

**Item #8B:**  
**Village President Underwood**  
IL Route 53 Extension - March 18th Meetings



**The Illinois Tollway invites you to attend the  
Illinois Route 53/120 Project  
Finance Committee Meeting #4**

***Tuesday, March 18, 2014  
1 - 2:30 p.m.***

**University Center of Lake County-Conference Center\*  
1200 University Drive  
Grayslake, Illinois 60030**

**\* Conference center and parking is located in the northeast portion of the campus.  
Use main entrance off of Washington Street.**

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**The agenda will include the following:**

- I. Roll call**
- II. Approve February 13, 2014, meeting minutes**
- III. Traffic and revenue forecasts**
- IV. Next steps**
- V. Public comments**
- VI. Adjournment**

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RSVP by March 14 to: **Cathy Valente, (630) 765-0433** or [cvalente@getipass.com](mailto:cvalente@getipass.com).

Agendas, presentations and reports from the Finance Committee will be available in the Community Outreach section on the Illinois [Tollway's website](#). Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

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## David Lothspeich

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**From:** kdelarentiis@metrostrategiesinc.com on behalf of CMAP, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, on behalf of Jason Navota [kdelarentiis@metrostrategiesinc.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014 8:33 AM  
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**Subject:** Illinois Route 53/120 Project Land Use Committee Meeting



The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), the Illinois Tollway, and Lake County invite you to attend the first Illinois Route 53/120 Project Land Use Committee Meeting.

**Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

**3:00 - 4:30 p.m.** (immediately following Finance Committee meeting)

University Center of Lake County-Conference Center\*  
1200 University Drive  
Grayslake, Illinois 60030

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The agenda will include the following:

- I. Roll Call
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Process Rationale and Purpose
- IV. Process Overview
- V. Roles
- VI. Procedures
- VII. Guiding Principles
- VIII. Desired Outcomes
- IX. Next Steps
- X. Public Comments
- XI. Adjournment

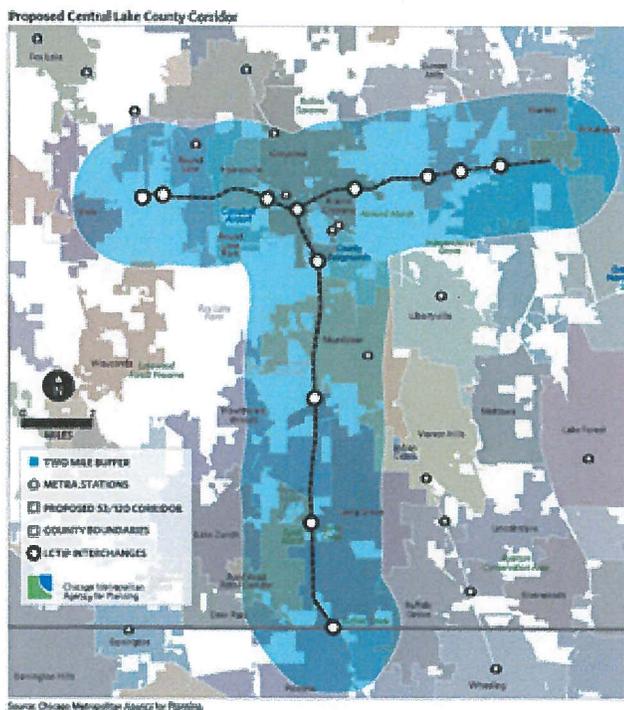
RSVP by March 14 to: Elli Cosky (312) 561-3140 or [ecosky@metrostrategiesinc.com](mailto:ecosky@metrostrategiesinc.com).

Agendas, presentations, and reports from the Land Use Committee will be available on CMAP's [website](#).



Questions or comments? Contact Jason Navota (<mailto:jnavota@cmapp.illinois.gov>).

## Illinois Route 53/120 Corridor Land Use Plan



([/documents/10180/117740/IL53\\_120\\_Timeline\\_081413+large.jpg/2do0a7dd1-4cf8-49f2-8ae3-c38a7fa99847?t=1384787455504](#)) GO TO 2040, metropolitan Chicago’s comprehensive regional plan, recommends only five new major capital projects ([/about/2040/regional-mobility/capital-projects](#)) for the region to pursue, including the Central Lake County Corridor. Commonly referred to as the Illinois Route 53/120 project, it will extend IL 53 north from its current terminus at Lake-Cook Road to IL 120 and also includes complementary improvements to IL 120. To ease congestion that has resulted from rapid development of central Lake County in recent decades, this project will improve access and mobility in the county and our region as a whole. GO TO 2040 calls for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century urban highway — this “modern boulevard” should have a smaller footprint to minimize potential negative impacts while protecting the natural environment and preserving the character of nearby communities.

Shortly after the adoption of GO TO 2040, the Illinois Tollway convened an [IL 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council](http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/community-outreach/illinois-route-53-120-blue-ribbon-advisory-council) (<http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/community-outreach/illinois-route-53-120-blue-ribbon-advisory-council>) (BRAC) of key project stakeholders, including CMAP executive director Randy Blankenhorn, to determine whether there was regional consensus on the project and if the Tollway should move forward to develop a feasibility analysis. The BRAC's work concluded with a resolution and summary report ([http://www.illinoistollway.com/documents/10157/48743/2012-06\\_FinalCouncilSummaryReport\\_web.pdf](http://www.illinoistollway.com/documents/10157/48743/2012-06_FinalCouncilSummaryReport_web.pdf)) in June 2012, which recommended the new highway be built as a four-lane parkway, with all lanes congestion-priced ([/mobility/roads/congestion-pricing](#)) and a speed limit of 45 mph. Consistent with GO TO 2040, the BRAC's report recommended innovative design features, financing options, and market-driven, multijurisdictional land use planning. Specifically, the BRAC recommended that CMAP manage the development of a Corridor Land Use Plan that "integrates land use, transportation, economic development, and open space."

In fall 2013, CMAP will initiate development of the Illinois Route 53/120 Corridor Land Use Plan. This multi-year effort will engage relevant municipalities, Lake County, the Illinois Tollway, the environmental and economic development communities, and other stakeholders in a facilitated, open process to create a plan for land use, open space, local transportation, and economic development within a two-mile buffer of the proposed IL 53/120 right of way. The Corridor Land Use Plan study area is roughly bound by Lake Cook Road on the south, I-94 on the east, and IL 12 on the west.

The Tollway will lead a separate and parallel feasibility analysis to address traffic, tolling, financing, roadway design, and other matters that concern the facility itself. The Tollway's feasibility study progress will be monitored at the following web page

[http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/community-outreach/illinois-route-53-120-attachsheet\\_FINAL\\_081613.pdf](http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/community-outreach/illinois-route-53-120-attachsheet_FINAL_081613.pdf)

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The Corridor Land Use Plan is intended to be fully consistent with the corridor planning concept described in the BRAC report, as well as to incorporate the principles and recommendations of CMAP's GO TO 2040 plan. It will be based on market-feasible development, providing a balance between economic development, natural resource protection, multi-modal connections, congestion relief, and community character goals across municipalities. The Corridor Land Use Plan will recommend policies and strategies for

communities within the study area to incorporate into their own planning documents and processes, as well as implementation actions for communities and other major stakeholders to follow.

Goals of the Corridor Land Use Plan project include:

- Develop strategies to protect and mitigate impacts to communities and environmental resources due to land use changes that are likely to result if the proposed IL 53/120 facility is built.
- Ensure that future local land use and development plans consider economic and market-based data, trends, and realities.
- Develop strategies to address local transportation needs generated by the proposed facility, including multi-modal options.
- Encourage development of vibrant communities in central Lake County.

## Updates

This web page will be updated periodically to reflect progress on the corridor planning process and to post draft plan materials.

- The BRAC reconvened on September 17, 2013, to discuss both the Tollway's feasibility study and the land use plan. A video ([http://lakecnty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=13&clip\\_id=2185&meta\\_id=26231](http://lakecnty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=13&clip_id=2185&meta_id=26231)) of the meeting and presentation (<http://www.illinoistollway.com/documents/10157/3249733/2013+09+17+BRAC+Meeting+One+Presentatio>) are available on-line.

## Timeline



# 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.



**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.

## 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

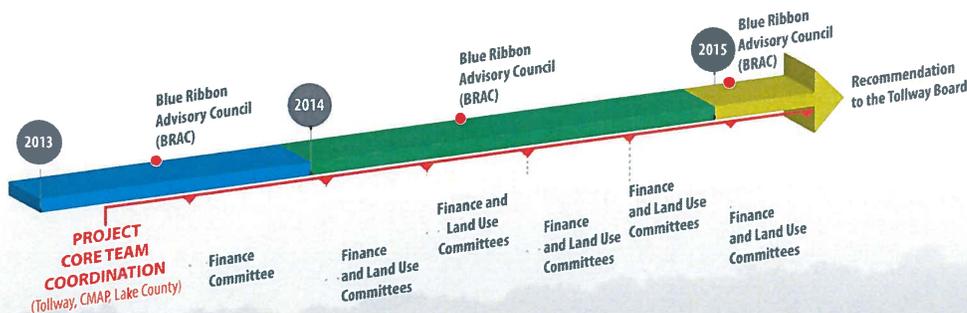
- From east of Wilson Road to east of U.S. Route 45

### 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)

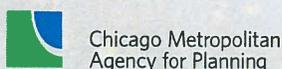
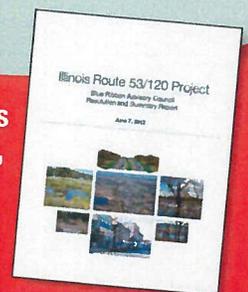
## Current Phase of Work

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.



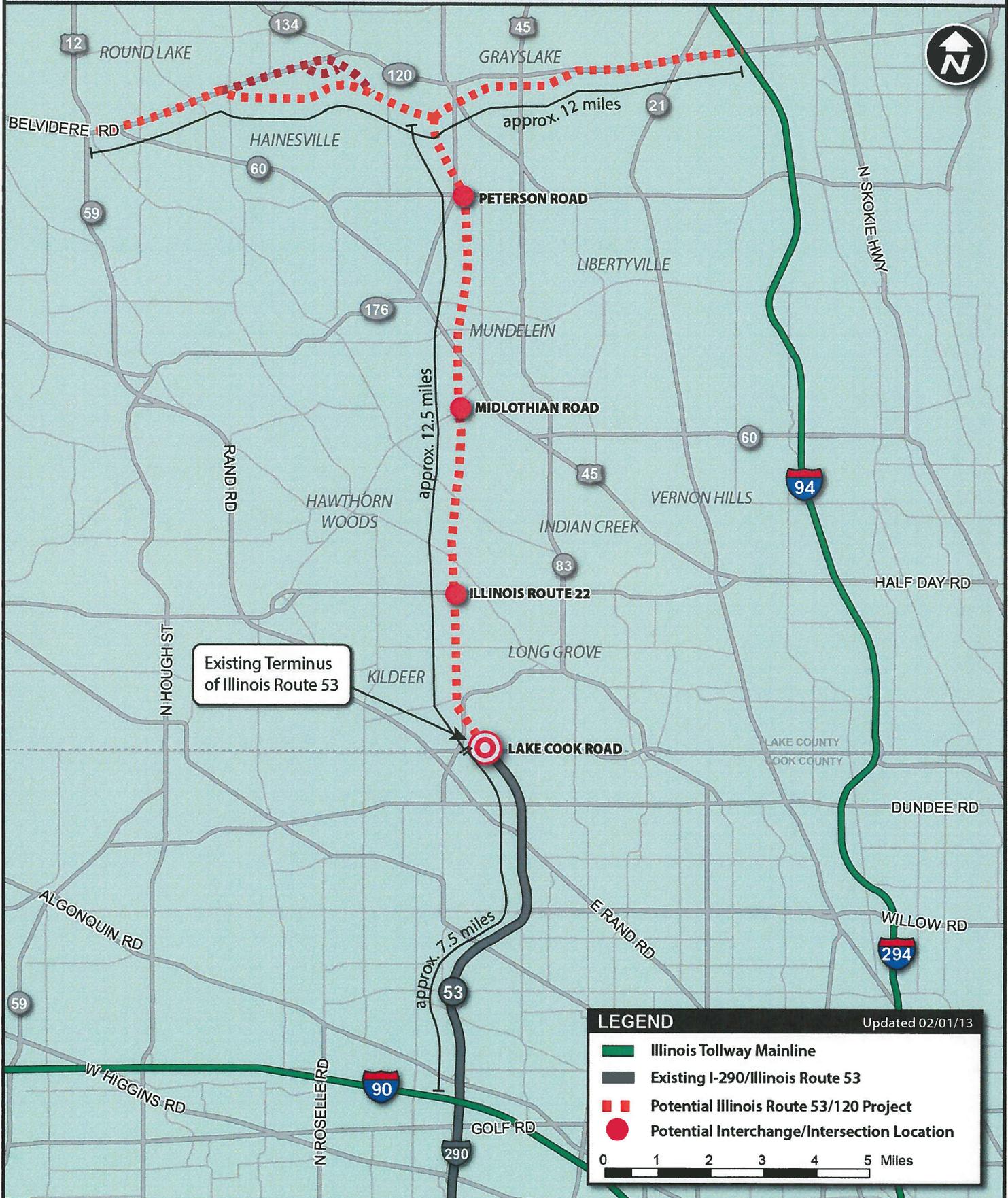
To determine the feasibility, the analysis will focus on five key study areas: design, environmental, financing, operations and regulatory. CMAP's Land Use Plan will feed into the design, environmental and financing aspects of the analysis. The outcome of this effort will help to answer the overarching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

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](http://www.illinoistollway.com) click on "Community Outreach", then click on "Illinois Route 53/120."



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# Potential Illinois Route 53/120 Project



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