

**THE ILLINOIS STATE TOLL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE
STRATEGIC PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING**

August 21, 2013

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority held the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at approximately 10:55 a.m. at the Central Administration Building in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Committee Members Present:

Committee Chair Tom Weisner
Director James Sweeney

Not Present:

Director Earl Dotson Jr.

Also present:

Chair Paula Wolff

Committee Chair Weisner called the meeting to order and opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was offered.

CHAIR – STRATEGIC PLANNING

Committee Chair Weisner then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting held on June 19, 2013. Director Sweeney made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Chair Wolff. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Kristi Lafleur introduced Rocco Zuccherro, Deputy Chief of Engineering for Planning, to provide Council Outreach Updates and an update on the Route 53/120 project as shown in the [attached presentation](#).

Highlights of the presentation included: corridor updates on the 294/57, an update on the new Pace service along I-90, coordinating with NSMJAWA, legislative outreach, and an update on the Route 53/120 project.

Committee Chair Weisner asked about the new Pace service along I-90. Mr. Zuccherro replied that Pace is planning better service, new busses, rearranged routes to better serve the people around the I-90 corridor, and park-n-ride facilities at I-90 at Barrington Road, one in downtown Elgin, and one to the west at Randal Road.

Committee Chair Weisner also asked if there will be bus travel on shoulders. Mr. Zuccherro replied affirmatively. Executive Director Lafleur stated that a lane could be a dedicated bus lane or potentially for shared use.

Chair Wolff asked, in regards to the Elgin O'Hare Western Access open houses, what the Tollway's target number of people to impact was and if there has been media attendance. Mr. Zuccherro responded the Tollway collaborates with the local municipalities to coordinate the open house events and event attendance varies. The media has attended previous open house events. The most recent open house in Elk Grove Village for Land Acquisition had approximately 80 people attend. He also stated the next LAC meeting in September will focus on a CMAP presentation regarding land use and economic development and explained some of the federal funding applications that have been submitted.

Chair Wolff asked about the level of support for the Tollway projects from the Corridor Councils. Mr. Zuccherro stated the general mood of the Councils was positive. He provided a summary of the different perspectives of some Corridor Councils on Tollway projects.

Mr. Zuccherro introduced Aimee Lee, Senior Manager of Strategic Development who will be the project manager for the Route 53/120 project. He also introduced Clarita Lao, Deputy Chief of Programming who will be helping out on the financing side of the Route 53/120 project.

Mr. Zuccherro shared the recommendations of the Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee (BRAC): a 45 mph tolled parkway, environmental considerations, roadway performance measures, and environmental mitigation.

Ms. Lee explained that there will be two new committees formed; one will be a finance committee led by the Tollway and a land use committee which will be led by CMAP. Ms. Lee also explained that setting guiding principles early very important for decision making and making sure the committee is doing its job. She went on to explain the guiding principles.

Chair Wolff asked if the BRAC thinks that these principles are defined solely for the Route 53/120 area or are they be thinking about them for the entire system. Mr. Zuccherro responded that it wasn't necessarily defined for the Route 53/120 project and the principles may apply to the region.

Discussion ensued on how regional the Tollway wants to make this project and that could include such options as tolling other areas in Lake County, indexing and congestion pricing on the Route 53/120 project.

Mr. Zucchero explained the next steps would include bringing together the finance committee comprised of corridor municipalities, transportation and planning advocacy groups.

Discussion ensued on financial sustainability and fairness principles under the Route 53/120 project.

Director Sweeney stated that he would like to see all the cost detail of the enhancements unique to the Route 53/120 project in detail.

Committee Chair Weisner asked in terms of ongoing maintenance issues, what would be unique to this project. Mr. Zucchero noted unique performance measures for the project include stringent water quality protective measures, a higher level of maintenance and design adaptation.

Committee Chair Weisner asked about local financial contributions. Executive Director Lafleur stated that this is something the finance committee will have to work on but there have not been expectations specific expectations communicated.

Discussion ensued on the Tollway's long-term assessment of environmental procedures.

Discussion then ensued on the direct and non-direct impact of this project as well as all capital costs that should be considered.

There was discussion on economic development in the region and the CMAP land use study.

Committee Chair Weisner asked what the CMAP congestion plan is for this roadway. Ms. Lee responded that the Tollway will be doing some new traffic modeling impacts and some aspects of the CMAP plan will need to be revisited.

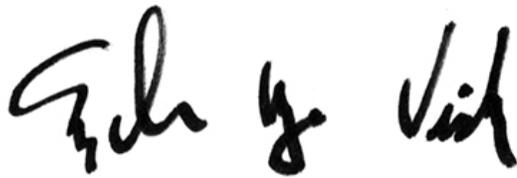
Chair Wolff asked if there are other comparable toll roads. Executive Director Lafleur stated there are component parts that are similar but not full roadway that is comparable to this project.

Mr. Zucchero stated that there will be regulatory and legal changes that will have to be made because of the unique items of the project as well as implementation of local financing options such as buying into a large TIF or special service district.

Discussion ensued on the overall timeline of the project, project phases and local support resolutions.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Weisner requested a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Director Sweeney; seconded by Chair Wolff. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:54 a.m.



Minutes taken by: _____

Marlene Vick
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Illinois State Toll Highway Authority



Strategic Planning Committee

August 2013

Strategic Planning Committee Overview

- Corridor council updates
- Illinois Route 53/120 Project discussion



CORRIDOR COUNCIL UPDATES



Council Updates by Corridor

■ I-90 Corridor

- Stakeholder coordination
- Pace coordination and new service
- NSMJAWA and local agency meetings
- Legislative outreach
- Local crossroad bridge closure outreach

■ I-294/I-57 Interchange

- Town hall meeting
- Newsletter and brochure
- Local Technical Assistance (LTA)
- Field office

■ Elgin O'Hare Western Access

- Open houses – Schaumburg and Hanover Park
- Local Advisory Committee (LAC)
- Quarterly mayors' meeting
- Right-of-way outreach meeting
- Federal funding applications
 - CMAQ and TIGER

■ Illinois Route 53/120

- BRAC meeting in September
- Coordination with CMAP and Lake County on land use planning



ILLINOIS ROUTE 53/120 PROJECT DISCUSSION



Brief History

■ Blue Ribbon Advisory Council (BRAC) report completed in June 2012. Recommendations included:

- ❑ Four lane, 45 mph tolled parkway
- ❑ Two options for Illinois Route 120 alignment
- ❑ Depressed road profile in many locations
- ❑ Detailed design and performance standards for environmental mitigation, preservation and compensation

■ Strategic Planning Committee recommended additional steps forward in February 2013

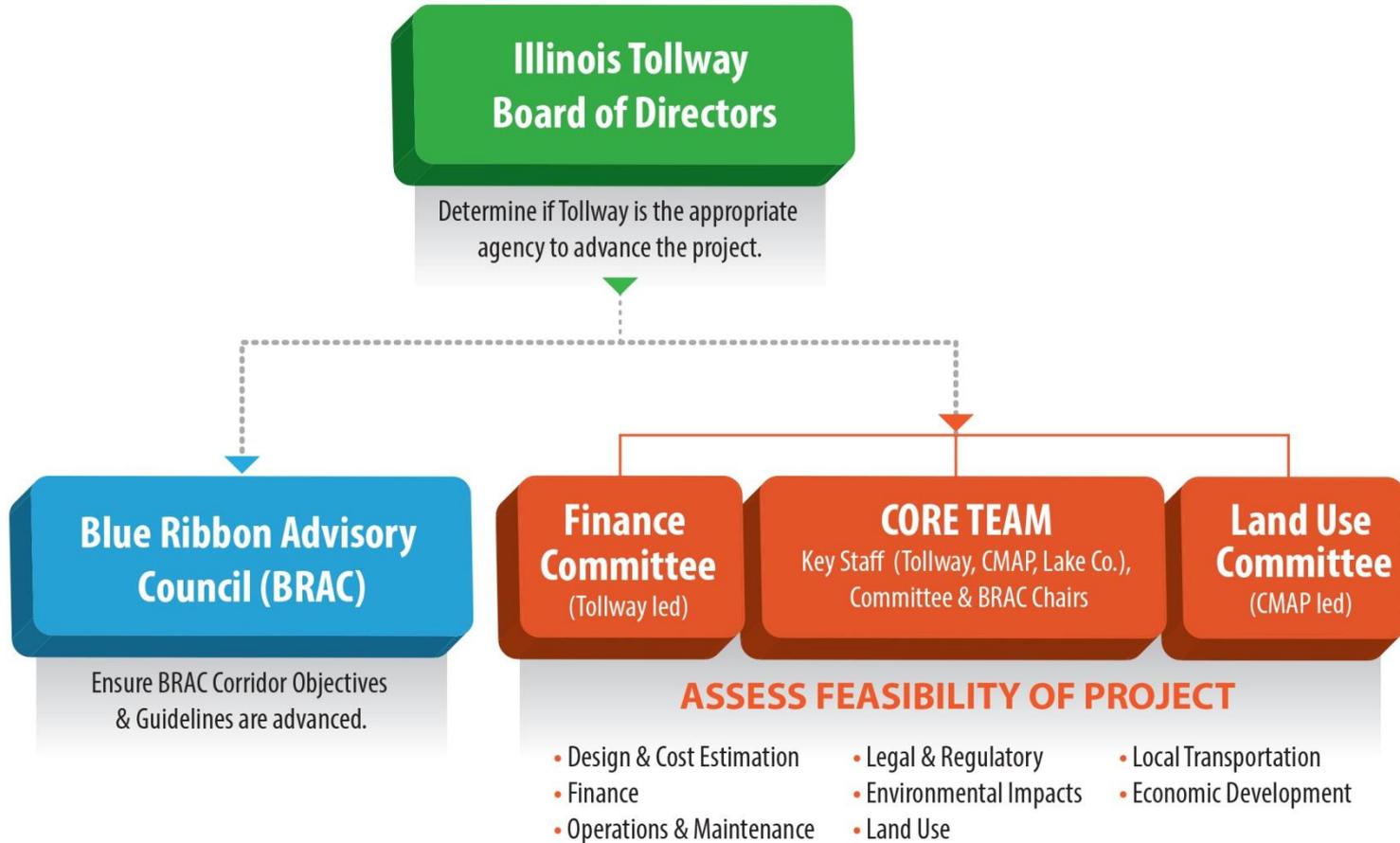


Current Status

- **Consultant under contract to conduct feasibility analysis**
- **Focus on technical and financial feasibility of the project**
 - Carry forward BRAC assumptions
 - Refine cost estimates
 - Refine toll revenue forecasts
 - Consider financing options
 - Present recommendations to Tollway Board of Directors
- **Coordinate with Corridor Land Use Plan being conducted by CMAP and Lake County**



Organizational Structure



Guiding Principles for Finance Committee

■ Guiding Principles

- To be established early on by Finance Committee
- Critical to decision making and implementation

■ BRAC recommendations

- Analyze potential funding options to the extent they are financially viable, fiscally sustainable and equitable
- Consider, critique and improve on financing ideas and estimates developed through the BRAC process



Input from Strategic Planning Committee

- **What is important to you?**
- **What does “financially viable, fiscally sustainable and equitable” mean to you when considering funding options?**
- **What financial criteria should be used for decision making?**
- **What type of information would be useful to make decisions?**
- **Other criteria for evaluation – regional benefit, economic development, etc.**
- **Regional and local consensus and commitment**



Next Steps

- **Reconvene the BRAC**
- **Establish Finance Committee**
- **Examine legal and regulatory challenges**



THANK YOU