



**Public Comment:**

None

**Feedback on Local Issues:**

None

**Project Updates:**

Manar Nashif began the meeting by giving a presentation on the project updates on the local stakeholder coordination efforts that have occurred since the last LAC meeting and the work that is forecasted through the end of 2023.

**Active Construction- North Section**

Manar stated that not a lot of people see the physical improvements on the north section. One of the Tollway's goals is to show the number of improvements and asked the membership to help communicate this work and efforts in their communities.

**I-490/I-90 Interchange: Bridge Piers Over Touhy Avenue Reservoir**

Manar said that this week the beams are starting to go up and the completion of this portion is slated to be completed next year. This is a massive project with many moving parts. It had to be built in sections and there was a major coordination effort with the utility stakeholders.

**IL 390/I-490 Western Access Interchange Construction West of York Road**

Manar gave an overview of the local ramps over south Thorndale Avenue and the proposed design of this interchange. Mayor Pulice asked if one of these ramps would have an exit at Irving Park Road. The exit to Irving Park Road would be south of the IL 390/I-490 Interchange.

**Tri-State Tollway (I-294): North Avenue to I-490**

Manar gave an overview of the I-294 section of North Avenue and stated as of Saturday night this section has been completed.

**Tri-State Tollway (I-294): North Avenue to I-490**

The construction of this bridge will go through Franklin Park and the next phase of the beam placement is scheduled for the middle of July.

**I-490/I-294 Interchange Construction**

Manar showed drone footage of the interchange and the progress that has been made. Many of the connection points of the ramps are being built and can be seen from the motoring public perspective.

**I-294 at County Line Road and North Avenue (Illinois Route 64)**

There are a ton of benefits for local municipalities with this improvement. The Tollway and Cook County have a partnership. The ultimate benefit is the addition of the east bound North Avenue access via a new Southbound I-294 exit ramp to County Line Road.

### **Tri-State Tollway (I-294): North Avenue to I-490**

The coordination efforts on this section are very complex. Motorists will be able to enter to the east and access east bound North Ave. This is a massive improvement to traffic flow with the reconfiguration of the frontage road. This project is making room for an exit ramp of I-294 and will be complete by the end of the year.

Manar said the Tollway is trying to get everything built with the least amount of impacts to stakeholders. He thanked Cook County for their partnership – it's an example of how agencies can partner together and make a significant impact.

### **UPRR Relocation and I-490 Tollway Over Franklin Avenue and Bensenville Yard**

There was a lot of coordination with UPRR. Work has begun in earnest but will shortly. It was important to get the agreement done with the railroads first. There will be many regional and local improvements.

A shoofly embankment is being built to move the UP temporarily to the east to help facilitate the permanent UP construction. Ultimately, the UP tracks will be relocated further to the west so the Tollway can build this segment. This work will be later this year.

Mayor Pulice asked if 390/490 is going to connect anything other than to York Road. The interchange will also provide future access in O'Hare airport. Any improvements beyond the Tollway ramps will be completed the City of Chicago Department of Aviation at a future time.

### **Runway Lighting Protection/Modification and Utility Relocation**

The runway lighting relocation and installation was a massive effort. Only one system could be relocated per year due to the FAA's tight timeframes. The Tollway had a great collaboration with the City of Chicago and Chicago Department of Aviation. Relocating the lighting system was a success.

This year the Tollway is focusing on the ComEd, Nicor, Telecom relocations for Grand Avenue, Franklin Avenue/Green Street, Touhy Avenue and the I-490/IL 390 Interchange. Cook County is leading the effort for the reconstruction of Franklin Ave./Green Street once the utility relocations are completed. Sequencing for Franklin Ave. is a huge effort. Mayor Pulice asked when Franklin Ave. relocation is going to be complete. The project is scheduled to begin construction in 2024.

There will be advanced utility relocations in 2024 for the pipelines that cross I-490. Mayor Craig said he's glad to see this and asked how it is being managed. Malika Hainer asked if there is a plan for expansion of the duck banks. Pete Stukas said there is room already for future expansion of the fiber, etc. for future improvements.

### **Local Road Improvements Along I-490 Tollway**

For the reconstruction of roadways adjacent to I-490 Cook County is leading these projects -Franklin Avenue/Green Street, Touhy Avenue improvements, County Line Road.

York Road reconstruction is in partnership with DuPage County.

Bensenville roadway improvements: Thomas Drive and Supreme Drive.

Franklin Park industrial park roadways will be improved in partnership with the Tollway.

The local interchange at Elmhurst/Pratt is in partnership with Elk Grove Village.

Mayor Craig asked what improvements will happen on Touhy?

## **Touhy Avenue Improvements**

Pete Stukas gave an overview and said the key to this project is the elimination of the at grade crossing at the UP tracks. There will be a new Old Higgins Road, interchange ramps, and the relocation of Mt. Prospect Road intersection which is being moved eastward. This is anticipated to start in 2024.

## **Franklin Avenue/Green Street Widening and Reconstruction**

Pete Stukas said this roadway will be resurfaced to the west closer to York Road and reconstructed farther to the east. There will also be aesthetic improvements to the I-490 bridges and UPRR bridge crossing Franklin/Green.

Mayor Pulice asked if there is an entrance from and to this area. Manar said there will be access from both directions,

In addition, the Tollway is adding green space along the interchange.

The additional benefits to this area are there will be full access NB I-490; SB to I-290; and from I-294 motorists will be able to exit.

Mayor Pulice mentioned there are going to be a lot of semi's coming in and out of this area. Pete said these improvements will be a huge improvement to this area in terms of direct access and movement of all types of vehicles. Manar also mentioned that Franklin Park has stepped up to help in this area.

## **EOWA Upcoming Work**

Manar provided an overview of upcoming work in 2023/2024. The two projects upcoming are the I-490/IL 390 Interchange bridge construction east of York Road and I-490 mainline construction from I-294 to Franklin Avenue. The western access interchange has 6 flyovers over the CP, UP and connect the airport and I-490. This is a major project.

## **Outreach**

The Tollway has a high school STEM initiative and Pete Stukas gave an overview of a recent field tour of the I-490 project for Elk Grove Village high school students. The tour included an up-close look at the basins near I-90 to see the magnitude of the scale, they talked about different roles/jobs they could partake in, and even were able to fly a drone. The event was very successful.

There are plans for elected official tours, meeting with the Village of Frankline Park Industrial Park. The members were asked if there are other possibilities or feedback. There were no other additional comments.

## **County Updates**

Cook County: Nothing to share other than they have 3 other projects still to come. Thank you, Tollway, for your continued partnership.

DuPage County: None

### **Meeting Wrap-up and Next Steps**

- Mayor Craig emphasized the importance of the LAC members' commitment to attend the LAC meeting. Many members haven't been attending and Mayor Criag said he intends to send a letter to each member.

### **Setting Future Agenda and Schedule**

- Determined next meeting. Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6pm. Location to be determined.

### **New Business**

None

### **Executive Session**

None

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm CT.

Minutes taken by: Tracy Morse, Images, Inc. for the LAC.