

Potential Speed Limit Increase

October 24, 2013

Background

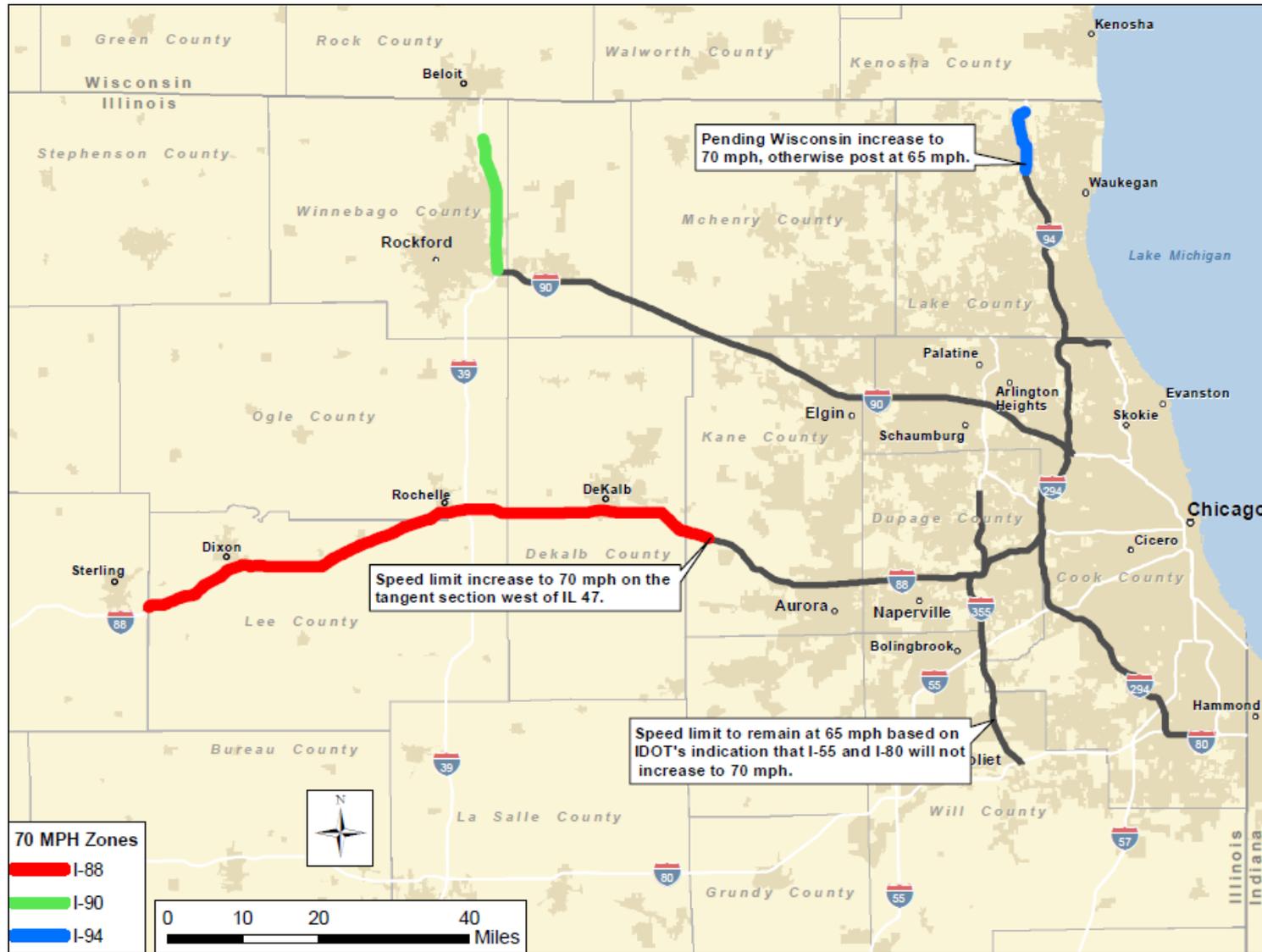
- ▶ **New Illinois law increases current speed limit (65 mph) to 70 mph effective January 1, 2014, and applies to interstate highways outside an urban district**
- ▶ **Illinois Department of Transportation changing speed limits in 2014**
- ▶ **Illinois Tollway must satisfy procedural requirements to increase speed limits**



Process for Increasing Speed Limits

- ▶ **Initiated by the Illinois Tollway Traffic Operations Safety Committee**
- ▶ **Performing requisite Engineering Speed Limit Study**
- ▶ **Rule change must be approved by the following:**
 - ▶ Illinois Tollway Board of Directors
 - ▶ Illinois Department of Transportation
 - ▶ Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR)
- ▶ **Secretary of State publishes the rule**
- ▶ **Once approved, the Tollway would change roadway signage as soon as January 2014**

Tollway's Candidate Locations

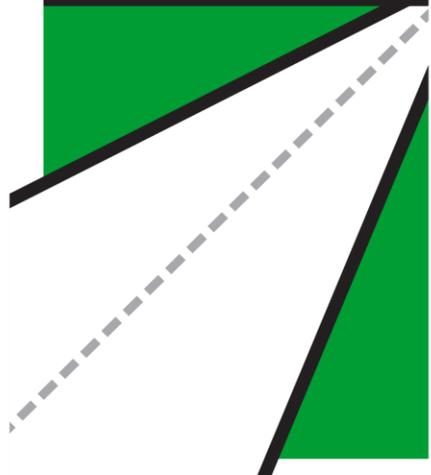




Tentative Schedule Moving Forward

Task	Date
Tollway completes speed studies	Early October
Tollway submits paperwork to JCAR	October
Board of Directors consider speed limit increase	October
Tollway sends recommendation to IDOT for concurrence	October
Tollway submits the rule change to the Secretary of State for publication	December
Tollway sign shop installs new roadway signage	January 2014

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