

# Interstate 90 Corridor Planning Council

## Guiding Principles

The Interstate 90 Corridor Planning Council (Council) was convened in June 2011 and consists of representatives of transportation, planning and local government agencies across northern Illinois, as well as members of the business, transportation and environmental advocacy community. The formation of this Council is a direct result of the Earth Day XLI Accord that was adopted in April 2010. By endorsing these guiding principles, the Council members agree that a successful corridor plan can be developed to serve the critical infrastructure needs and the needs of residents, government, business, logistics, transportation and environmental interests across northern Illinois. The Council supports the following guiding principles to facilitate current and future transportation and infrastructure planning of the Interstate 90 Corridor.

**The Interstate 90 Corridor shall be defined as I-90 from the Illinois-Wisconsin state line to the Chicago central business district, including, but not limited to, adjacent arterials and transit networks.**

- 1** Improve the performance of the Interstate 90 corridor to support the economic vitality across northern Illinois, thereby enhancing passenger, commuter and freight mobility for the corridor.
- 2** Require cooperative planning among agencies and municipalities to guide future investments along Interstate 90 in a transparent and accountable manner.
- 3** Taken together, the Tollway, IDOT, CTA, Pace, and Metra move more than one million people a day. Collectively, we need to plan for current and future levels of congestion by improving the overall throughput of the corridor by enhancing accessibility and providing transportation choices. Future transportation plans must take into account the broader impacts and benefits within the corridor.
- 4** Minimize the environmental impacts of transportation infrastructure and operations and promote sustainable practices.
- 5** Support financially viable solutions that protect the Interstate 90 corridor and allow flexibility for future growth.
- 6** Maximize the use and extend the lifecycle of the collective infrastructure assets along the Interstate 90 corridor.