

# Illinois Tollway Capital Planning Forums

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# Community and Public Input

## Capital Planning Forums

- July 7 at 10 a.m. at Giovanni's Restaurant , Rockford
- July 13 at 4 p.m. at the Tinley Park Village Hall
- July 14 at 3 p.m. at the Kane County Government Center, Geneva
- July 15 at 9 a.m. at the Lake County Permit Facility, Libertyville
- July 18 at 10 a.m. at the DuPage County Government Center, Wheaton

- **Nearly 250 attendees**

## Community Outreach

- Comments from residents and customers submitted online at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com)

- **More than 50 comments submitted**



# Regional Support for Projects

- Forum participants support a comprehensive and long-term capital program for the Tollway system
- Support voiced for regional projects
  - **Rockford** – Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), Elgin O’Hare West Bypass and interchanges
  - **Tinley Park** – Tri-State Tollway (I-294)/I-57 Interchange and Illiana
  - **Geneva** - Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) / Transit and interchanges
  - **Libertyville** – Illinois Route 53
  - **Wheaton** – Elgin O’Hare West Bypass

# What We Heard

- **General Tollway Comments**

- Congestion-Relief Program delivering steady improvements
- Becoming a leader in innovation and technology

- **Planning**

- Regional approach to prioritizing projects and investments
- Comprehensive planning for local interchanges
- Focus on congestion relief, economic development, environmental concerns and return on investment
- Elgin O'Hare West Bypass and I-90 Advisory Councils setting new standard for infrastructure planning
- Continue to plan for future projects

# What We Heard

- **Financing**

- Support for toll increase – must provide good value
- Develop a tool for indexing tolls or incremental revenue
- Congestion pricing/managed lanes needed
- Local participation needed, but need to consider local communities' ability to finance
- Must work collaboratively and use multiple sources of funding

- **Construction**

- Tollway can't build its way out of congestion
- Focus on projects that improve regional mobility first
- Coordinate projects with CMAP, IDOT and local agencies
- Green construction important

# What We Heard

- **Transit**

- Planning for transit must be included in new roadways
- Rail and bus planning critical for O'Hare to Rockford area
- Coordinate with county and local bus rapid transit plans
- Bus can be used to prove need before investing in rail

- **Economic Development**

- Infrastructure investment for congestion relief needed to attract and retain business in Illinois
- Tollway access and improvements key to global competitiveness
- Focus on projects with the “biggest bang for the buck”
- Consider improvements that enhance tourism – signage
- Tollway system provides mobility for employees and trades
- Need to link economies across Northern Illinois

**THANK YOU**

