



**MANAGER'S REPORT FOR JULY 29, 2011
GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS**

Places to be this Week...

Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 7:00 pm – The Village Council meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at 7 p.m.

Future Calendar Reminders...

Tuesday, August 9, 2011 – The Village Council meeting will be held in the Village Council Chambers at 7 p.m.

Long Range Financial Plan Meetings – This year's LRFP meetings will take place in the Village Hall Committee Room on the following dates:

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 6:30pm

FY12 Budget Workshop – Saturday, October 1, 2011 at Fire Station 2. Time TBD.

Illinois Municipal League and National League of Cities Annual Conferences – Registration is now open for the annual conferences of the Illinois Municipal League and the National League of Cities. The annual operating budget includes \$3,500 for conferences and training for Council members. Please let Manager Fieldman know if you are interested in attending one or both of the conferences. More information is below:

- Illinois Municipal League: September 15 – 17, 2011 at the Hilton Chicago Hotel
 - <http://conference.impl.org/>
 - Estimated cost per Council member: \$300
- National League of Cities: November 9 – 12, 2011 in Phoenix, AZ
 - <http://www.nlc.org/events/coc>
 - Estimated cost per Council member: \$1,500

Midwest University Clinic Groundbreaking – Midwestern University will hold a ground breaking event for the Midwestern University Multi-Specialty Clinic on August 1, 2011 at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Lacey Rd. and Woodcreek Rd.

Illinois Tollway Capital Plan and Toll Increase – Attached is the press release issued by the Illinois Tollway Authority announcing a proposed capital plan funded by an increase of 35 cents in the toll at each tollbooth. The public hearing process includes a hearing at the DuPage County Government Center on August 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Illinois Tollway Board will vote on the toll increase and the capital plan on August 25.

BNSF Overnight Work – This week, the BNSF notified the Village that overnight work is scheduled west of Forest Avenue on Monday, August 1 and Tuesday, August 2 between the hours of 7PM & 3AM for both days. The work involves welding of the Switch Plants on the railroad tracks. All trains passing through this location will be blowing their horns during these hours.

Annual Recycling Extravaganza - The Village, in partnership with the Park District, will host the annual Recycling Extravaganza on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Public Works Building at 5101 Walnut Ave. This event is open to residents of DuPage County and does not include businesses or not-for-profit organizations. Last year, the Village collected 109,655 pounds of electronics

collected from 1,800 cars in a six hour period. Over 100 community volunteers also participated in retrieving other recyclable items. Following is a list of items accepted:

Acceptable Items:

- Electronics: Large and small electronics, household batteries, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, cameras, computers, laptops, copiers, cords, discs, electric typewriters, fax/adding machines, hard drives, key boards, mice, monitors, PDAs, printers, scanners, small kitchen appliances, radios, speakers, stereos, telephones, zip drives, hair dryers, and more. *NOT ACCEPTED : refrigerators and air conditioners, Smoke alarms, Light bulbs (fluorescent or Incandescent), Thermostats, Large Household Appliances (White Goods)*
- Lead acid batteries: automotive size battery cores – car, boat, truck, motorcycle, computer, sump pump
- Propane tanks
- Scrap metal
- Bicycles in any condition
- Wheel chairs
- Ink cartridges
- Cell phones
- Buttons from old clothes
- Rulers
- American Flags
- House and car keys
- Personal Documents for shredding – limit of 2 boxes of paper per vehicle

In-House Pavement Patching

Pavement grinding for in house pavement-patching continues. Crews have finished grinding for street patches in the area south of 63rd Street and are now working north of 63rd Street up to the BNSF tracks.

Traffic Signal Modifications at Main and 55th Street

Meade Electric completed the replacement of traffic control equipment and reprogramming in order to provide for a lead left-turn phase for eastbound traffic turning north onto Main Street. The eastbound traffic will have an advance left turn phase in the mornings, which will switch to the westbound traffic in the afternoons. This work was one of the recommendations of the 2010 Neighborhood Traffic Study. The purpose of this change is to encourage traffic to remain on the arterial and collector roadways, reducing neighborhood cut-through traffic. We will be monitoring the results of this change to the signal operation.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Belmont Underpass

Track 3 was taken out of service on 5/7/11 and moved to its final location. Track 3 is scheduled to be reopened on the new bridge on the weekend of 8/12/11. Metra is considering the Village's request to add the replacement of the north boarding platforms to the project scope. The contractor is preparing to lower and reconstruct Haddow Avenue west of Belmont Road. The goal is to complete this work prior to the opening of school, however, conflicts were discovered this week with water and gas mains. The contractor is working with the Village and NICOR to resolve the problem.

Work Performed This Week:

- Placed pre-cast boarding panels on the superstructure of track 3.
- Continued construction of the walls of south pedestrian tunnel stair/ramp structure.
- Continued with the reconstruction of the west ½ of the south boarding platform.

- Completed the concrete work on the walls of retaining wall F.
- Started the backfilling and under-drain work at retaining wall F.
- Continued to construct the canopies for the north pedestrian stair/ramp structure and the northwest stairs.
- Continued cast stone and unit masonry work on the north pedestrian tunnel canopy structure and the NE and NW stair structures.
- Continued with miscellaneous mechanical/electrical and process piping work in the pump station.
- Continued electrical work for the platforms, roadway, and underpass lighting.
- Continued with the construction of the walls at the south west stairs.
- Started with sheet pile installation for retaining wall A.
- Work Planned For Next Week:
- Continued construction of the walls of south pedestrian tunnel stair/ramp structure.
- Continued with the reconstruction of the west ½ of the south boarding platform.
- Backfill the walls of retaining wall F.
- Install roofing on the canopy at north pedestrian tunnel north structure.
- Continue to cast stone and unit masonry work on the north pedestrian tunnel canopy structure and the NE and NW stair structures.
- Install mechanical/electrical equipment and set structural steel and roof decking for the pump station.
- Continue sheet pile installation, excavate and install bracing, and install H-Piles for retaining wall A.

Percent Complete: 63%

Information about the project is provided on the Village's and Metra's websites.



Pedestrian Underpass Structure Under Construction

2010 Resurfacing (B) Phase 2

Awarded Amount: \$1,843,543.38

Contract Completion Date: Portion postponed until spring 2011

Work Performed This Week:

Minor clean up and preparation of the parkways on 5th and 6th.

Work Anticipated Next Week:

Additional parkway prep and sod placement may take place on 5th and remaining part of 6th week of 8/1.

Percent Complete 98%

2011 Roadway Maintenance Program, Street Resurfacing (A) Phase 1

Awarded Amount: \$1,832,424.50

Contract Completion Date: 8/5/11

Work Performed This Week:

- Paving operations (first course) completed throughout the Springside / Bolson area, Devereux area and Meade / Revere area.
- Paving operations (surface course) completed on Devereux, Ticonderoga Pl, White Pl, Bradley Ct and Springside between Concord and 71st St.
- Base patching operations fully completed on Franklin
- Some parkway restoration preparation ongoing in the Lake / Sherman area and Franklin area.

Work Anticipated Next Week:

- Paving operations should continue throughout the remaining portions of Springside / Bolson area, Meade / Revere area and Lake / Sherman / Franklin area week of 8/1.
- An additional base patch on Linden should be completed north of Franklin now that the new storm structures have been placed.
- Some parkway restoration prep should continue in the Franklin area and may progress to the Devereux etc area.

Percent Complete 70%

2011 Roadway Maintenance Program, Street Resurfacing (B) Phase 2

Awarded Amount: \$1,676,260.57

Anticipated Start of Construction: August, 2011

Preconstruction meeting held with the contractor 7/28

2011 Preventive Seal

Awarded Amount: \$153,000.00

Contract Completion Date: August 4, 2011

Work Performed This Week:

- Crack seal fiber work on 35th St, 57th St, 60th St, 61st St, 62nd Pl, 62nd St, Acorn Dr, Barrett St, Belden Ave, Bentley Ct, Blodgett Ave, Buckingham Pl, Chase Ave, Churchill Ct, Curtiss St, De Witt Ln, Dearborn Pkwy, Gilbert Ave, Grand Ave, Grant St, Janes Ave, Leonard Ave, Linscott Ave, Mackie Pl,

Work Planned For Next Week:

- Crack seal fiber work on Maple Ave, Middaugh Ave, Oak Hill Rd, Parkway Dr, Plymouth Ct, Plymouth St, Puffer Rd, Saratoga Ave, Venard Rd, and Walnut Ave.

Percent Complete: 85%

2011 Replacement Sidewalk Program (S-006-11 & S-006-12)

Awarded Amount: \$186,725.00

Contract Completion Date: August 18, 2011

Work Performed This Week:

- Sidewalk removal & replacement on 59th St, 62nd & Washington St, 62nd St, 65th St, 67th Pl, Binder Rd, Blanchard St, Carpenter St, Cumnor Rd, Downers Dr, Downers Dr., Dunham Rd, Fairmount Ave, Forest Ave, Highland Ave, Lyman Ave, Main St, Oak Hill Rd, Orchard Pl, Park Ave, Pomeroy Rd, Powell St, Prairie Ave, Prince Ave, Saratoga Ave, Sherman St, Terrace Dr, Ticonderoga Rd, Washington St, Woodward Ave, Arrow Wood Lane, Ashley Court, Banburry, Bonnie Brae Dr, Brighton, Brighton & Hastings, Dickson Ave, Elm Street, Fairview Ave, Forest Ave,

Gierz St., Curtiss St., Main St., Forest Ave., Warren Ave., Highland Ave., Washington St., Burlington Ave.

Work Planned for Next Week:

- Restoration and punch list related work.

Percent Complete: 90%

2011 Paver Crosswalk Upgrades (S-007-11)

Awarded Amount: \$129,727.50

Contract Completion Date: August 5, 2011

Work started on July 11th.

Crosswalks within the Downtown Business District are scheduled to be rehabilitated by a method using hot applied synthetic asphalt material.

Work Performed This Week:

- Demolition of crosswalks at Burlington & Main, Burlington & Mochel, Curtiss & Mochel, Maple & Main.

Work Planned for Next Week:

- Application of hot applied synthetic asphalt material for crosswalks at Rogers & Main, Rogers & Highland, Warren & Highland, Main & Warren, Burlington & Main, Burlington & Mochel, Curtiss & Mochel, Maple & Main.

Percent Complete: 60%

2011 New Sidewalk Installation Program

Contract Amount: \$ 248,407.35

Contract Completion Date: August 22, 2011

Work Performed This Week:

- Completed sidewalk installation on Lee Ave, 40th St, Morton Ave, Seeley Ave and Prospect Ave.

Work Anticipated Next Week:

- Complete restoration of all asphalt driveways. Complete asphalt path at creek crossing on 40th Street.

Percent Complete: 75%

Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project - Prospect Avenue Lincoln to Chicago

Contract Amount: \$ 65,946.00

Scheduled Start Date: August 1, 2011

Contract Completion Date: August 30, 2011

Preconstruction meeting was held on Friday, July 22nd.

McCollum Park Stormwater Improvements

Current Contract Amount: \$1,250,204.53

Project is substantially complete except for turf related items.

The contractor continues work on turf maintenance items.

Maple/BNSF Railroad Grade Reduction

Awarded Amount: \$365,469.28

Contract Completion Date: August 12, 2011

The intersection was closed Tuesday June 28th and will be closed until 12th. A detour is in place along 55th Street and Fairview Avenue. The contractor completed pressure testing and chlorination of new water main this week. Installation of embankment and stone has been delayed this week because of the rain and wet site conditions. The contractor will continue with embankment and stone installation next week. Installation of curb is scheduled for the end of next week depending on the weather.

- Percent Complete: 40%

Street Light Replacement, Concord Square II

Awarded Amount: \$31,930.52

Contract has been awarded and light fixtures have been ordered. Lead time on fixtures is 6 - 8 weeks. Construction is scheduled to start in September once the fixtures are shipped.

Contract duration is 120 days.

2nd and Cumnor

Council Award Date: July 19, 2011

Award Amount: \$1,055,141.50

Contract Completion Date (excluding restoration is November 4, 2011)

The Pre-Construction meeting was completed on 7/27/11 and construction is projected to begin the week of August 1st. Plantings are anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2012. The adjustment and relocation of a gas line is anticipated for early August.

Work to Be Performed This Week

ComEd to resume utility pole relocations.

Anticipate construction fence installation to begin.

- Percent Complete: 1%

Prentiss Creek Sub E – Kensington Place

Concept Design Award Amount: \$14,808.00

Kickoff meeting for Concept Design with design consultant, Living Waters Consultants completed 5/6/11.

Draft Concept Design meeting completed 7/14/11. Completed concept design report anticipated at the end of July or early August.

Storm Sewer Replacement on Washington Street, Grant to Ogden

Bid Opening Date: July 14, 2011

Anticipated Village Council Workshop Date: August 2, 2011

Anticipated Start of Construction: Late August

Estimated Construction Duration: 60 days

Washington Street/Sherman Street Stormwater Improvements

Current Contract Amount: \$547,159.12

Contract Completion Date: December 19, 2010

Work Performed This Week:

Project closeout and punch list items

Work Anticipated Next Week:

Project closeout and punch list items

- Percent Complete: 99%

Davis Street Storm Sewer

Bids opened July 15, 2011. Staff recommendation on August 2, 2011 Council Agenda.

Lacey Creek (Sub G) Stormwater Improvements - 35th St between Saratoga and Venard

Design underway. Staff is currently reviewing draft report and 50% plan set.

SJN Sub B, Storm Sewer on Pershing Ave

Current Contract Amount: \$364,112.00

Pre-construction meeting held on July 27, 2011.

Mobilization and tree protection fence installation to begin next week. Construction of storm sewer to begin week of August 8, 2011.

Green Streets/Sustainable Water Program and Downtown Business District Water Quality Enhancements

Design contract amount \$26,397.80

Final locations have been selected for the Downtown Business District Water Quality Enhancements and will be incorporated into the Final Report. Design plans have begun on the Green Streets/Sustainable Stormwater Program Pilot Project. Final draft reports are anticipated next week.

Streambank Stabilization - St. Joseph North Branch

Design/Build contract amount \$298,719.00

Preliminary design continues in preparation of upcoming permit submittals.

Streambank Stabilization - St. Joseph South Branch

Design/Build contract amount \$387,750.00

The Certificate of Insurance and Construction Bonds have been submitted. The Notice to Proceed has been sent to the consultant. Due to various scheduling conflicts, the project kick-off meeting has been scheduled for August 9th.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Washington Park Stormwater Improvements

Contract Amount: \$3,055,860.23

Project is Substantially Complete

Work Performed This Week:

There are ongoing responsibilities for turf maintenance.

The Park District has installed the ornamental fence adjacent to the parking lot. Other fence-related items on the punch list that have not yet been addressed may be deducted from the contract and the contract closed.

- Percent Complete (per contract): 100%

59th Street Streambank Stabilization

Contract amount \$18,249.50

This project is complete. Three years of vegetative maintenance and monitoring will continue to be performed through 2013.

- Percent Complete: 100%

Lacey Creek Streambank Stabilization

Contract Amount: \$561,200.00

The construction of this project is complete. An ongoing vegetative maintenance and monitoring program will continue over the next 3 years.

- Percent Complete: 100%

2010 Water Main Improvements

Punch list items for this project have been completed.

- Percent Complete: 100%

ATTACHMENTS

Invitation to Midwestern University Groundbreaking
Press Release for Illinois Tollway Capital Plan



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Please join us!

Ground Breaking for the Midwestern University Clinics

When: August 1, 2011

Time: 10:00 AM

Where: The intersection of
Lacey Rd. and Woodcreek Rd.
Downers Grove, IL

Please RSVP to the
Office of Communications:
630-515-7333 or
communication@midwestern.edu





NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 28, 2011

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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY PROPOSES NEW \$12 BILLION CAPITAL PLAN

*Plan will create more than 120,000 jobs and add \$21 billion to the economy;
Public hearings to be held in August*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway today proposed a new, \$12 billion, 15-year capital plan designed to create jobs, stimulate the economy, provide better travel conditions and relieve congestion. The proposed capital plan, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, maps out the Illinois Tollway's infrastructure investments for 2012-2026, including funding to complete the rebuilding of the 52-year-old Tollway system.

The plan includes reconstructing the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a 21st century, state-of-the-art corridor linking Rockford to O'Hare Airport, a new interchange to connect I-294 to I-57 – one of only two places in the nation where interstates cross but do not connect – and a new all-electronic Elgin O'Hare West Bypass that can provide western access to one of the nation's busiest airports. Also included in the plan is funding for planning studies needed for the extension of Illinois Route 53 and the Illiana Expressway.

"Communities throughout the region are advocating for new transportation projects with increasing urgency," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Kristi Lafleur. "Illinois residents, business owners, planners, elected officials and others understand that new roads can improve quality of life by saving people time and money, creating jobs and stimulating local economies."

The proposed capital plan will create more than 120,000 permanent jobs and add \$21 billion to the economy. For every \$1 billion of annual construction, more than 13,000 shorter-term construction jobs will be created and sustained over the next decade.

"The Tollway's Board is committed to developing a plan that will ensure that the Chicago area remains competitive with other major cities in the U.S. and around the world," said Tollway Board Chair Paula Wolff. "Our transportation system is one of Illinois' greatest assets. Without a transportation system that is on the cutting-edge and capable of handling increased commercial and passenger travel, our regional economy will suffer."

The Illinois Tollway has completed nearly \$5 billion – nearly 85 percent – of the projects outlined in its current 2005-2016 Congestion-Relief Program on schedule and within budget and is required under the Toll Highway Act to put together its next capital program by the end of 2011.

Proposed Capital Plan

The proposed 15-year, \$12 billion capital plan includes \$8.08 billion to fund necessary improvements to the existing Tollway System. These needs are programmed to be performed at the right time to keep the existing 286 miles of roadways in a state of good repair. Projects include:

- Reconstructing and widening the 52-year-old Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) from the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to Rockford
- Reconstructing more than 20 miles of the central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and the Edens Spur (I-94)
- Preserving the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88)
- Preserving the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355)
- Repairing roads, bridges and maintenance facilities
- Other capital projects, including local interchanges

In addition, the proposed capital plan commits an additional \$4.07 billion for new projects that focus on enhancing mobility, including:

- Constructing a new interchange at I-294/I-57, as well as the 147th Street ramps
- Constructing the Elgin O'Hare West Bypass, including completion of the Elgin O'Hare, construction of the West Bypass between I-90 and I-294 and rehabilitation and widening of the existing Elgin O'Hare Expressway
- Planning for transit on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90)
- Planning studies for the Illinois Route 53 Corridor and the Illiana Expressway

"The Elgin O'Hare West Bypass is essential to our region's global competitiveness, will drive economic development and create thousands of jobs," said DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin, who serves as chairman of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Financial Working Group. "I firmly believe that if this road is going to be built, that it will be built as a tollway which will ensure that the drivers who use the road, will pay for the road."

The plan focuses on achieving five goals:

1. Save Drivers Time and Money
Increased capacity and new access from projects in the Tollway's new capital plan will provide drivers with options and opportunities to save time and money over the next decade and beyond.
2. Drive the Economic Engine
The Tollway's capital plan provides an opportunity to help drive Illinois' economy and provide the infrastructure improvements necessary to continue to support the quick and efficient transport of goods, services and workers.
3. Build a 21st Century Transportation System
The Tollway's capital plan will provide for a system of roadways, innovative pricing systems and possibly incorporate mass transit that guarantees long-term competitiveness of the region and unlocks the economic potential of the Midwest for years to come.
4. Take Care of the Existing System
The plan commits funds to rebuild the remaining critical pieces of the Illinois Tollway system.
5. Be the "Cleanest and Greenest" Program In History
The Illinois Tollway's "Building Green" efforts will minimize the environmental impact of new roadway construction by reducing, recycling and reusing materials.

"If we expect companies to invest in our communities, we have to be ready to invest in ourselves," said Rockford Mayor Larry Morrissey. "I look forward to participating in the hearings that will detail how the proposal would directly expand and improve service to create jobs and capacity for economic growth in the many communities connected by the system."

Capital Plan Time-Saving Benefits

Capital improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Elgin O'Hare West Bypass and I-294/57 Interchange will provide significant time and cost savings. With the Elgin O'Hare West Bypass, customers will save 13 minutes on a five-mile trip from I-290 to York Road. The new Elgin O'Hare West Bypass will accommodate three times as many vehicles per day as the local roads carry now. Additional capacity on I-90 will accommodate 30,000 more vehicles each day, saving drivers up to 25 minutes on the average trip from Elgin to the Kennedy Expressway.

In addition, the new interchange at I-294 and I-57 is expected to serve more than 76,000 vehicles per day. Tri-State Tollway commuters using I-80 to I-57 will save approximately 25 hours a year in travel time. Construction of the interchange will provide access to local communities and direct freight access to Chicago's south suburbs. The new interchange is expected to save drivers \$4 million annually in fuel consumption.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) projects that - collectively - these three major projects—all priorities of its Go To 2040 Plan--- will reduce vehicle miles traveled in congestion by 1 million miles daily, resulting in savings of more than \$775 million annually due to reduced congestion and delays.

“The Chicago area has the nation’s worst roadway congestion,” said Mayor of Palos Hills and CMAP Board Chairman Gerald Bennett. “The Tollway’s plan wisely invests in projects CMAP’s GO TO 2040 Plan has identified as the best opportunities to maximize regional mobility and economic development – including construction of the I-294/I-57 Interchange.”

Proposed Funding Plan

The capital plan will be financed by bonds backed by a proposed toll rate increase for passenger vehicles effective January 1, 2012, and a previously approved commercial vehicle increase scheduled to begin in 2015. Funding for the proposed plan will also be generated through toll revenue from additional facilities, including the new Elgin O'Hare West Bypass.

The proposed plan includes a toll rate increase of 35 cents at a typical mainline toll plaza, with cash-paying passenger vehicles continuing to pay double the I-PASS rate. The proposal represents the first toll increase in 28 years for I-PASS users, who comprise 75 percent of the Illinois Tollway's 1.4 million daily users. The Illinois Tollway is a user-funded system that receives no state or federal tax dollars for maintenance and operations.

“A 21st century transportation system can't be paid for in 1983 dollars,” said Lafleur. “No one is going to step up – not Washington, D.C., nor anyone else - to help us pay for these infrastructure improvements that are needed to keep our competitive advantage.”

With the proposed toll rate increase—typically from 40 cents to 75 cents, the cost of a car trip on the Tollway system for an average I-PASS customer would be \$1.18 – up from today's average of 63 cents per trip and an increase of \$2.75 a week or \$11.00 a month. Even after the increase, the Illinois Tollway will rank 29 among all 41 toll road agencies in the U.S. in terms of price – still in the bottom third and an average of just 6 cents per mile.

The commercial vehicle increase previously approved by the Tollway Board in 2008 will remain in place. Commercial rates are scheduled to increase a total of 60 percent between 2015 and 2017 and are tied to the Consumer Price Index beginning in 2018.

Public Planning Process

To develop the proposed capital plan, the Tollway's leadership team worked to ensure that the voices of residents, business owners, community leaders, elected officials and environmental groups were brought to the table to join the discussion, along with transportation, planning and regional transit agencies.

Throughout 2010, the Tollway Board of Directors conducted a comprehensive, year-long public review of potential capital projects required to maintain the existing Tollway system in good repair through 2026, as well as new projects with regional impact that the Tollway could play a role in.

The review was followed by public discussion and input through a series of five public Capital Planning Forums held in July 2011, participation in the Elgin O'Hare West Bypass Advisory Council and creation of the I-90 Corridor Planning Council and the Illinois Route 53 Corridor Blue Ribbon Advisory Council.

Public Hearings in August

Details of the capital plan and proposed toll rate increase will be presented at a series of public hearings in the 12 counties served by the Tollway to allow customers and others the opportunity to comment and provide feedback.

In addition, all of the public hearings will be Web cast live on the Tollway's Web site to provide access for those unable to attend the hearings in person. The Tollway is also soliciting comments on its Web site at www.illinoistollway.com.

Public hearings will be held:

August 18, 7-9 p.m.

Cook County - Chicago Ridge City Hall, 10455 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Chicago Ridge, IL

DuPage County - DuPage County Government Center, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL

Kane County - Kane County Gov. Center, 719 S. Batavia Avenue, Building A, Geneva, IL

Will County - Village of New Lenox, 1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL

August 19, 7-9 p.m.

Boone County - Community Building, 111 W. 1st Street, Belvidere, IL

DeKalb County - NIU-Convocation Center, 1525 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb, IL

Lake County - Libertyville Civic Center, 135 W. Church Street, Libertyville, IL

McHenry County - Village of Huntley, 10987 Main Street, Huntley, IL

August 22, 7-9 p.m.

Lee County - Comfort Inn, 154 Plaza Drive, Dixon, IL

Ogle County - Comfort Inn & Suites, 1122 N. Seventh Street, Rochelle, IL

Whiteside County - Sterling Municipal Building, 212 3rd Avenue, Sterling, IL

Winnebago County - Clock Tower Resort, 7801 E. State Street, Rockford, IL

The Tollway Board of Directors is scheduled to vote on the capital plan and proposed toll increase at its August 25 meeting at the Tollway's headquarters in Downers Grove. The Toll Highway Act requires the Board to complete its capital plan by the end of 2011.

For more information about the proposed capital plan and to submit a comment, please visit www.illinoistollway.com.

About the Illinois Tollway

The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 286 miles of interstate tollways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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