

NOTES FROM JUNE 29, 2017 CORRIDOR PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

1:30 p.m., Illinois Tollway, Downers Grove, IL

The meeting began with an introduction by all present. The Corridor Planning Council is comprised of representatives from government (municipal, county, state), transit, and industry. Representatives from Western Springs and Hinsdale were in attendance.

Executive Director Greg Bedalov started the meeting and described how the Tollway's "Move Illinois" capital program was expanded by \$2B to provide for project to improve congestion, access, flooding, and freight transportation on the I-294 Central Tri-State corridor. Mr. Bedalov explained that the purpose of the Corridor Planning Council was becoming obsolete, as the next phase of work by the Tollway is detailed design of alternatives and assessment of the right-of-way needs.

Deputy Chief of Engineering for Planning Rocco Zuccherro described the meeting agenda and purpose of the meeting. He stated that the material presented today would be no different than that discussed during the Tollway's one-on-one meetings with its municipal partners (such as the Village's June 14, 2017 meeting with the Tollway).

A video of the I-294 Central Tri-State history and purpose of the project was presented. The video should be available on the Tollway's website soon.

They described the recommended alternative as a one-lane widening to the outside and an inside flex-lane. Aside from the cross-section that showed this configuration, no plans or other details were provided. Mr. Zuccherro stated that the Tollway will provide information in Fall of 2017 regarding the main-line configuration and the maximum right-of-way required.

Strategic Planning & Programming Senior Manager Aimee Lee described that the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 would be a separate project study. Because I-290 is a federal-aid route, the scope of public meetings, coordination, and environmental studies will be different than the rest of this project. A public meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2017, 4 to 6 p.m. at Elmhurst City Hall to get public comment on constraints and challenges within this interchange footprint.

Mr. Zuccherro described the next steps, one of which would be technical meetings with municipal staff. I confirmed with Mr. Zuccherro, but not mentioning specifically the Hinsdale Oasis, that these technical meetings would include sub-group/task force meetings the Village requested with Hinsdale and Western Springs.

In summary, no new information was provided, except the video.

After the meeting, Project Engineer Nicole Nutter advised me she will be contacting Cook County to arrange a meeting regarding 71st Street at Wolf Road.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.