

## **Central Lake County Corridor (IL 53 North and IL 120)**

On Friday, April 13th the Illinois Tollway released the initial draft of the Illinois Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council's Resolution and Summary Report. The Blue Ribbon Committee has drafted the resolution for itself to pass, which is intended to give direction to the Tollway regarding the committee's roadway design preferences. As it stands, the resolution reflects the wish to construct a 4-lane limited access tolled parkway with a 45 mile per hour speed limit. All comments on the report and Blue Ribbon Committee Resolution must be submitted by Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Future tasks will include revising the report and resolution. The committee is expected to adopt the resolution and report on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2012.

## **Elgin O'Hare Expressway Improvements (including Western O'Hare Bypass)**

CMAP staff met with the project consultants on March 1 2012 to discuss the consultants' market-based socioeconomic forecasts development methodology. CMAP suggested that GO TO 2040 socioeconomic information should be referenced in the report. CMAP stated that this issue should be addressed prior to CMAP offering concurrence. The consultants agreed to revise the document and resubmit it for review.

The draft EIS has been signed and submitted to USDOT and appeared in the 3-30-2012 issue of the Federal Register with a 45 day public comment period, ending May 14.

DuPage County applied for a TIGER grant to fund the Taft Avenue Connector and improve the Franklin Avenue corridor, two projects associated with the Elgin O'Hare/West Bypass. CMAP provided a letter of support for the application on 3-12-2012.

Seven residential and 52 businesses are expected to be displaced by the project. Property takings letters were sent to affected owners in April 2012.

## **CTA South Red Line Extension**

CTA applied for a TIGER grant to expand and improve the 95th Street Station. CMAP provided a letter of support on 3-12-2013.

## **West Loop Transportation Center / Union Station Master Plan**

The Metropolitan Planning Council hosted a panel of experts to discuss the best options for 21st century train stations that not only meet the technical requirements of rail but capture the energy and buying power of its passengers.

A final draft Master Plan report was distributed to the technical advisory committee for review and comment on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The report included short term, medium term, and long term project ideas.

### **I-55 Managed Lanes**

Pace reports that the bus on shoulders increases on-time performance to 92% from 68% and additional service will be added.

### **I-90 Managed Lanes**

Bids opened for Huntley interchange, expected to cost \$69 million.

## **CREATE**

CDOT submitted an application for TIGER IV funding for CREATE. CMAP provided a letter of support on 3-12-2012.

## **Illiana Expressway**

CMAP provided comments about the Draft Purpose and Need Statement. Two primary concerns were how the corridor would be funded and again the that the analysis should include evaluation of the project using the GO TO 2040 socioeconomic file in addition to the special purpose one developed for the project.

CMAP provided comments regarding the preferred corridor alignment on March 14, 2012. CMAP's main concerns are that the preferred alignment is too far south to provide significant mobility benefits to the region. In addition, the alignment will not carry enough traffic to realize enough toll revenue to fund the project.

Legislation was proposed to allow quick take powers for land acquisition, reversing legislation previously passed to prevent quick take powers for this roadway.

## **South Suburban Airport**

Congressman Jesse Jackson will lead a groundbreaking ceremony at the new airport site in April. A developer has also been selected for the project. However, Will County Board Chairman Jim Moustis says the Jackson Airport Committee does not have authority to work on the site.