

# Major Capital Project Update

## Fiscally Constrained Projects

### **I-294/I-57 Interchange**

- Project is in the Tollway 15 year capital plan. However, the project cost has increased and the Tollway is only responsible for part of it. It remains to be seen whether IDOT can identify the additional federal and local shares.

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

- The Tollway established a Blue Ribbon Committee to provide input to project study. CMAP is actively engaged with development and direction of the committee.
- CMAP is working with the Tollway, HNTB, Wilbur Smith, and AECOM planning the Advisory Council's agenda.
- The project has planning funds in the Tollway 15 year capital program.

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

- CMAP has been working with CH2M Hill on this project for a few years, assisting them with EIS development. Recently CH2M-Hill subcontracted to SB Friedman to prepare alternative socioeconomic forecasts.
- The Governor set up an EOWB advisory council which meets monthly or bi-monthly and should produced a report in April. Randy Blankenhorn is on this committee and the finance subcommittee.
- Project Final Phased Transit Plan has been developed, which RTA says there isn't any funding for.
- Continuation of design engineering, environmental studies and preliminary engineering at an estimated cost of \$40 million has been programmed in the FY 2012-2017 IDOT Multi-Year Plan.
- Notice of intent to prepare Environmental Impact Statement was published in the Federal Register 6-8-2011.
- The project is included in the Tollway's 15 year capital plan.

### **CTA South Red Line Extension**

- The locally preferred alternative was selected in 2009.
- In 2009 UIC, RTA and CTA produced an Equity Index Analysis study comparing Red Line and Two Other Proposed CTA Extensions.
- CMAP, MPC, Developing Communities and CNT undertook a visioning exercise for stations on the Red Line Extension: *Red Line Visioning Report 2010*.
- CMAP has completed mapping the Full Circle Data Collection phase of the Red Line project and began data analysis April 11, 2011.

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

- CDOT is developing a "Union Station Master Plan", which includes an evaluation of the West Loop Transportation Center and alternatives in the Union Station area. CMAP is a member of the technical advisory committee.
- Two committees have been established, the Technical Advisory Committee, and the Civic Advisory Committee.
- FTA Grant "Union Station Transportation Center" from 9/2009 of \$824,000 (L95X013-00) to CDOT appears in FTA TEAM report.
- The region has provided UWP funding to study this project over a number of years: FY7=150k, FY10=180k, FY11=425k, FY12=450k (FED)
- The committees hadn't met since March but met again on 9/8.

### **I-190 Access Improvements**

- \$125 million through Illinois Jobs Now! is in the FY 2012-2017 IDOT multi-year construction program, including \$75 million to extend Balmoral Avenue from Bessie Coleman Drive to west of the Canadian National Railroad and to reconstruct 3.1 miles of additional lanes on U.S. 12/45.

### **I-80 Add Lanes (US 30 to US 45)**

- IDOT had project work (\$22 M) listed in January 21, 2011 Letting Notice.

### **I-94 Add Lanes North**

- This project is listed in FY 2012-2017 IDOT Multi-Year Construction Plan; reconstruction and additional lanes for 2.3 miles, interchange rehabilitation at

Illinois 173, construction engineering and land acquisition at an estimated cost of \$52.5 million.

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

- No news.

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

- I-90 Corridor Planning Council is established and covers Chicago to Rockford with Don Kopec representing CMAP.
- Transportation Summit Targets I-90 Corridor and concludes by recommending a multimodal corridor between O'Hare and Rockford.
- Jane Addams reconstruction, add lanes, modernization, planning for transit is included in the Tollway's 15 year capital plan.
- Draft Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Transit Value Planning Study was published in August 2011.
- IDOT believes there are too many impediments to creating managed lanes on the reversible lanes of the Kennedy.
- I-90 bus market enhancement was recommended for CMAQ funds and is included in the draft CMAQ program.

### **I-290 Multimodal Corridor**

- CMAP is on Technical Advisory Committee.
- IDOT's consultants prepared alternative socioeconomic forecasts for EIS work.
- How the Cook DuPage Corridor Study interacts with this is unclear, but CMAP will support the effort with modeling assistance.
- The draft purpose and need was completed over the summer of 2011.

### **CTA North Red and Purple Line Improvements**

- CTA is preparing a Tier I EIS and has requested CMAP involvement on this process.
- Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement was posted in the Federal Register on January 3, 2011.

### **Metra UP West Improvements**

- Metra and UP Railroad, as part of overall \$132 M PPP agreement for operational improvements along the line, initiated pedestrian crossing warning system in March 2011.

### **Metra Rock Island Improvements**

- Flyover ramp for Metra RID over Amtrak NS RR crossing at 63rd Street awarded \$133 in federal dollars and is also part of the CREATE Plan.

### **Metra SouthWest Service Improvements**

- EIS for 75th Street corridor improvement project, part of CREATE Plan, in progress.
- Notice of intent to develop an EIS for "Grand Crossing Rail Project" was published in the Federal Register March 28, 2011.

## **Fiscally Constrained Projects Other**

### **CREATE (not listed as MCP but referenced elsewhere in plan)**

11 projects completed  
 13 under construction  
 5 in final design  
 15 under environmental review  
 26 not started  
 70 total

### **Regionwide TSP (not listed as MCP but referenced elsewhere in plan)**

- \$32 million in CMAQ funding was recommendation for implementing a regionwide TSP system is in the proposed FY2012-2016 program.

### **Illiana Expressway**

- Passage of public-private partnership legislation in the spring.
- IDOT also has a firm on board to do PPP analysis to dovetail with the EIS work.
- Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement was made in the Federal Register 6-8-2011.
- Continuation of design engineering, environmental studies and preliminary engineering at an estimated cost of \$40 million is in the IDOT FY 2012-2017

multi-year plan, including \$10 million for the 2012 fiscal year. This is in addition to \$10 million programmed in the current fiscal year.

- Planning funds for Illiana are included in Tollway's 15 year capital plan.
- At th Tollway hearing in DuPage County, Acting Secretary Schneider testified in support of the proposal and said the hope is to start construction by 2014.

## **Active Fiscally Unconstrained Projects**

### **DuPage "J" Line**

- Funds for an AA were included in SAFETEA-LU. Pace is scoping an Alternatives Analysis and may seek financial assistance from DuPage County.
- However, Pace will conduct a high level modeled analysis first to discern whether a full AA is likely to bear fruit. CMAP will assist and the effort will begin late fall 2011.

### **South Lakefront Corridor**

- RTA is funding CDOT for a South Lakefront Corridor Transit Study. CDOT is working with a group called "SOUL" who is advocating for a Gold Line. Cambridge Systematics is the lead and has requested data from CMAP to support the study.
- CDOT held a forum 4-10-2011 to elicit public input.

### **Central Area Transitway**

- CDOT may be awarded \$24.6 M in federal dollars to implement busway elements (bus-only lanes, TSP, traveler information systems, bike lanes) for the east-west Madison Street component of this project if they can meet the grant requirements.
- CMAP has provided modeled datasets to support the study, which is being undertaken by AECOM.

### **I-80 Add/Managed Lanes (Grundy County Line to US30)**

- Resurfacing will be undertaken for this project, but work to take place on the bridges in this segment is under discussion. I-80 will likely require additional lanes after the 2040 plan horizon but within the lifespan of the bridges.

### **Metra Heritage Corridor**

- IDOT announced a passenger service improvement feasibility study funding award; the CN RR will conduct the study at an estimated cost of \$150,000.

### **Metra SouthEast Service Corridor**

- Legislation was successfully introduced to create the Southeast Commuter Rail Transit District.
- SSMMA requested that IDOT study additional congestion pricing corridors to fund the SES, which District 1 declined.

### **Metra STAR Line Corridor**

- Northwest Municipal Conference Star Line Task Force is still operating.
- Multimodal projects for the I-90 managed lane concept could end up looking like the STAR line bus alternatives from the AA.

### **Metra BNSF Extension**

- Metra has released an RFP for the Oswego Extension Preliminary Engineering and Oswego Extension Environmental Assessment Services. The proposals are due 9/14/11.

### **Prairie Parkway**

- IDOT is moving ahead with the IL47 add lanes project which is included as part of the ROD for the Prairie Parkway.

*These updates are based on information collected from meetings, news reports, and Federal Register notices. CMAP Partners are encouraged to provide additional project updates or corrections by emailing the information to Claire Bozic ( [cbozic@cmmap.illinois.gov](mailto:cbozic@cmmap.illinois.gov) ).*