Item #7B:

Village President Underwood

Report On CMAP IL Route 53 Extension Public Meetings

12/04/14

WELCOME

This is the first Public Input Session for the Corridor Land Use Plan. This process is designed to create a plan for the Corridor study area that integrates land use, transportation, economic development, and open space.

An important part of this effort is public engagement. This input session is an opportunity for you to learn about the planning process to date and provide input on what is important to you in the Corridor. This input will be shared with the Land Use Committee and used to inform the development of the Land Use Plan.

There are several topic based stations around the room. Please visit the various stations in any order you like at your own pace. There will be no formal presentation.

OPEN SPACE & NATURAL RESOURCES

This station is centered around issues and opportunities relating to the network of green spaces and natural features and systems within the Corridor.

MARKET

Where are different kinds of development, like housing, commercial and industrial, locating within the County? How much of that could come to the Corridor and where should it go?

MOBILITY

Cars, trains, buses, bikes, walking. How are people getting around the Corridor today and how might that change in the future?

LAND USE

What are the patterns of land uses in the Corridor today and how might they change in the future? How do the types of uses and density impact the Corridor?

COMMENTS

Anything else you want to tell us. Grab a comment card and fill it out.

BACKGROUND

Here is a chance to learn more about the process, what has occurred so far and what steps will happen in the future.

CORRIDOR VALUES

At this station, participate in an activity to tell us what is most important to you in the Corridor.

ENTRY & SIGN-IN

Get signed in and get started. Make sure you drop your comment sheet back here before you leave.

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COMMENT FORM

As you review the exhibits, please fill out as much of this form as you can. Before you leave, be sure to put it in the comment box at the sign-in table

Overall Values

What which three issues are most important to you?

- Commute / travel times
- Access to trails
- Protection & enhancement of natural resources
- Community character
- Diversity of housing choices
- Accessible recreation opportunities
- Convenient shopping
- Close & reliable transit options
- Other (please specify)

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Mobility

Are you satisfied with transportation options in the Corridor? (Circle one)

Yes No

For which of the following trips would you use alternatives (walk, bike, bus, train) if available? (circle all that apply)

- To work
- To school
- For shopping
- To parks or other open spaces
- To dining / entertainment

What improvements would you like to see made to the transportation system near you?

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Open Space & Natural Resources

Which parks, preserves or natural areas do you like to visit?

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Are there any parks or preserves you would like to see connected by trails and greenways? If yes, which ones?

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What do you feel are the most important environmental issues that this process should address?

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Market

Where do you prefer to shop?

- A local downtown (specify where)

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- Shopping center or mall (specify where)

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- Online
- Other (please specify)

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Which of the following housing options do you think ought to be available in your community? (Circle all that apply)

- Apartments
- Townhomes
- Independent Senior Living
- Larger lot single-family
- Smaller lot single-family
- Other (please specify)

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Land Use

Which of these would you like to see more of in the Corridor? (circle up to 3). Put a line through those you would not like to see more of.

- Passive Green Spaces
- Active Open Space / Parks
- Farmland
- Single-family Housing
- Multi-family Housing
- Industrial Employment Areas
- Office Employment Areas
- Retail Shopping Areas
- Other (please specify)

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Background Information

What community do you live in?

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What community do you work in?

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Any other comments?

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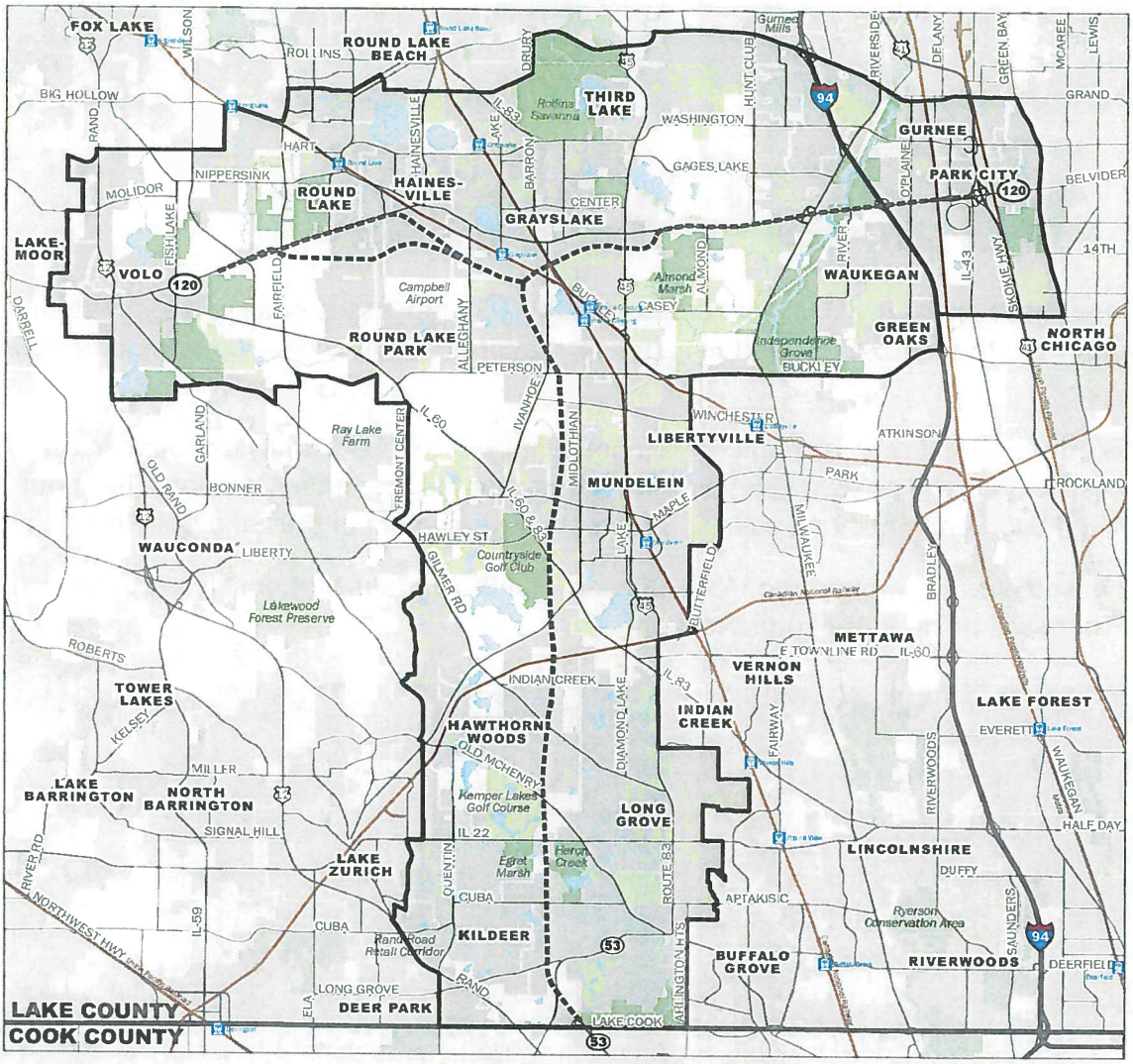
Thank you for your participation!



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STUDY AREA BOUNDARY

- Project Study Area
- Blue Ribbon Advisory Council Proposed Alignment
- Rail
- METRA Station
- Forest Preserve
- Parks and Open Space

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NOTES

Please feel free to use this space to take notes for yourself

KEEP INFORMED

Check back at the project's website for additional information and other opportunities to participate in the process. Let others know that they can still participate even if they were not able to make it to this event.

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ILLINOIS ROUTE 53/120
Project Overview

The Illinois Route 53/120 Project is proposed to be a 21st century urban highway – ***a modern boulevard with a small footprint to protect the natural environment and preserve the character of Lake County.*** *It is envisioned as a multi-modal, sustainable and innovative transportation system that will address specific needs for congestion relief and provide greater connectivity.*

The current proposal includes the following improvements:

Extension of Illinois Route 53 – four lanes at 45 mph

- From Lake Cook Road to just south of Illinois Route 120

Upgrade of existing Illinois Route 120 (west end) – four lanes

- From U.S. Route 12 to west terminus of Illinois Route 120 Bypass

Illinois Route 120 Bypass – four lanes at 45 mph

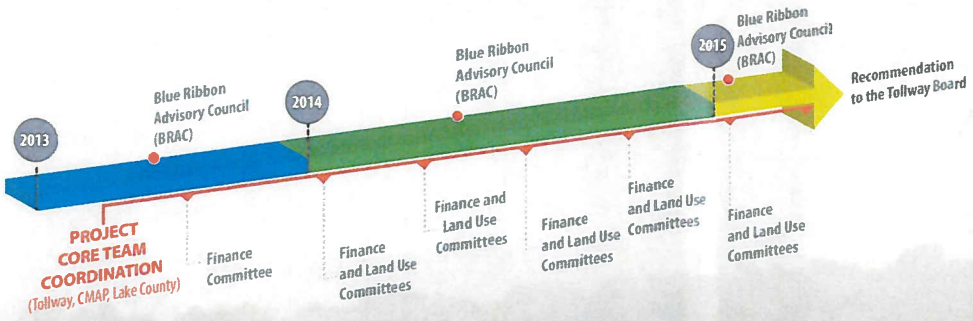
- From east of Wilson Road to east of U.S. Route 45

Upgrade of existing Illinois Route 120 (east end) – four lanes

- From east terminus of Illinois Route 120 Bypass to the Tri-State Tollway (I-94)

Current Phase of Work

The current phase of this project builds on the recommendations and framework outlined by the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council (BRAC). The Illinois Tollway, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and Lake County will partner on a combined, two-pronged effort to examine the feasibility of the project with respect to financing and land use. To facilitate this effort, new Finance and Land Use Committees will help provide a recommendation to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors as to whether the Tollway should continue to move forward with the project.

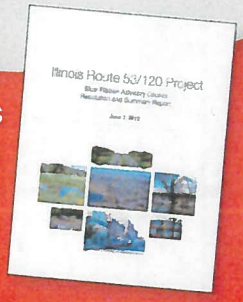


To determine the feasibility, the analysis will focus on five key study areas: design, environmental, financing, operations and regulatory. CMAP's Land Use Plan will feed into the design, environmental and financing aspects of the analysis. The outcome of this effort will help to answer the overarching questions *"Is the project feasible?"* and *"Should the Tollway build the project?"*

BACKGROUND

An Illinois Route 53 northern extension has been considered since the 1960s. However, due to the lack of consensus among various interests, the project has not yet come to fruition. The Illinois Tollway established the Illinois Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council (BRAC) in 2011 to develop regional consensus on whether the Tollway should move forward with the project. The BRAC outlined its work and findings in the June 7, 2012 Resolution and Summary Report, which concluded that there is consensus for the Tollway to move forward with the project and provided the scope, configuration and design elements of the new roadway. The report also suggested potential methods for financing the project. The BRAC identified necessary next steps for the project, which serve as the basis for this current phase of work.

The BRAC defined a set of guiding principles to ensure the outcomes are clearly defined and the project fulfills its goals. The most important of these principles is to use innovative and environmentally beneficial design solutions to strike a balance between improving mobility and access while minimizing negative environmental and long-term developmental impacts.



To view the BRAC's recommendations, as captured in the *June 2012 Resolution and Summary,* please go to the "Construction/Planning" section of www.illinoistollway.com click on "Community Outreach", then click on "Illinois Route 53/120."

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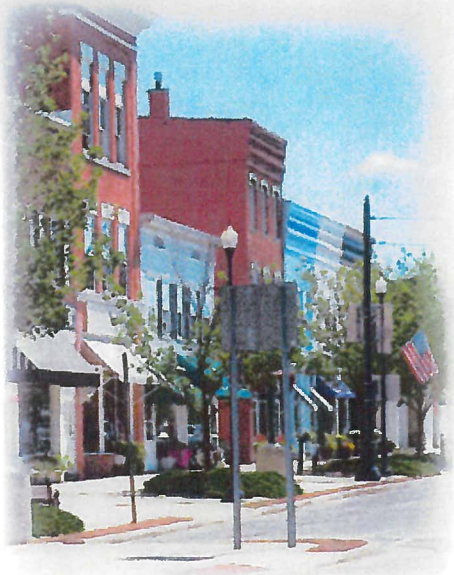
Current Phase of Work

The current phase of the Illinois Route 53/120 Project builds from the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council (BRAC) recommended next steps. The Illinois Tollway, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and Lake County are moving forward with a two-pronged effort to examine the feasibility of the project with respect to financing and land use.

What is the difference between the effort being led by the Tollway and by CMAP?

Illinois Tollway's Feasibility Analysis

The Tollway's Feasibility Analysis will assess whether the roadway proposed by the BRAC—a 21st century urban highway—is truly achievable from the standpoints of financing, design, construction, operations and maintenance. The proposed roadway is fundamentally different than the rest of the Tollway system due to the unique design elements and performance standards that were proposed by the BRAC. Some of these elements include fewer lanes (two lanes in each direction), lower operating speeds (45 mph), depressed roadway sections and ambitious water quality and noise standards. In addition, the Feasibility Analysis will attempt to identify innovations and possible legislative changes that would be necessary for the Tollway to move the project forward. *The Tollway has convened a Finance Committee that will develop a recommendation to the Tollway Board of Directors as to how the project can be funded. For more information regarding the Feasibility Analysis, please visit www.illinoistollway.com.*



CMAP's Land Use Plan

CMAP and Lake County are undertaking a collaborative planning initiative to create a Land Use Plan for the proposed Illinois Route 53/120 Corridor. This effort is not for the road itself, but for the communities and natural areas along the proposed corridor. The goal of the Illinois Route 53/120 Corridor Land Use Plan is to protect community assets—including vital natural resources and quality of life—and identify opportunities to improve recreation, increase access to transit, promote efficient and effective land use, and enhance economic development. *A Land Use Committee, facilitated by CMAP, will be asked to recommend endorsement of the plan by municipalities and Lake County. For more information regarding CMAP's Corridor Land Use Plan, please visit www.cmap.illinois.gov.*

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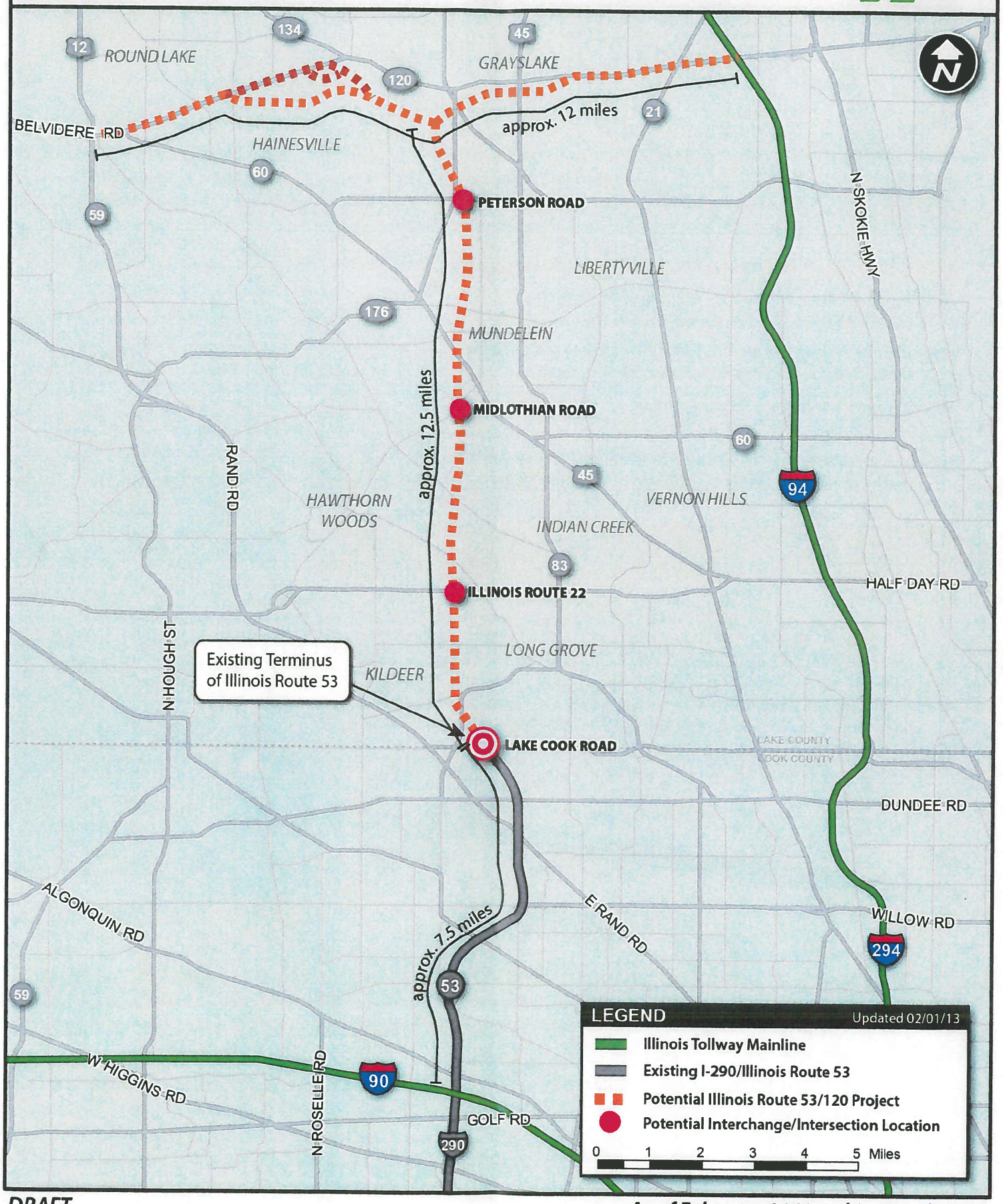
Potential Illinois Route 53/120 Project



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