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Major Capital Projects Quarterly Update January 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 held one meeting discussing potential local contributions and overall project finance. A draft financing plan is under development, but no formal recommendations have been made. 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 completed an Existing Conditions Analysis based on substantive data collection and stakeholder interviews. Public input sessions were held in Grayslake and Lake Zurich. Detailed market analysis, environmental condition assessment, and land use planning are currently underway.

CIRCLE (BYRNE) 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:

- Morgan Street, the first of the reconstructed Circle (Byrne) Interchange bridges, opened to traffic in October, 2014. Reconstructing arterial bridges over the Dan Ryan, Eisenhower, and Kennedy Expressways is necessary to provide sufficient vertical and horizontal clearance for new ramps.
- Preliminary construction has commenced for the Ramp NW Flyover (northbound Ryan to westbound Eisenhower). As part of this project, Ramp NE is temporarily closed. Ramp NW is expected to be complete by fall, 2016.
- IDOT's January letting includes two additional contracts for the project, for the transition for Ramp NW and the Taylor Street Bridge.

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. 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:

- 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

- Construction continues on the new bridge to carry Rohlwing Road over Illinois Rte 390.
- The new Devon Avenue Bridge over I-290 was completed.
- Work on rehabilitating and widening Illinois Route 390 between Irving Park Road and Meacham Road, and rebuilding Illinois Route 390 between Meacham Road and Rohlwing Road continued.

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 a P3 agreement. Project construction is expected 2015 – 2018.

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

Overall Progress since Last Report:

- The project received a Tier II Record of Decision on December 10, 2014. This provides authorization for the project to move forward into implementation, including final design, engineering, and construction.

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 Corridor Advisory Group meeting #18 was held in September 2014. The group heard information about the third round of project evaluations, the results of which will be included in chapter 3 of the environmental impact statement. Chapter 3 will describe the impacts of each alternative along with mitigation commitments in areas of environmental justice, air quality, noise, cultural resources, visual resources, floodplains, water, waste, and wetlands. A large part of the discussion centered around drainage and flooding issues.
- The analysis so far concludes that the alternative “High Occupancy Toll Lane (3+)” allowing high occupancy vehicles containing 3 or more passengers to ride free but permits other vehicles to use the lane for a toll, best manages the new capacity.
- The Study Team has initiated a series of community meetings that will continue into the spring of 2015.

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>

Overall Progress Last Report: The partial interchange opened in October.

CMAP’s Contribution Last Report: None. CMAP worked with local partners last year to develop a I-294/I-57 Land Use and Economic Development Plan. It is available at the [project’s webpage](#).

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: None.

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.

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

Overall Progress since Last Report:

- Construction continues.

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