



CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY  
**Corridor Planning Council**



**I-294 CORRIDOR PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**June 29, 2017 – Meeting Summary**

Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov welcomed the Corridor Planning Council (CPC) members and commenced the meeting. In his introduction, he explained how the CPC as it is will not continue to meet but the members will be engaged throughout the design process in other capacities and committee configurations.

Next, Rocco Zucchero, Tollway Deputy Chief of Engineering for Planning, started the presentation. The presentation outlined where the project stands now and how it got there, including the role the CPC played in guiding the Tollway to think beyond the originally programmed reconstruction. Rocco also provided an overview of the project benefits including reduced delays, local road congestion relief, regional stormwater solutions, and economic development opportunities. Finally, Rocco stated that the project is currently only at 20% completion and by fall of 2017 the Tollway will have more details about right-of-way and other elements.

Next, Senior Manager of Strategic Planning, Aimee Lee, spoke about the I-290/I-88 Interchange Project at I-294. Per the recommendations of the CPC, the Tollway is looking to make improvements to the heavily congested interchange. The Tollway is starting the federal planning process for this project. On July 20<sup>th</sup> the Tollway is hosting a Public Meeting to discuss the purpose and need for the project and to provide an opportunity for public input. A discussion of the importance of the project and the issues with the interchange ensued.

Rocco Zucchero concluded the meeting by discussing the Tollway’s next steps. The Tollway will be creating an elected officials committee and a technical committee, comprised of municipal staff to create venues for input on the project. The Tollway will also host additional public meetings in the Fall of 2017 to allow the public to provide feedback about the project. The CPC will meet periodically to receive project updates and offer guidance on regional issues such as freight and economic development.

**CPC ATTENDEES**

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Alex Beata	Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Represented Tom Kotorac
Greg Bedalov	Executive Director, Illinois Tollway
Ray Drake	Vice President of State Government Affairs, United Parcel Service, Illinois Freight Advisory Committee
Alice Gallagher	Village President Western Springs, West Central Municipal Conference-Central
Jessica Hector-Hsu	Regional Transportation Authority Represented Leanne Redden
Kindy Kruller	Cook County Forest Preserve District, Represented Arnold Randall
Shirlanne Lemm	President and CEO, GOA Regional Business Association
Jason Salley	Illinois Department of Transportation, Represented John Fortmann
Don Schaefer	Executive Vice President, Mid-West Truckers Association
Joe Schuessler	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, Represented David St. Pierre
Chris Snyder	Director of Transportation, DuPage County

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Liisa Stark	AVP Public Affairs, Union Pacific
Charles Tokar	Chicago Ridge Mayor, Southwest Conference of Mayors
Russ Wajda	Hillside, West Central Municipal Conference – North Central, Represented Mayor Tamburino
John Yonan	Superintendent, Cook County DOT and Highways

### **OTHER ATTENDEES**

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Mike Albin	Transportation Project Manager, DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference
Brad Bloom	Assistant Village Manager, Village of Hinsdale
Len Cannata	Planning Coordinator, West Central Municipal Conference
Rudy Espiritu	Village Administrator, Village of Berkeley
Mike Fricano	Planning Coordinator, West Central Municipal Conference
Kathleen Gargano	Village Manager, Village of Hinsdale
Pat Higgins	Western Springs Village Manager, West Central Municipal Conference – Central
Eleonore Kulp	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
Brandiss Marting	Assistant Village Administrator, Village of Berkeley
Chip O’Leary	Cook County Forest Preserve District
Joe Pisano	Director of Public Works, Village of Hillside
Dave Preissig	Village Engineer, Burr Ridge
Andrew Pufundt	Christopher Burke Engineering
Ingrid Velkme	Director of Administrative Service, Western Springs