out that tonight's meeting location in Bensenville is adjacent to the planned EOWA project location near CP's Bensenville Yard. In response to additional questions from the LAC, Rocco indicated that the planned location of the Western Access corridor was selected in 2009 as part of the projects' planning study. The CP Railroad, other involved stakeholders, community officials, and the public provided input of the selected corridor location.

Paul DiMichelle asked how the Bensenville police station was avoided. Rocco responded that the station was built a year ago in a location that would not conflict with the planned EOWA project location.

An LAC member asked what Plan B is. Rocco said that the Tollway is continuing to move forward with Plan A, and delivering distinct elements of the EOWA project in phases.

Rocco mentioned that municipalities are continuing to provide the Tollway with letters of support for the EOWA project. A sample letter of support was sent to the LAC mailing list on June 7, 2016.

Frontage Road Update

Lidia Pilecky/CH2M gave an overview of the changes that would be coming with the shift of traffic off the mainline/IL 390 and onto the new frontage road system. The shift will enable continuing construction of the new tollroad and is anticipated to begin in phases beginning in August. The traffic pattern utilizing the frontage road system will be in place until the completion of the second tollable segment at the end of 2017.

Lidia told the LAC that the Tollway would be providing more detailed information for drivers in advance of the traffic shifts later this summer.

John Loper/DuPage County asked if there will be traffic control to maintain continuity from Arlington Heights Road to Supreme Drive. Lidia said that traffic flow and signal timing are a part of the construction contracts. Pete Stukas/V3 said that a combination of permanent and temporary traffic control devices would be in place to direct and control traffic.

Lidia Pilecky said that the Tollway is committed to get to Illinois 83 by the end of 2017, and to Illinois Route 19 by the end of 2019.

Next Steps/Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2016. Scott Marquardt offered to check with the Village of Itasca to see if the meeting could be held at the Itasca Village Hall.

The main topic of the meeting will be a presentation by Pace regarding opportunities for transit along the IL 390 corridor.

Scott Marquardt asked if the issue with frontage road naming regarding the current use of E. and W. was being addressed. The use of E. and W. will be determined by the affected municipalities in advance of the opening of the frontage roads in their final configuration at the end of 2017.

Manar Nashif gave a brief update of the upcoming weekend construction, including potential traffic impacts due to placement of girders over I-290 for the new EB I-290 to EB IL 390 flyover ramp bridge. He said that press releases would include the details. He also mentioned that the traffic shift on Wood Dale Road was in place and that construction was advancing, with the west half already complete.

Rocco Zuccherro reminded the group about the request for letters of support from members of the NW Municipal Conference.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m. with no public comment or executive session.
Minutes taken by: Carla Mykytiuk, CH2M for the LAC.

Action Items: The next meeting will take place on August 8, 2016 at Itasca Village Hall.
Rocco Zuccherro to send draft letter of support.