

Item #5A:
Village President Underwood
IL Route 53 Extension

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ILLINOIS ROUTE 53/120 CORRIDOR LAND USE PLAN

Dear Municipal Partner:

As mentioned during yesterday's Land Use Committee (LUC) meeting, CMAP and the Corridor Land Use Plan Project Team would like to meet with your community to review additional land use planning maps and other materials, including a conceptual plan for your municipality including important natural resources and market-based land uses. We would like to review and discuss these plans with you to identify issues, concerns and opportunities regarding land use in your community and in the Corridor as a whole.

We are setting aside times on February 11, 17, 18, and 19 for these meetings, which will be held at a central location, likely the Lake County Permit Facility in Libertyville. We will call you to schedule a specific time. If there are any specific questions related to the market analysis that you have, please let us know so that we can come prepared to answer them at the meeting.

Thank you. We look forward to talking to you!

Sincerely,

Illinois Route 53/120 Corridor Land Use Plan Project Team

For more information about the Illinois Route 53/120 Corridor Land Use Plan, or to view materials from the Public Input Sessions and previous Land Use Committee meetings, please visit the project website at: www.lakecorridorplan.org

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Illinois Route 53/120 Extension Public Poll Question

I want to hear from you! Please take a moment to answer these [two quick questions](#) about the IL Route 53/120 extension. Your input is very important. Thank you.

LCDOT Snow Removal Operations: By the Numbers

When winter weather strikes, the Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) "Snow Command" is working around the clock to clear the roads. LCDOT plows roughly 800 lane miles of road, split into 25 routes. During a snow event, LCDOT plows are out on the roads throughout the entire storm, operating on 12-hours shifts until the roads are clear. [2015 Compared to 2014 Totals](#)

County Leaders Recognize Local First Responders for Saving Lives with Opioid Reversal Drug

The Lake County Board recently recognized four Deerfield Police Officers who were among the very first responders to administer the life-saving drug Naloxone in Lake County, saving the life of a resident who overdosed on heroin. The Board Chairman presented the four officers with proclamations for their outstanding public service, and "A Life Is Saved Award" on behalf of the Executive Justice Council of Lake County. Also, deputies with Lake County Sheriff's Office recently saved another life after using the emergency injection in the field, saving a total two lives from overdoses. The Health Department has trained 90 police officers to use Naloxone and is putting the drug in the hands of officers (secured with a \$1.4 million donation). Lake County is a member of the Lake





Illinois Route 53/120 Extension Public Poll Question

***1. Do you support the northern extension of IL Route 53/120 into Lake County as an Illinois Tollway project?**

Yes

No

Undecided

***2. Where do you live?**

Lake Zurich

Barrington

Deer Park

Kildeer

Long Grove

Other

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Route 53 extension might involve new kind of tax financing district

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If the extension of Illinois Route 53 is ever built, it might be funded by a first-of-its-kind invention similar to a tax increment financing district.

The committee that is searching for means to pay for the highway's construction has thoughts about creating a "stewardship fund," which would function like to a TIF district, except that it would stretch through numerous municipalities. The hybrid idea could join other, traditional revenue generators — a Lake County gasoline tax, the reopening of the Deerfield toll plaza, congestion prices and the addition of new toll plazas at interchanges that have never had any — in a package of funding possibilities.

Angie Underwood, Long Grove village president, is a member of the Route 53 finance committee. That group is scheduled to meet again on Jan. 20, and during the Long Grove Village Board's Jan. 13 session, she briefed her trustees on the new developments.

"They've been pretty adamant that they won't do it without local contribution," she said to the trustees.

"They" is the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, which has long operated the existing Route 53 as a free highway. The idea of extending it north of its current terminus at Lake Cook Road up to Illinois Route 120 has been studied about once a decade for nearly 60 years. The current committee consists of political, business and environmental minds, and has achieved compromises and consensus that prior groups never could. Its proposal is for a four-lane, 45 miles per hour parkway that would use new techniques to minimize the damage to the wetlands it would cut through.

But caring for the environment makes construction pricey. In August, the committee estimated its idea's price tag at \$2.8 billion. On Jan. 13, Underwood said the committee segment that she is part of, which focuses on funding, believes the new taxes, tolls and the hybrid "TIF" would generate between \$495 million and \$663 million.

"That's not the total cost of the road, but it's a chunk of it," she told her board.

But the Long Grove Village Board had concerns about the stewardship fund.

As currently proposed, the TIF-styled creation would extend for two miles in both directions of the parkway. Aaron Lawlor, Lake County Board President and co-chair of the Route 53 committee, told Pioneer Press Jan. 14 that this district would affect only new, non-residential properties, mainly



Route 53 just north of the intersection with Lake Cook Road in Long Grove. Revised cost estimates for all 25 miles of a Route 53/120 extension in 2020 dollars now include a high-end figure of \$2.87 billion. | SUN-TIME FILES

commercial and retail. Businesses like Long Grove's Menards, which already exist in what could become the fund's swath, would remain unaffected.

As with a standard TIF, the stewardship fund would amass the extra property taxes that come from a development's increasing property values and use them for environmental protection.

"It's for unintended consequences," Underwood told the board.

Because it would go through numerous municipalities, and existing TIFs, it would also require a new state law, signed by new Gov. Bruce Rauner, a Republican.

"There's so many things that have to happen here," said Underwood, adding that no changes are imminent. "It's very complicated."

Consolidating money to remediate the wetland damage that the road's existence would cause is crucial, Underwood said. Without a fund devoted to environmental care, the committee will lose the support of its conservationist members.

Whatever funding plan the finance committee comes up with, it will serve only an advisory capacity. The agenda will eventually go to the tollway's Board of Directors, which holds sole authority for whether an extension is built.

But every step of the process is consequential for Long Grove's businesses and wetlands, and Underwood asked her trustees how they would like her to vote. The trustees, most of whom felt that the hybrid TIF concept was too nebulous to support or oppose, asked her to abstain.

"Until we have more information about this, I don't know how you can vote for it, or against it," board member John Marshall told Underwood.



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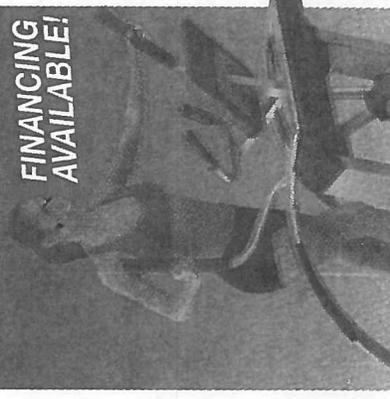
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