



MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Committee
From: CMAP Staff
Date: March 1, 2013
Re: Proposed Amendment to GO TO 2040

FHWA indicated a technical change to the Prairie Parkway description in GO TO 2040 was necessary to keep funds eligible for use. The funding cited in GO TO 2040 is currently programmed in the TIP on an IL 47 project (TIP ID 09-11-0034). The project development process is currently underway including discussions with local stakeholders. As a result of the decision to use the funding cited in GO TO 2040 on IL 47, there are not sufficient funds to also complete the bridge element of the Prairie Parkway.

The recommended change to the language for the Prairie Parkway is the following:

Prairie Parkway

This project would create a new expressway between I-88 and I-80 in Kane and Kendall Counties. Phase I engineering for this project has been completed, and federal earmarks to cover a portion of project costs have been received, but funding is insufficient to construct the entire project. However, one element of this project, involving a bridge over the Fox River in Yorkville to connect US 34 and IL 71, has independent utility ~~and can be completed with the earmarks received~~. This project element may be pursued at any time. For the remainder of the project, corridor preservation activities should be continued in order to preserve a transportation corridor in this area for future use.

The required conformity analysis demonstrates that the plan continues to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act. No comments on the conformity analysis were received.

COMMENTS AND RESPONSE

Prairie Parkway

Twenty-six comments addressed the Prairie Parkway and are available [here](#). The vast majority of the comments received pertained not to the actual change in the Prairie Parkway plan language, but rather to where the remaining available funds should be directed – whether improvements should be made to IL 47 north or south of Yorkville. Twenty-four comments

advocated improving IL 47 north of Yorkville, while only one comment favored improvements south of Yorkville. These comments have been forwarded to IDOT for their consideration. One comment simply opposed the Prairie Parkway project.

Individuals submitted the majority of comments (24). Also, the City of Yorkville and the Kendall County Planning Department both submitted comments supporting improvements to IL 47 north of Yorkville. The comments were not on the technical change being made and have been forwarded to IDOT for their consideration as to where the remaining available funds should be programmed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend approval to the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board of the proposed plan amendment.

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