Holly Ostdick

From: Zucchero, Rocco <rzucchero@getipass.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 1:25 PM
To: 'team.nature.ed@gmail.com'
Cc: Patricia Berry; Holly Ostdick; Wagner, Bryan; Panther, Reed
Subject: RE: Illinois tollway expansion - Conformity Comment
Attachments: MS_stanley_rmk_5631-PreserveFenGroundwater_07162013.pdf.pdf; LRC-2012-164 _MitigationApproach_04082013 .pdf.pdf; LT_INPC_SB_PermitSupport_07192013.pdf.pdf; PressRelease_Elgin-Kane FPD IGA.pdf.pdf

Dear Ms. Anderson,

This message is in response to your 8/26 email to CMAP regarding the I-90 expansion in the vicinity of the Fox River, Trout Park Nature Preserve, and the Fox River Country Day School Site in Elgin. The Tollway is aware of these high quality natural areas and has incorporated the protection and enhancement of these areas into its expansion plans. The Tollway has worked closely with the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission to develop several stormwater best management practices (BMP's) that will limit the impacts to the surrounding area. These BMP's include:

- *The installation of new Sealed Storm Sewers to prevent groundwater intrusion and prevent stormwater leakage back into groundwater supply.*
- *The use of clay-lined ditches to prevent the infiltration of stormwater into the groundwater.*
- *The abandonment of a 36" culvert with a discharge point in Trout Park.*
- *The installation of a salt spray barrier to prevent salt from reaching these sensitive ecosystems along the I-90 Bridge.*
- *The current Fox River Bridges has 7 Piers in the water and 3 Piers between Duncan Avenue and the East Abutment. The new bridges will only have 3 Piers in the river and only 1 Pier between Duncan Ave and the East Abutment.*

In order to mitigate for wetland and waters impacts along I-90, the Tollway is also working with the City of Elgin and the Forest Preserve District of Kane County to restore and protect the 53 acre Fox River Country Day School site. The plans include the restoration of approximately 23 acres of fen habitat and the creation of a conservation easement on the upland portion of the site. Attached for your information is a copy of the Fox River Country Day School Mitigation Approach and a press release describing the Tollway's Partnership with the City of Elgin and the Forest Preserve District of Kane County. I have also attached to this message a memo describing the stormwater BMP's listed above in more detail and a letter of support for the project from the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission.

The Tollway has taken great strides to protect these natural areas and is committed to the long term preservation of these sites.

I have copied CMAP staff, the Tollway's Environmental Policy and Program Manager and the Tollway's Environmental Planner on this reply should you have additional questions or concerns about any of the information presented above.

Sincerely,

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From: April Anderson [mailto:team.nature.ed@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 9:22 AM
To: Info
Subject: Illinois tollway expansion

I'm concerned about the detrimental impact of the expansion of I-90 on the already encroached Trout Park and Chicago Junior School fens, both of which are Illinois Nature Preserve-designated natural areas. Something needs to be done to prevent the disappearance of these natural areas and the endangered species they protect. I am also concerned about Fox River water quality and diminished wildlife habitat. Expansion of I-90 around Elgin doesn't make ecological sense.
April

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From: Holly Ostdick
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 9:05 AM
To: 'jcebulski@patrickco.com'
Cc: Patricia Berry (PBerry@cmap.illinois.gov); Carlson, Brian M (Brian.Carlson@illinois.gov)
Subject: FW: GO TO 2040 and TIP Amendment Public Comment

Mr. Cebulski:

At this time the I-80 from Ridge Rd to US 30 managed lanes project is not included in the TIP or the fiscally constrained Major Capital Projects for GO TO 2040. CMAP is currently preparing an update of GO TO 2040. All major capital projects will be evaluated again at that time; we will take this comment into consideration. We will also forward your comment to the Illinois Department of Transportation. Public comment for the GO TO 2040 update will begin in June 2014.

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----
From: Cebulski, Jarrod [mailto:JCebulski@patrickco.com]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 7:29 PM
To: Info
Subject: GO TO 2040 and TIP Amendment Public Comment

Is the I-80 from ridge road to US 30 project being considered for the TIP? I think it should.

Thanks,
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