

Vision for the Northeastern Illinois Expressway System

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Operations Coalition

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Today's Agenda

- The Chicago Region's Expressway System
- Project Purpose and Overview
- Project Schedule
- **Draft Goal Areas**



The Chicago Region's Expressway System

Sample of Major Issues:

- Importance of expressway system for economic development;
- Backlog of unfunded reconstruction needs;
- Unaddressed, long-term congestion issues;
- Mass transit needs; expressways need to work better as multi-modal transportation corridors



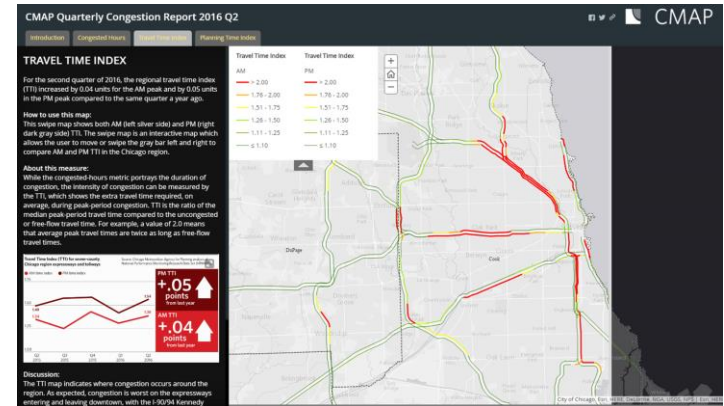
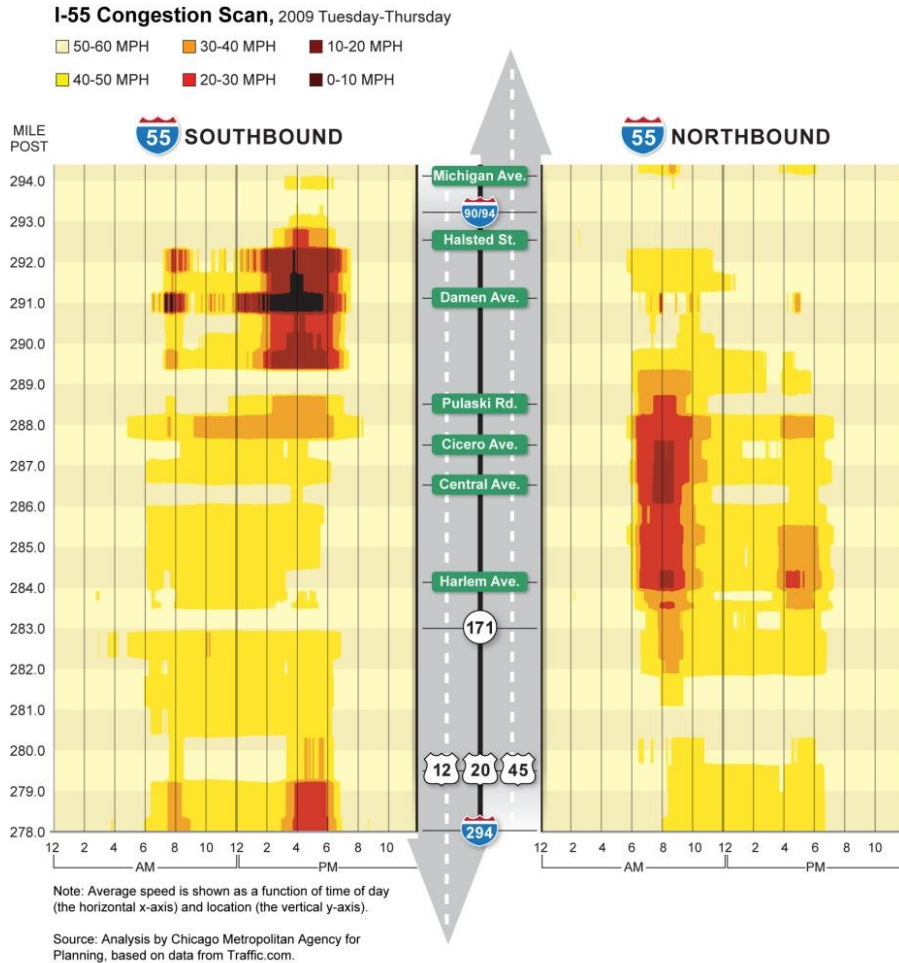
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Sample of Major Issues (Continued):

- Freight bottlenecks;
- Coming vehicle automation and communications technologies;
- Environmental and climate challenges;
- Neighborhood impacts.



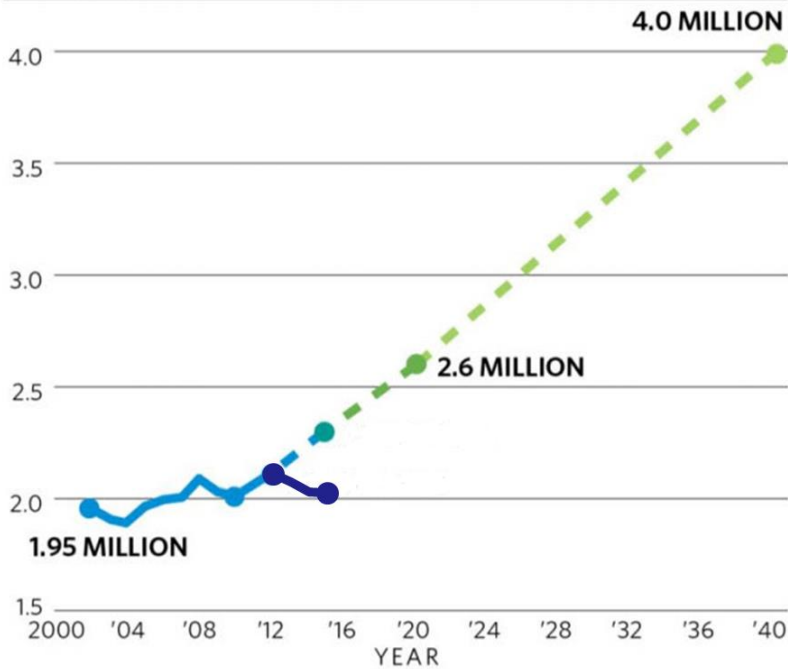
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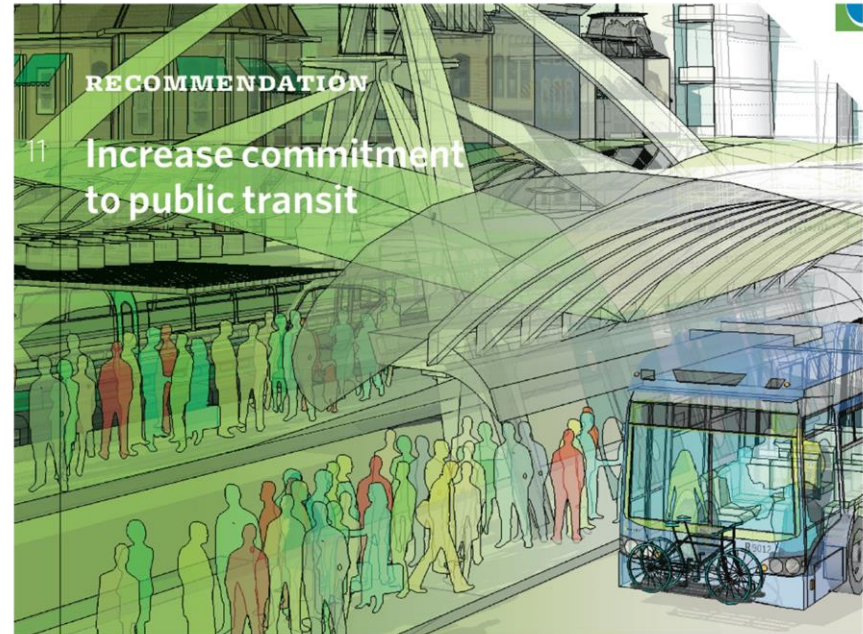
Unaddressed Congestion Issues

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Average weekday unlinked transit trips, 2002-40, with targets, in millions



Source: Federal Transit Administration National Transit Database.

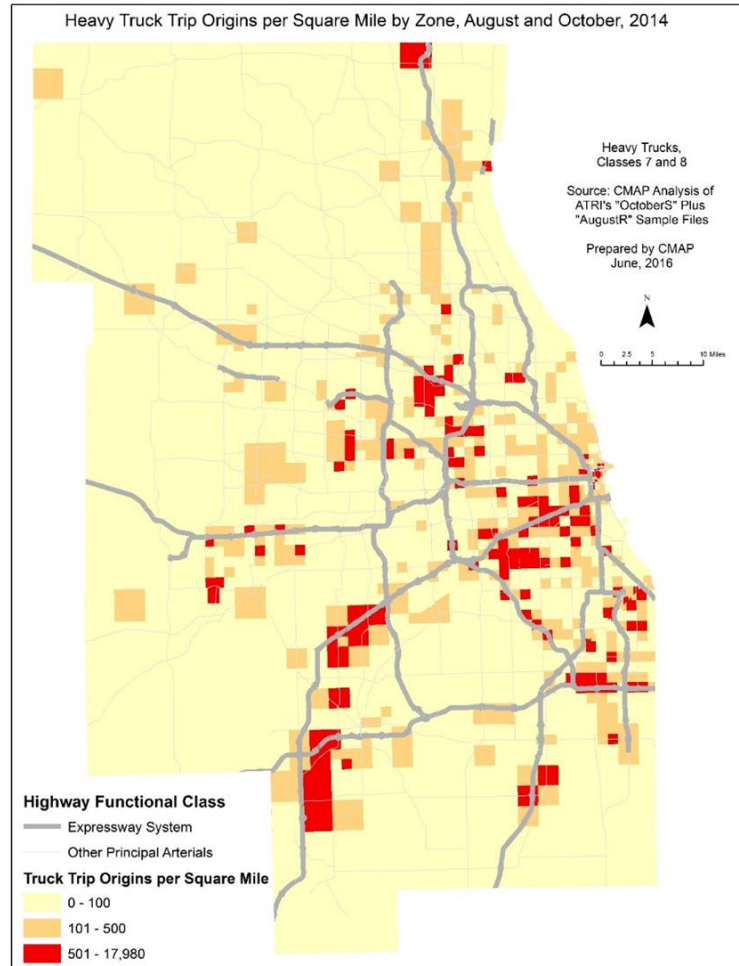


Mass Transit through
Multi-Modal Transportation
Corridors



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Freight System Needs

Project Purpose and Overview

Project purpose: create a vision for the northeastern Illinois expressway system.

Objective: Chart a bold, multi-modal, long-term course for the system, regardless of ownership, that future IDOT and Tollway capital programs and operating policies can draw from.

Objective: Inform *ON TO 2050*, the region's long-term comprehensive plan development process.



Project Purpose and Overview

Project highlights:

- Conceptual goals development
- Planning-level examination of the investments and management strategies needed to improve system condition and performance
- Corridor recommendations supported by conceptual engineering and order of magnitude cost estimates



Project Purpose and Overview

Project highlights (continued):

- Estimating revenue from tolling and value capture
- Solutions for traffic diversion impacts
- Multi-modal focus. Transit needs and opportunities will be evaluated for each study corridor. Freight bottlenecks also need to be addressed.



Project Schedule

Spring, 2017	Initiation, project goals, committee engagement
June, 2017	Consultant start
Summer, 2017	Trends/strategies, committee engagement
Fall, 2017	Corridor recommendations, open houses
January, 2018	ON TO 2050 Recommendations
March, 2018	Draft Vision, Committee Engagement
May, 2018	Final Deliverables Due



Goals We Have Identified

Support the region's economy:

- Promote long-term regional economic growth
- Improve truck freight movement
- Make the system financially sustainable



Goals We Have Identified

Enhance operations:

- Provide game-changing mass transit improvements
- Prepare for vehicle automation and leverage communications technologies
- Achieve a state of good repair
- Improve safety
- Address the most intractable congestion issues



Goals We Have Identified

Manage environmental impacts:

- Improve roadway environmental performance
- Reduce negative impacts on neighborhoods
- Adapt to a changing climate
- Leverage expressway right-of-way for broader needs (such as stormwater management, communications, utilities, and energy production)



Additional Goal Areas/Ideas?

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