



WORKING SESSION MINUTES

MEETING SUBJECT: Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project Local Advisory Committee #24 RECORDER: Carla Mykytiuk

MEETING DATE & TIME: August 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm PREPARATION DATE: Sept. 6, 2016

MEETING LOCATION: Itasca Village Hall

ISSUE STATUS: Draft for Review Final

ATTENDEE NAME	ORGANIZATION
Manar Nashif	Illinois Tollway
Rocco Zucchero	Illinois Tollway
Lidia Pilecky	CH2M HILL
Carla Mykytiuk	CH2M HILL
Pete Stukas	V3
Rodney Craig	Hanover Park (LAC Chair)
Nunzio Pulice	Wood Dale
Mark Hamilton	Hamilton Partners
Paul DeMichele	Bensenville Chamber of Commerce
Karyn Robles	Schaumburg
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
Evan Teich	Itasca
Lorraine Snorden	Pace
Erik Llewellyn	Pace
Maggie Daly Skogsbakken	Pace
Lucille Zucchero	Addison
Jeffrey Sangillo	CDM Smith
Stephen Goodreau	CDM Smith
Abby Ferguson	Metro Strategies
Tammy Wierciak	Metro Strategies
William Loftus	Village of Rosemont
Joe McDermot	Village of Addison
Leif Anderson	Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth's Office

The twenty-fourth meeting of the Elgin O'Hare–Western Access Project Local Advisory Committee (LAC) was held at the Itasca Village Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2016. Mayor Rodney Craig, LAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed Pace to the Tollway's Local Advisory Committee (LAC) meeting. Pace kicked off Local Advisory Meeting #1 for the Pace Illinois Route 390 Tollway Corridor Planning Study. The minutes from the Pace portion of the meeting were provided under separate cover on

August 30, 2016.

At the conclusion of the Pace portion of the meeting at approximately 6:40 p.m., Mayor Craig began roll call with those present being:

Rodney Craig
Nunzio Pulice
Mark Hamilton
Paul DeMichele

Karyn Robles
Len Maniscalco
John Loper
John Yonan

Without the required number of members present, a quorum was not established; the minutes from the June 2016 meeting were therefore not approved and will be revisited at the October 2016 meeting. There was no old business to discuss. No public comment was received.

Feedback on Local Issues

LAC Member Nunzio Pulice of Wood Dale asked if the Tollway's actual toll collections are consistent with projections. Rocco Zucchero of the Tollway said that they were and they were seeing more commercial traffic than expected. Mayor Pulice asked when the last traffic signal would be removed near I-290. Manar Nashif of the Tollway said the signal is anticipated to be removed in spring of 2017. Mark Hamilton of Hamilton Lakes Business Park mentioned that regarding truck traffic staying on Illinois Route 390 Tollway, they are seeing more traffic from Hamilton Lakes turning left onto Devon Avenue to avoid paying tolls. Maggie Jablonski of Elk Grove Village said that the Village has been seeing more traffic on Biesterfield since construction started. LAC member Karyn Robles/Schaumburg said that people have been asking if traffic counts are available. Rocco said that the Tollway has been monitoring traffic on Irving Park Road, Wise Road and Lake Street (US 20), including pre-construction numbers from 2013, pre-tolling numbers and numbers since tolling started. But, since tolling started during the summer travel season and since construction is still ongoing in the vicinity of the I-290 interchange, the Tollway expects it will take some more time for traffic patterns to normalize. Rocco asked if the Village (Schaumburg) was getting complaints. Karyn Robles said that people think there is more traffic on local roads. Evan Teich of the Village of Itasca said that it's hard to assess travel patterns now because Irving Park Road is under construction at York Road. He mentioned that IDOT will also be resurfacing a portion of Irving Park Road within the Village of Itasca in the fall.

Design and Construction Status

Toll collection began on the western segment of IL 390 from IL 53 to Lake Street on July 5. Rocco Zucchero/Tollway mentioned that current travel time on IL 390 from Lake Street to I-290 is about 6 minutes. He mentioned that the "30 Days to Pay" had been extended and that no violations had been issued yet. Mayor Craig/Hanover Park said that he has not been overwhelmed with complaints about tolling.

Lidia Pilecky/CH2M provided a summary of ongoing design activities east of I-290, including coordination efforts with DuPage County and the adjacent communities regarding aesthetic and landscaping plans in the second tollable segment (IL 53 to IL 83). She noted that the Tollway Board recently authorized a contract for design of the I-294 to Franklin Avenue/Green Street section of the Western Access Tollway.

LAC member Karyn Robles/Schaumburg asked for an update on the status of the O'Hare land acquisition. Rocco Zucchero/Tollway said that a general agreement has been reached, and that the goal is to have the City of Chicago/Illinois Tollway Intergovernmental Agreement in place before the end of 2016.

Business and Community Outreach

Lidia Pilecky/CH2M shared the public outreach events that project staff had participated in since the last LAC meeting had been held, as well as upcoming events. She asked the LAC members to share outreach opportunities with the Tollway team.

Tolling Outreach

Rocco Zucchero/Tollway gave a brief update on the overall Tolling Outreach efforts for the first tollable segment – by the numbers. He shared a graphic that showed the uptick in I-PASS sales at Jewel stores along the corridor just prior to, and as tolling was implemented. Rocco said that more details regarding tolling will be available at the next meeting.

Regarding tolling, Rocco asked for recent feedback. Nunzio Pulice/Wood Dale said that the only question he had heard was about the \$0.60 toll west of Meacham/Medinah Road. Rocco said that the \$0.60 is for travel on a 3-mile segment of Illinois Route 390, which is longer than the two segments to the west, and therefore has a proportionately higher toll charge. John Yonan/DuPage County asked if there was a record of locations where violations are happening. Rocco said that the Tollway would be sending letters regarding missed tolls soon.

Rocco said that the Tollway has not had any notable user concerns since going live on July 5. The handful of questions have been related to the amount of the individual tolls and the expense. The Tollway anticipates there will be a spike in complaints when violations go out around the 1st of September. The Tollway is preparing talking points for our legislators and communities to help address questions regarding tolling both on the western section of IL 390 and the future eastern section of IL 390.

Regarding IL 390 usage after toll collection began, Rocco noted that the Tollway will share info with the LAC at the next meeting. Initial observations show a negligible change in driver's behavior due to tolling. This is likely due to a combination of commuters being aware in advance of the tolling and lower volumes at plazas.

Frontage Roads

Pete Stukas/V3 described the upcoming traffic shift onto the frontage road system and associated changes in traffic patterns that would be in effect through 2017.

Pete reminded the group that the project is evolving and changing daily. At the last LAC meeting the LAC was provided with preliminary information about the movement off Thorndale Avenue onto the frontage roads and in some cases onto completed mainline. The changes are significant and the construction team will be meeting with involved Villages and DuPage County to discuss the timing of the shifts and related details.

Rocco asked the LAC for comments regarding the frontage road graphics and communication strategies with residents and businesses. John Loper/DuPage County suggested that when the project team provides graphics that they use the updated presentation exhibits (note: the exhibits in the presentation had been updated after the handouts had been prepared for the meeting).

Nunzio Pulice/Wood Dale said that residents had complained that while waiting at the Wood Dale Road Bridge to turn the bridge is shaking when trucks go over it. Manar Nashif/Tollway said that bridges are designed to allow for some movement and that structural engineers account for anticipated loading based upon the construction sequence and staging.

Mark Hamilton/Itasca asked when the Ketter Drive ramp would open. Pete Stukas/V3 said the ramp would open at the same time as the westbound shift, and that details would be provided so they could be distributed to the business park.

Pete emphasized that for a majority of the corridor, the turning movements off of and onto the side streets would be changing to one way from all directions. He said that the Tollway would use multiple methods of signing to inform drivers of these changes.

Pete Stukas said that the segment between IL 83 to Supreme Drive is the only area that both eastbound and westbound traffic would be moved as part of the same switch. John Loper asked if there would be detour routes posted to the industrial parks. Pete Stukas said that there are no detours in the plans. John Loper said that there would be a lot of backup from those trying to get from Lively Boulevard to IL 83 since Supreme Drive will be one-way. Pete said that the Tollway is looking at options to make Supreme Boulevard 2-way (note: Supreme Drive is now 2-way).

Pete said that the 1st traffic shifts onto the frontage road system would take place at the end of August and that the construction office would reach out to local police for help at traffic signals.

Evan Teich/Itasca asked when construction along IL 83 between Devon and Thorndale Avenue would be complete. Pete Stukas said that it would be complete by the end of the year.

Cook and DuPage County Update

John Yonan/Cook County informed the LAC that the County had not been successful with their latest TIGER application. Cook County and DuPage County will continue to collaborate in pursuing future federal grant funding opportunities.

John Loper/DuPage County said that the DuPage County-led bicycle/pedestrian planning effort is ongoing. John noted that they will be contacting Schaumburg to coordinate with their bicycle/pedestrian plan.

Next Steps/Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2016 to accommodate the Columbus Day holiday. Evan Teich offered to confirm the Itasca Village Hall would be available.

Manar Nashif gave a brief update of the upcoming construction, including nightly work through August with associated overnight closures of eastbound IL 390. He mentioned potential traffic impacts due to placement of more girders at I-290.

Rocco Zucchero gave a brief update on the status of negotiations and legal proceedings with the CP railroad, recapping the history of communications with them since the project team began working with them in 2009. Rocco said that the project is proceeding with design and construction of independent components of the EOWA project. He thanked the LAC for their letters of support. The Tollway wants to continue to demonstrate to CP that they have the support of the state and local representatives and municipalities, and Rocco encouraged the LAC to continue to secure support from all federal and state officials.

Mark Hamilton said it's a shame that the CP is blocking the Tollway's completion of the EOWA, particularly given all the time and money that has already been expended. Rocco said that CP had been engaged and cooperated until there was a change in their leadership. Paul DeMichelle asked what options the Tollway offered for relocating tracks. Rocco said that the Tollway had addressed design concerns expressed by CP during the planning phases of the project and up until the recent change in CP's approach toward the EOWA project.

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 October 17, 2016 at One Pierce Place (Hamilton Lakes Business Park), Itasca.