



Major Capital Projects Quarterly Update April 2015

ILLINOIS 53/120 TOLLWAY

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-project>. CMAP's Illinois Route 53/120 Corridor Land Use Plan website: <http://www.lakecorridorplan.org/>.

Overall Progress since Last Report:

- The Tollway's Finance Committee met in January and March to discuss the draft and final report of the Finance Committee. The report was approved during the March meeting and has been submitted to the Tollway Board for consideration. The draft plan will be discussed at the January 20th meeting of the 53/120 Finance Committee.
- The Tollway has continued to refine cost estimates and project design as part of the 53/120 Feasibility Study.

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

- CMAP has continued to coordinate closely with the Tollway and Lake County on the Feasibility Analysis.
- CMAP's Corridor Land Use study is ongoing. Staff and consultants are drafting the final plan, developing a governance framework, and meeting with stakeholders to review proposed technical and policy elements of the plan. A meeting of the 53/120 Land Use Committee was held in February.

JANE BYRNE (FORMERLY CIRCLE) INTERCHANGE

Project Status: Construction is underway on Stage-I elements of the project, consisting of the cross-road bridges. Stage II will focus on I-290/Congress Parkway, while Stage III will focus on the I-90/94 segment. Completion is expected in 2018.

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

Overall Progress since Last Report:

- Construction continues, focusing primarily on ramp NW from northbound I-90/94 to westbound I-290. A drive-through video animation of this ramp is posted on the [Jane Byrne Interchange web site](#).
- A number of long-term closures have been put in place.

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:

- Work continues on the environmental review process, with a draft document expected complete in late spring 2015.

CMAP's Contribution since Last Report: None.

CTA RED LINE SOUTH

Project Status: CTA is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), expected to be published in early 2015. Options are currently being evaluated for the Locally Preferred Alternative along the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks.

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

Overall Progress since Last Report:

- Work continues on the environmental review process, with a draft EIS expected complete in late spring 2015.

CMAP's Contribution since Last Report: None.

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 in 2014. The remaining funding gap has been partly closed with a CMAQ grant and ROW donation by DuPage County.

Project Website: <http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/projects-by-roadway/elgin-o-hare-western-access>

Overall Progress since Last Report

- The Illinois Tollway announced that the Capital Program for 2015 includes \$319.8 million to continue construction this year to:
 - Complete the improvements on IL390 between US20 (Lake Street) and Rohlwing Road.
 - Continue construction of the new Elmhurst Road/I90 Interchange and new I-290 Interchange, and begin new interchanges at Meacham Road/ Medinah Road, Park Boulevard, Prospect Avenue/Arlington Heights Road, Wood Dale Road and IL 83.
 - Continue frontage road and local access improvements.
- The Illinois Tollway is building a new Rohlwing Road Bridge over Illinois Route 390 as part of the new I- 290 Interchange for the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (EOWA) Project. The bridge is scheduled to be complete in 2015. This caused temporary lane closures in March.
- Also in March, Lively Boulevard south of Thorndale Avenue was closed for traffic to allow placement of bridge beams for the new bridge carrying Illinois Route 390 over Lively Boulevard. This is part of advanced work, and will include a realignment of Lively Boulevard, which will be extended under Route 390.

CMAP's Contribution Last Report: None.

ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY

Project Status: The project has received a Tier 2 Record of Decision. IDOT is pursuing a public-private partnership and is expected to release a final RFP to shortlisted developer teams, select a preferred proposer, and enter into a P3 agreement. Project construction is expected 2015 – 2018.

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

Overall Progress since Last Report:

- Planning and development of the Illiana and any other major interstate construction projects was suspended by the Rauner administration on January 13th, pending review of costs and benefits. Review is still ongoing.

CMAP's Contribution since Last Report: None.

I- 290 EISENHOWER EXPRESS TOLL LANES

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: The Village of Maywood hosted a town hall meeting on January 29, 2015 to discuss the proposed I-290 improvements. The meeting started with an open

house session then had a moderated question and answer session. It was held at the Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy in Forest Park.

CMAP's Contribution since Last Report: CMAP continues to participate in the Corridor Advisory Group.

I-294/57 INTERCHANGE

Status: Partial interchange opened in October 2014. New ramps were constructed 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. 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>

I-55 MANAGED LANE

Project Status: A Phase I study was initiated in 2012 and was expected to be complete in 2014. However, the study is not yet complete. 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: IDOT had to address additional engineering detail, which required a fairly significant phase I engineering budget increase. The negotiations process took longer than anticipated.

CMAP's Contribution since Last Report: None.

I-90 ADDAMS TOLLWAY

Project Status: Under construction. Work on rebuilding the section between Rockford and Elgin was finished in late 2014. Work on the section between Elgin and the Kennedy Expressway is expected to be finished in 2016. The project includes substantial transit and intelligent transportation system elements, most of which will be completed toward the end of the project.

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

Overall Progress since Last Report:

- Highlights of the current construction include work on interchanges, including the Elmhurst Road interchange, in conjunction with the Elgin-O'Hare Western Access project. Elmhurst Road will be the first diverging diamond interchange on the Illinois Tollway. A [fact sheet](#) and [video simulation](#) of a diverging diamond interchange has been posted on the Tollway project page.

- Transit project elements are on schedule. Funds for vehicles are being obligated. Transit schedules are being finalized. Park-and-ride categorical exclusions are being developed; Construction planning is continuing, coordinating with Tollway construction activities.
- February bid results [were posted](#) for Jane Addams project water main relocation, roadway reconstruction and widening, and Irene Road interchange expansion (Boone County).
- January bid results [were posted](#) for two Jane Addams bridge widening and reconstruction contracts.

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 how much capacity (i.e., how many years of growth) these improvements are likely to accommodate. 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: Amtrak identified \$12 million for repairs to Union Station. This includes redesign of the concourse areas, safety improvements, HVAC, and facade repairs. This is a small portion of the \$500 million worth of work the Master Plan is expected to identify. The master plan is not yet complete. Construction of the associated LoopLink BRT facility, serving Ogilvie Transportation Center, Union Station, and Millennium Park along two miles of Washington Madison, Canal and Clinton Streets got underway in March and is expected to be finished by autumn. Construction of the Union Station bus terminal should begin later this spring.

CMAP's Contribution since Last Report: None