



## Major Capital Projects Quarterly Update November 2013

### CENTRAL LAKE COUNTY CORRIDOR

**Project Status:** Project is in the planning stage. Following the recommendations of the Illinois Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council, the Tollway has embarked upon a detailed engineering concept, including cost estimates and refinement of traffic and revenue projections. In addition, CMAP will lead a corridor land use plan, in coordination with the Tollway, Lake County, municipalities, and other stakeholders in the area.

**Project Website:** <http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/community-outreach/illinois-route-53-120-blue-ribbon-advisory-council>

**Overall Progress since Last Quarter:**

- The Illinois Tollway BRAC group reconvened last quarter to discuss next steps in terms of financing and land use studies.
- The Tollway's Finance Committee held their first meeting and discussed scope of work.

**CMAP's Contribution since Last Quarter (if applicable):**

- CMAP has continued to coordinate closely with the Tollway and Lake County on the next phase of the planning work.
- CMAP, the Tollway, and Lake County have interviewed candidates for CMAP's Corridor Land Use study. This procurement will be considered by the CMAP Board in January 2014.

### CIRCLE INTERCHANGE

**Project Status:** Phase I is complete and a preferred alternative has been selected.

**Project Website:** <http://www.circleinterchange.org/>

**Overall Progress since Last Quarter:** IDOT released the Environmental Assessment for public comment in June.

**CMAP's Contribution since Last Quarter:** None.

### CTA RED AND PURPLE LINE MODERNIZATION

**Project Status:** CTA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have initiated the environmental review process for this project, and will be preparing an EIS. A public hearing will be held on the Draft EIS in 2014.

**Project Website:** <http://www.transitchicago.com/rpmproject/>

**Overall Progress since Last Quarter:**

- The project has been approved for the development phase under the new, more expansive, "core capacity" requirement of the Federal New Starts program.
- CTA continues to study the future development potential along the corridor as well as funding and financing options. The CTA is continuing to coordinate with communities and will be hosting an open house and attending community group meetings throughout the winter to share preliminary findings of the environmental studies and learn about the communities' desires and concerns. After that outreach, CTA will ensure the proposed project responds to community concerns, and then issue the Draft EIS in conjunction with the Federal Transit Administration for public review and comment. A public hearing will be held on the Draft EIS in 2014.

**CMAP's Contribution since Last Quarter:** CMAP has been coordinating with CTA on a planning-level analysis of potential development change and innovative financing along the corridor.

## CTA RED LINE SOUTH

**Project Status:** CTA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have initiated the environmental review process for this project and will be preparing an EIS. A public hearing will be held on the Draft EIS in 2014.

**Project Website:** <http://www.transitchicago.com/redeis/default.aspx>

**Overall Progress since Last Quarter:**

The CTA is continuing to coordinate with communities and has announced that they will be hosting an open house and attending community group meetings throughout the winter to share preliminary findings of the environmental studies and learn about the communities' desires and concerns. After that outreach, the CTA will ensure the proposed project responds to community concerns, and then issue the Draft EIS in conjunction with the FTA. A public hearing will be held on the Draft EIS in 2014.

**CMAP's Contribution since Last Quarter:** None.

## ELGIN O'HARE/WESTERN ACCESS

**Project Status:** USDOT has approved the final agreement that will allow the Illinois Tollway to construct this project. This is the last step in the federal review and approval process. However, there remains a roughly \$300 million funding gap on the project.

**Project Website:** <http://elginohare-westbypass.org/SitePages/Home.aspx>

**Overall Progress since Last Quarter:**

- DuPage County continues to explore ways to fill the funding gap and has submitted a large proposal for CMAQ funding.
- Nearly \$70.0 million is included in the proposed CMAQ program for projects included in the overall EOWA scope..
- Advance work has begun on three sections of the project; the Elmhurst Road Interchange with I-90; the the interchange of IL 53 at the existing Elgin-O'Hare Expressway; and on the existing section of the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway.

***CMAP's Contribution Last Quarter:***

Working with project consultant to obtain appropriate project performance measures as required by the CMAQ evaluation methodology.

## ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY

***Project Status:*** The project is in the Tier 2 EIS phase and is now included in GO TO 2040. IDOT seeks a federal record of decision in spring 2014.

***Project Website:*** <http://www.illianacorridor.org/>

***Overall Progress since Last Quarter:***

- In October, the project was approved as an amendment to GO TO 2040 by the MPO Policy Committee.
- IDOT issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on November 8, 2013 for the Illinois portion of the project, which is due on December 19, 2013. INDOT/IFA issued an RFQ on November 12, 2013 for the Indiana portion of the project, which is due on January 10, 2014. Both are seeking qualifications by private industry partners to develop, design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the Illinois and Indiana portions of the project.

***CMAP's Contribution since Last Quarter:***

- Staff delivered a recommendation to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee to not include the Illiana Corridor as a fiscally constrained project in GO TO 2040. The CMAP Board recommended that the Illiana not be included in GO TO 2040. The MPO Policy Committee recommended that it be included.

## I-290 MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR

***Project Status:*** The I-290 Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study started from a clean slate in fall of 2009. The process will result in an EIS for the reconstruction of I-290 from west of Mannheim Road to Racine Avenue. The draft EIS should be released in spring of 2014, with the Phase I study completed in fall 2014.

The CTA Blue Line Vision Study is underway and will address physical conditions, service characteristics and ridership. The study should be completed in early 2014.

***Project Website:*** <http://www.eisenhowerexpressway.com/>

***Overall Progress since Last Quarter:*** The alternatives report and the Purpose and Need were updated to reflect the new endpoints. The updated alternatives report and Purpose and Need were also circulated. IDOT held a bicycle/pedestrian facilities workshop to get input on concepts for accommodating these users. CTA and IDOT have been coordinating on Blue Line improvements. The Cook-DuPage technical committee recommended extension of the Blue Line to Mannheim, which is also the endpoint being considered in the I-290 study.

***CMAP's Contribution since Last Quarter:*** CMAP provided modeling support to the Cook-DuPage corridor transit study.

## I-294/57 INTERCHANGE

**Project Status:** Under construction. Work continues with lane reductions and shoulder closures on both I-294 and I-57.

**Project Website:** <http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/projects-by-roadway/tri-state-tollway-i-94/i294/i-80/294-57interchange>  
& <http://www.dot.il.gov/I57-294/default.html>

### **Overall Progress Last Quarter:**

Traffic on I-294 has been reduced to three lanes and the inside shoulders have been closed in both directions for about a mile north and south of I-57 as work begins to build the new ramp from northbound I-57 to northbound I-294.

### **CMAP's Contribution Last Quarter:**

Consultants have met with municipal representatives and other local stakeholders from each of the communities in the study area, and have completed an Existing Conditions Report for CMAP's LTA plan. The steering committee and local stakeholders will convene in early September to provide feedback on the Existing Conditions Report's list of key sites for development and redevelopment in the study area, which will inform the recommendations of the final plan. Nearly 20 sites across all five communities in the study area have been identified as having the greatest opportunity for redevelopment.

## I-55 MANAGED LANE

**Other Staff Involvement:** None

**Project Website:** <http://www.i55managedlaneproject.org/>

**Overall Progress since Last Quarter:** The Draft Purpose and Need was developed, and the consultants developed the assignment model they will use to evaluate the project alternatives.

### **CMAP's Contribution since Last Quarter:**

CMAP reviewed and concurred with the methodology used to develop the assignment model. CMAP also provided build and no-build 2040 data to feed into the model. CMAP also presented its congestion pricing work to the I-55 working group.

## I-90

**Project Status:** Work will begin on rebuilding the eastbound lanes between Rockford and Elgin. Work on this segment is scheduled to begin in the spring and be completed by the end of 2013.

**Project Website:** <http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/projects-by-roadway/jane-addams-memorial-tollway-i-90>

### **Overall Progress Last Quarter:**

- All traffic between I-39 in Rockford and the Elgin Toll Plaza is now traveling on the westbound side of the road and work has begun to rebuild and widen the eastbound lanes. Two lanes will be maintained in both directions during peak hours. However, westbound traffic between Irene Road near Belvidere and I-39 is currently reduced to one lane and an alternate route is posted. All entrances and exits remain open. Traffic will remain in this configuration through this fall.

- Illinois Route 47 Bridge - Illinois Route 47 traffic over I-90 is now traveling on the new southbound bridge providing one lane in both directions. Demolition work on the existing northbound bridge is complete and reconstruction work is underway.
- IDOT is developing a project to implement auxiliary lanes in either direction between the tollway and IL 43 with Design Approval expected at the end of 2013. Phase I and II Engineering is funded, but not construction. A Project Working Group has been formed.

***CMAP's Contribution Last Quarter:***

CMAP provided traffic projections for the auxiliary lane section between the Tollway and IL 43.

## WEST LOOP TRANSPORTATION CENTER

***Project Status:*** Phase I of the Union Station Master Plan concluded in May 2012. The second stage of the Study started in December, 2012. This work will include three key components: 1) A train operations simulation model of existing and possible future conditions at Chicago Union Station (CUS); 2) A pedestrian flow model of existing and possible future conditions within CUS's passenger areas; 3) A street traffic simulation model of existing and possible future conditions on 40 blocks surrounding CUS. The goal of this stage of the Study will be to establish a robust technical case for implementing the Stage 1 Study's "medium term" recommendations as soon as possible, and it will determine just how much capacity (i.e., how many years of growth) these improvements are likely to accommodate. It is anticipated that this stage of the Study will be completed in mid 2014. Work products will be posted to the website as they are approved.

Projects to create a surface bus transfer center and East-West BRT are funded and underway. The projects begin to address improving connections between Union Station and other transportation services.

***Project Website:*** <http://www.unionstationmp.org/>

***Overall Progress since Last Quarter:*** None

***CMAP's Contribution since Last Quarter:*** None