



## Major Capital Projects Quarterly Update June 2014

(covers January – June 2014)

### CENTRAL LAKE COUNTY CORRIDOR

**Project Status:** 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. A Finance Committee has been formed to continue to refine project financing. In addition, CMAP is leading 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 Report:**

- The Tollway's Finance Committee held three meetings focusing on refinement of project costs, revenue projections, and extensive discussions of potential local contributions.
- Tollway staff presented the refined project cost estimates, revenue forecasts, funding gap, and initial discussions of the Finance Committee to the Customer Service and Electronic Tolling/Strategic Planning Committee of the Tollway Board.

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

- CMAP has continued to coordinate closely with the Tollway and Lake County on the next phase of the planning work.
- CMAP's Corridor Land Use study
  - CMAP, the Tollway, and Lake County have selected a consult team for the project.
  - The project's Land Use Committee has held two meetings. The first focused on project background, goals, and process. The second meeting provided a subset of the existing conditions information for environmental features as well as an overview of recent market trends in the county and nationally.
  - The consultant team is actively engaged in interviewing communities and obtaining data for the existing conditions report.

## CIRCLE INTERCHANGE

**Project Status:** Phase I is complete, a preferred alternative has been selected, and Finding of No Significant Impact was issued (end of 2013), and construction has begun on elements of the project.

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

**Overall Progress since Last Report:** Work is currently underway reconstructing the Morgan Street, Halsted Street and Peoria Street bridges over I-290, and the Harrison Street Bridge over the Dan Ryan.

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

## CTA RED AND PURPLE LINE MODERNIZATION

**Project Status:** CTA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have initiated the environmental review process for this project. It is expected to be completed in phases, with the first phase consisting of a flyover on the Brown Line to eliminate train delays on the Red and Purple lines north of Belmont station (Red-Purple Bypass Project) and a rebuild of the Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn, and Bryn Mawr stations along with the tracks and structures between them (Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization Project).

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

**Overall Progress since Last Report:**

- The Obama administration recommended the CTA's Red & Purple Modernization project for fiscal year 2015 funding under the Core Capacity portion of the New Starts program.
- In April the FTA issued a Notice to Rescind the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. FTA and CTA anticipate that an environmental assessment will be developed instead.
- CTA held public meetings on the Red/Purple Line modernization in May.

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

## CTA RED LINE SOUTH

**Project Status:** CTA has been conducting the technical environmental analysis of the project alternatives, and is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), expected to be published in early 2015. Several options are currently being evaluated for the Locally Preferred Alternative along the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks. Three other alternatives are being considered as well -- a rail alternative along Halsted Street, a bus rapid transit (BRT) alternative along Michigan Avenue, and the no-build alternative.

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

**Overall Progress since Last Report:** In May the CTA held an open house for the proposed Red Line South Extension, where 200 attendees viewed 24 poster boards that outlined the proposed project and current timeline. CTA will continue to provide project updates through the Red Ahead website.

**CMAP's Contribution since Last Report:** A video completed as part of the LTA program's livability project was used as part of the May public meeting.

## ELGIN O'HARE/WESTERN ACCESS

**Project Status:** All approvals are in place for this project. The widening and reconstruction of the existing Elgin-O'Hare Expressway (IL 390) began this year. The remaining funding gap has been partly closed with a CMAQ grant and ROW donation by DuPage County.

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

**Overall Progress since Last Report:** Advance work has begun on the widening including construction of the IL 390 bridges over Salt Creek, Mittel Boulevard and Lively Boulevard, and the rebuilding and widening of the outside shoulder on IL 390 has begun.

**CMAP's Contribution Last Report:** None.

## ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY

**Project Status:** The project is in the Tier 2 EIS phase. IDOT seeks a federal record of decision in spring 2014. IDOT is pursuing a public-private partnership. By the end of January 2015 IDOT expects to release a final RFP to shortlisted developer teams, select a preferred proposer, and enter into P3 agreement. Project construction is expected 2015 – 2018.

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

**Overall Progress since Last Report:**

- In January, Indiana DOT and the Illinois Finance Authority received statements of qualification from six proposer teams in response to an RFQ. The two states each advanced four developer teams for their respective portions of the expressway.
- In March the FHWA completed its initial eligibility review for the TIFIA program.
- In April a lawsuit was filed in Cook County Circuit Court by several environmental organizations against IDOT, the CMAP Board, and the MPO Policy Committee alleging that the amendment of the Illiana Expressway into GO TO 2040 was carried out improperly.
- In May, IDOT and INDOT entered into a bi-state agreement for the development and construction of the Illiana. The agreement outlines roles and responsibilities of each state, project management requirements, funding commitments, and a project delivery timeline.
- In May [legislation was introduced](#) to provide a credit enhancement for a TIFIA loan or other debt by pledging that the Illiana has priority for Road Fund revenues just after debt service on existing bonds. The legislation also is meant to provide more certainty for the developer teams and allow an availability payment structure.

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

## 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 alternatives have been narrowed to four to be carried forward in the draft EIS, which should be released in spring of 2015. A CTA Blue Line Vision Study is underway and will address physical conditions, service characteristics and ridership.

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

**Overall Progress since Last Report:** A public meeting with Senator Lightford, IDOT representatives, CTA staff, Citizens for Appropriate Transportation, unions and the Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association was held in April to answer questions about the project.

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

## I-294/57 INTERCHANGE

**Status:** Under construction. The Tollway will complete new ramps to connect northbound I-57 to northbound I-294 and southbound I-294 to southbound I-57, as well as an exit ramp from southbound I-294 to 147th Street and an entrance ramp from 147th Street to northbound I-294. Work on these legs of the intersection is expected to be substantially complete this year. The full interchange is expected to be complete in 2024.

**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 Report:** Work continues with new lane configurations on I-294.

**CMAP's Contribution Last Report:** The final I-294/I-57 Land Use and Economic Development Plan was completed by the consultant team in February 2014. The plan was shared with partners, steering committee members, and the broader SSMMA membership at the Quarterly Forum for the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation (CSEDC) in April 2014, with CMAP staff available to answer questions. More details and the full plan are available for download on the [project's webpage](#).

## I-55 MANAGED LANE

**Project Status:** Phase I studies are underway and will be completed by spring 2014. The scope of work for this project is anticipated to include the addition of one lane in each direction within the existing median of I-55 to accommodate implementation of managed lanes.

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

**Overall Progress since Last Report:** None. The next Corridor Planning Group meeting is tentatively scheduled for summer 2014.

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

## I-90 ADDAMS TOLLWAY

**Project Status:** Under construction. Work on rebuilding the section between Rockford and Elgin is expected to finish by the end of 2014. Work has now begun on the section between Elgin and the Kennedy Expressway.

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

**Overall Progress Last Report:** Construction continues. The Tollway signed an agreement with FHWA to become a connected vehicle testbed.

**CMAP's Contribution Last Report:** None.

## 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 Central Loop 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 Report:** None

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