



PUBLIC MEETING

JULY 20, 2017 • 4-6 P.M. • ELMHURST CITY HALL

Public Meeting Summary

The public meeting for the I-290/I-88 Interchange Project at I-294 was held on July 20, 2017 to present the purpose and need for the project and to solicit public input. The meeting advertisement and format followed Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) standard practice. Three weeks prior to the meeting, letters were mailed to elected officials (List A stakeholders), and a meeting notice was placed in the newspaper. Additionally, regional stakeholders (List C stakeholders) were mailed postcard meeting notices. A second newspaper advertisement was placed one week before the meeting. Also, following IDOT meeting notification protocol, the Illinois Tollway mailed meeting notice postcards to adjacent property owners (List D stakeholders), and sent email meeting notices to the elected officials, regional stakeholders, Central Tri-State Corridor Planning Council members, and anyone who has emailed the Tollway about the I-290 Interchange. A total of 438 officials and residents were directly notified of the meeting.

At the meeting, a pre-recorded video presentation played in a small room introducing attendees to the project. The video included information about the existing conditions, the operational deficiencies, and a proposed concept solution. In an adjoining room, exhibits depicting the existing conditions, the proposed concept solution and an aerial of the existing interchange configuration were displayed for attendees to study. The exhibits were staffed by Illinois Tollway personnel and consultants familiar with project details. Meeting attendees were encouraged to ask questions and were provided the opportunity to give formal comments at the meeting. Meeting attendees were also informed of the project specific email address at which additional comments and questions about the project could be submitted.

Invitation Totals

| Stakeholder Group | Count | Letter | Postcard | Email |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| List A | 58 | x | | x |
| List C | 63 | | x | x |
| CPC | 22* | | | x |
| List D | 266 | | x | |
| VisNetic | 29 | | | x |
| Total | 438 | 58 | 329 | 172 |

- List A: Elected officials: US Congressmen, state officials, mayors, park district heads, police chiefs, etc. Elected officials from municipalities in the study area include Berkeley, Cook County, DuPage County, Elmhurst, and Hillside
- List C: Federal and state government agencies, advocacy organizations, non-profits, associations, and nearby businesses and institutions
- List D: Property owners immediately adjacent to the study area
- CPC: Corridor Planning Council Members (*13 CPC members are counted under List A and List C)
- VisNetic: People who emailed the Central Tri-State email box commenting about the I-290 Interchange



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Participation Totals

Number of People who Signed In: 77
 Number of Elected Officials in Attendance: 3
 Number of Municipal Staff in Attendance: 9
 Number of Comments: 14

Elected Officials in Attendance

Number of Elected Officials in Attendance: 3

| | Name | Affiliation | Title |
|---|---------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Patti Bellock | Illinois 47th District | State Representative |
| 2 | Michael Bram | City of Elmhurst | Alderman |
| 3 | Paul Fichtner | DuPage County | DuPage County Board Member |

Municipal Staff in Attendance

Number of Municipal in Attendance: 9

| | First | Last | Municipality | Title |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Rudy | Espiritu | Berkeley | Village Administrator |
| 2 | Rick | Ginex | Oak Brook | Village Manager |
| 3 | Jim | Grabowski | Elmhurst | City Manager |
| 4 | Pat | Higgins | Western Springs | Village Manager |
| 5 | John | Loper | DuPage County | Transportation Planning Coordinator |
| 6 | Brandiss | Martin | Berkeley | Assistant Village Administrator |
| 7 | Jeff | Pilz | Hillside | Fire Chief |
| 8 | Eric | Richard | Franklin Park | Planner |
| 9 | Chris | Snyder | DuPage County | Director of Transportation |



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Public Comments

Number of Comments: 15

| | First | Last | Comment | Issue |
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| 1 | Ignacio | Vargas | Would appreciate all kind of follow up events and proposals. | Information |
| 2 | Jason | Martin | The proposed interchange appears to be well thought out and addresses the identified concerns. I am excited for the reduced congestion and the resultant environmental improvements by keeping cars moving through the area. | Congestion |
| 3 | Gary | Baker | The concepts shown are very 'smart,' simplistic geometrically. Great ideas. Great to see this project progressing as a very frequent use of this interchange. | Support |
| 4 | Georgene | Anderson | 290 interchange getting on 294 S at North Ave. is in great need of change. We have lived here 40 years and we now have to get on 294 S at other places to avoid congestion. We approve of this project. | Congestion |
| 5 | Heather | Economos | Concern with noise coming from highways, specifically lots of engine breaking from trucks. I am in full support of the project and think it will help w/congestion. | Noise & Congestion |
| 6 | Orhan | Ulger | This project will help the commute greatly. I am looking forward to the completion of the project. Thank you for all your efforts. | Congestion |
| 7 | Mary Ellen | Hayes | Hope you can resolve congestion issues here. | Congestion |
| 8 | Steven | Ford | Please put a new interchange at St. Charles off of I-294. Leave the 290, 294, I-88 interchange as is. | New Access |
| 9 | John | Adamowski | I was backed up over a mile on E290 & S294 at noon today. There are too many bottle necks both on the highway and in the steps for the improvement. Too many man hours and gallons of fuel are wasted due to ancient interchanges. | Congestion |
| 10 | Christine | Simonis | I think you need two lanes going from 290 to 294 south. | Congestion |
| 11 | Mohsen | Farahany | This project is definitely needed to improve traffic flow as the current conditions resulting in low speeds and congestion. Thank you Illinois Tollway to take on such an impressive project to improve life quality for Chicago area residents. | Congestion |



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| 12 | Andre | Brown | I like the idea here. I am a very frequent traveler of the Tollway and I encounter major delays every day. Any efforts to make the traffic flow more smoothly will help my commute. I have great interest in matters like this so if you are looking for help and for feedback or whatever work, I am willing to help. I have a background in market research and analysis. | Congestion |
| 13 | Carol | Laurino | Please send information on next meeting. | Information |
| 14 | Joe | Meznarsic | If the Tollway had a northbound exit and a southbound entrance at North Ave. it would relieve a lot of the traffic from the 290 & 294 interchange. The next northbound exit is all the way at Balmoral. | New Access |
| 15 | | | Thank you for trying to improve traffic flow in and around the Elmhurst, IL area. | Congestion |