



Record of Meeting | December 9, 2015

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (the “Tollway”) held the regularly scheduled Customer Service & Planning Committee Meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at Tollway Headquarters in Downers Grove, Illinois. The Meeting was held pursuant to By-Laws of the Tollway upon call and notice of the meeting executed by Chairman Robert J. Schillerstrom and posted in accordance with the requirements of the Illinois *Open Meetings Act*. The Meeting was open to the public.

[Bolded entries indicate issues which may require follow-up to present or report to Directors.]

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Committee Chair Bob Schillerstrom called the Meeting to order at approximately 8:02 a.m. and stated that this is the regularly scheduled meeting of the Customer Service & Planning Committee (“CSP Committee”) of the Tollway Board of Directors. He invited attendees to rise and join in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked the Board Secretary to call the roll, those Directors present and absent being as follows:

Committee Members Present:
Committee Chair Bob Schillerstrom
Director Jim Banks
Director Craig Johnson
Director James Sweeney

Committee Members Not Present:
None

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Public Comment

Chairman Schillerstrom opened the floor for public comment, requesting that speakers limit their remarks to three minutes.

The following members of the public offered comments in OPPOSITION to the proposed Illinois Route 53/120 Project and/or advancing the development of an environmental impact statement:

- Pamela Newton, Chief Operating Officer of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, indicating her



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comments are offered on behalf of trustees Neil Morgan and Steve Riess

- Michael Sarlitto, Trustee of the Village of Long Grove, Illinois
- Stan Borys, Trustee of the Village of Long Grove, Illinois
- Marcia Marshall, organizer of *One Long Grove*, Long Grove, Illinois
- Kevin P. Gow, resident of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois
- Joseph Mancino, Mayor of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois
- Kelly Corrigan, Trustee of the Village of Long Grove, Illinois
- Peter Ponzio, Trustee of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois
- Michael Cassata, Community Development Director of the Village of Hawthorn Woods
- Barbara Klipp, resident of Grayslake, Illinois, indicating her comments are offered on behalf of the Sierra Club.
- Stacy Meyers, staff attorney with *Openlands*

The following members of the public offered comments in SUPPORT of the proposed Illinois Route 53/120 Project and/or advancing the development of an environmental impact statement:

- Barry Burton, County Administrator for Lake County Illinois
- Steve Park, Executive Director of the Lake County Transportation Alliance and Village of Gurnee representative to both the Illinois Route 53/120 Project Finance and Land Use Committees.
- Charles Eldredge, Chairman of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation's Transportation Committee
- Paula Trigg, Director of Transportation for the Lake County Division of Transportation

Additionally, Donna Lobaito, Chief Administrative Officer and Village Clerk of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, addressed the Committee. Ms. Lobaito identified for the Committee two issues she has raised with the Illinois Public Access Counselor: one related to Tollway compliance with a prior *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA) request she made for documents, and another related to compliance with the Illinois *Open Meetings Act* of an agenda executed for a prior meeting of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Land Use Committee.

Chairman Schillerstrom thanked all of the speakers for their comments.

Committee Chair's Items

Chairman Schillerstrom called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular Customer Service & Planning Committee meeting held on November 12, 2015. Director Banks made a



motion for approval; seconded by Director Johnson. Chairman Schillerstrom asked if there were any questions, concerns or requests for amendment. Hearing nothing, Chairman Schillerstrom called for a vote. The motion PASSED unanimously.

Chairman Schillerstrom then called on Executive Director Greg Bedalov.

Executive Director

Environmental Impact Statement: Executive Director Bedalov introduced Rocco Zucchero, Deputy Chief of Engineering for Planning, to provide for the Committee a presentation on the components of an environmental impact statement and how a study of this type fits into the Tollway's transportation planning process. [See attached presentation](#). Mr. Zucchero then presented to the Committee consistent with this attachment.

Director Banks inquired about anticipated timetables for completion of an environmental impact statement ("EIS"). Mr. Zucchero responded that development of an EIS can reasonably be expected to take 3-5 years.

Speed Limit Recommendations: Executive Director Greg Bedalov highlighted that the agency performs a continuous review of the speed limits on the Tollway System to ensure the safe and efficient travel of Tollway customers. He then introduced Scott Kapton, General Manager for Maintenance and Traffic, to give a summary of the proposed speed limit increases on parts of the Tollway system. [See attached presentation](#).

Director Johnson inquired whether sections of the Tollway System which have previously been adjusted to 70 mph have seen any increase in safety related issues. Mr. Kapton responded in the negative, clarifying that a review conducted of these sections found some compression in the range of average speeds and no substantive variance in crash rates.

Director Johnson asked whether there is a goal to achieve uniformity of speed throughout the Tollway System. Mr. Kapton responded that the goal is to implement appropriate speed limits for each segment of the system, based on design speed, condition, performance, use, and operating characteristics of the roadway.

Items for Consideration

Engineering / Planning



Item 1: Illinois Route 53/120 Project Environmental Impact Statement.

Chairman Schillerstrom called for a motion to approve placement on the December Board of Directors meeting agenda, with the Committee's recommendation for approval, of **Engineering / Planning Item 1**, which authorizes and provides for initiation of the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Illinois Route 53/120 Project. Director Banks made a motion for approval; seconded by Director Sweeney. Chairman Schillerstrom asked if there were any questions, concerns or requests for discussion.

Director Johnson commented that development of an EIS, which will examine the positive and negative environmental effects of the proposed project and develop alternative actions that may be chosen instead, is an important step needed to guide decision making on this matter, and thus should be welcomed by all stakeholders whether currently in favor or opposed.

Hearing nothing further, Chairman Schillerstrom called for a roll call on the pending motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Banks, Director Sweeney, Director Johnson, Chairman Schillerstrom (4).

Nays: None (0)

The motion to approve PASSED.

Legal

Item 1: Amendment to the Administrative Rules (Speed Limits).

Chairman Schillerstrom called for a motion to approve placement on the December Board of Directors meeting agenda, with the Committee's recommendation for approval, of **Legal Item 1**, which amends the Tollway's Administrative Rules to implement, subject to Illinois Department of Transportation concurrence and Joint Committee on Administrative Rules approval, speed limit increases to 70 mph on identified segments of the Jane Addams (I-90) and Veterans Memorial (I-355) Tollways. Director Sweeney made a motion for approval; seconded by Director Banks. Chairman Schillerstrom asked if there were any questions, concerns or requests for discussion. Hearing nothing, Chairman Schillerstrom called for a roll call, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Sweeney, Director Banks, Director Johnson, Chairman Schillerstrom (4).

Nays: None (0)



The motion to approve PASSED.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Schillerstrom called for a motion to adjourn. Director Banks made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Director Sweeney. Chairman Schillerstrom then called for a vote. The motion PASSED unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority



Speed Limit Recommendations

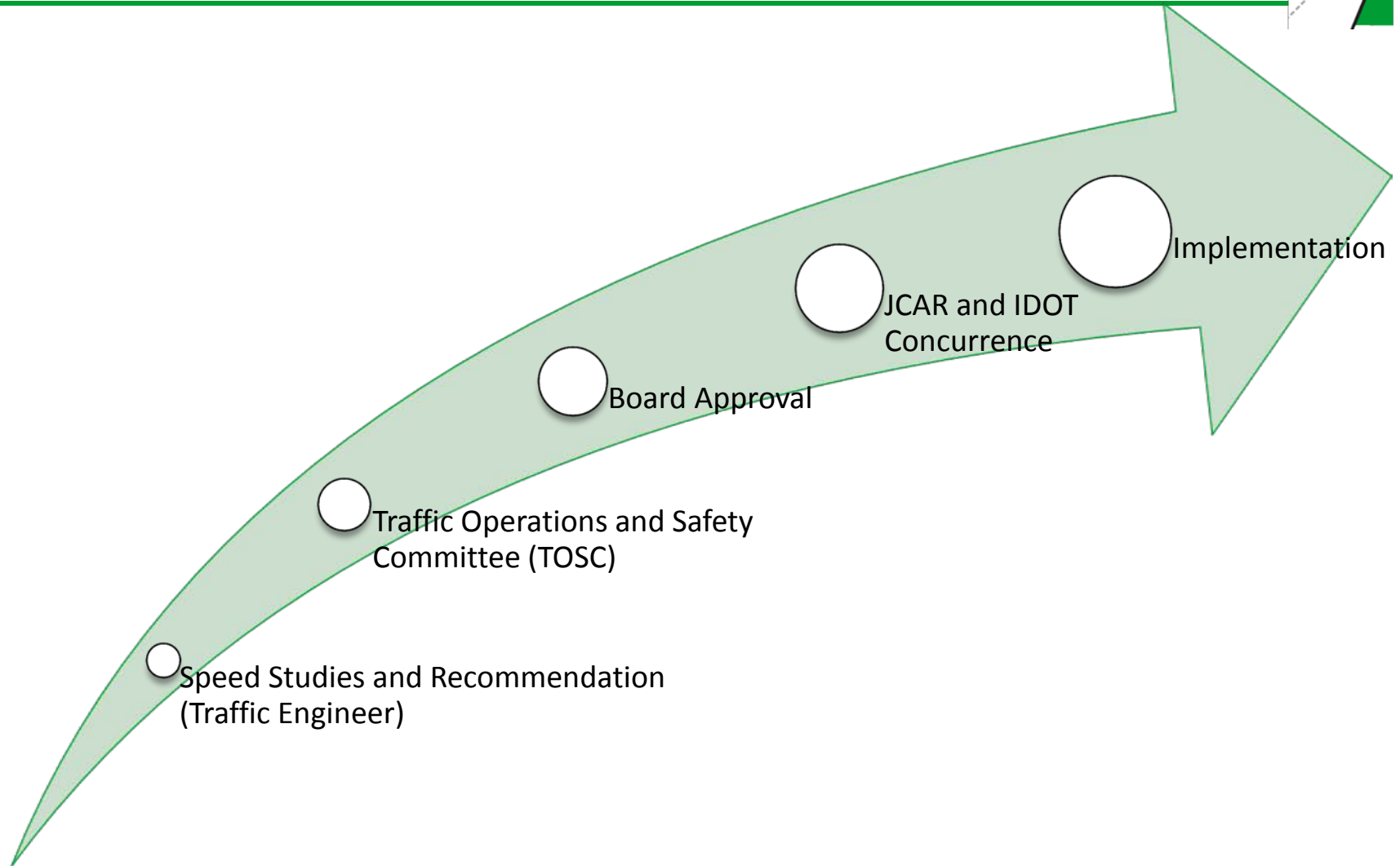
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Speed Limit Review

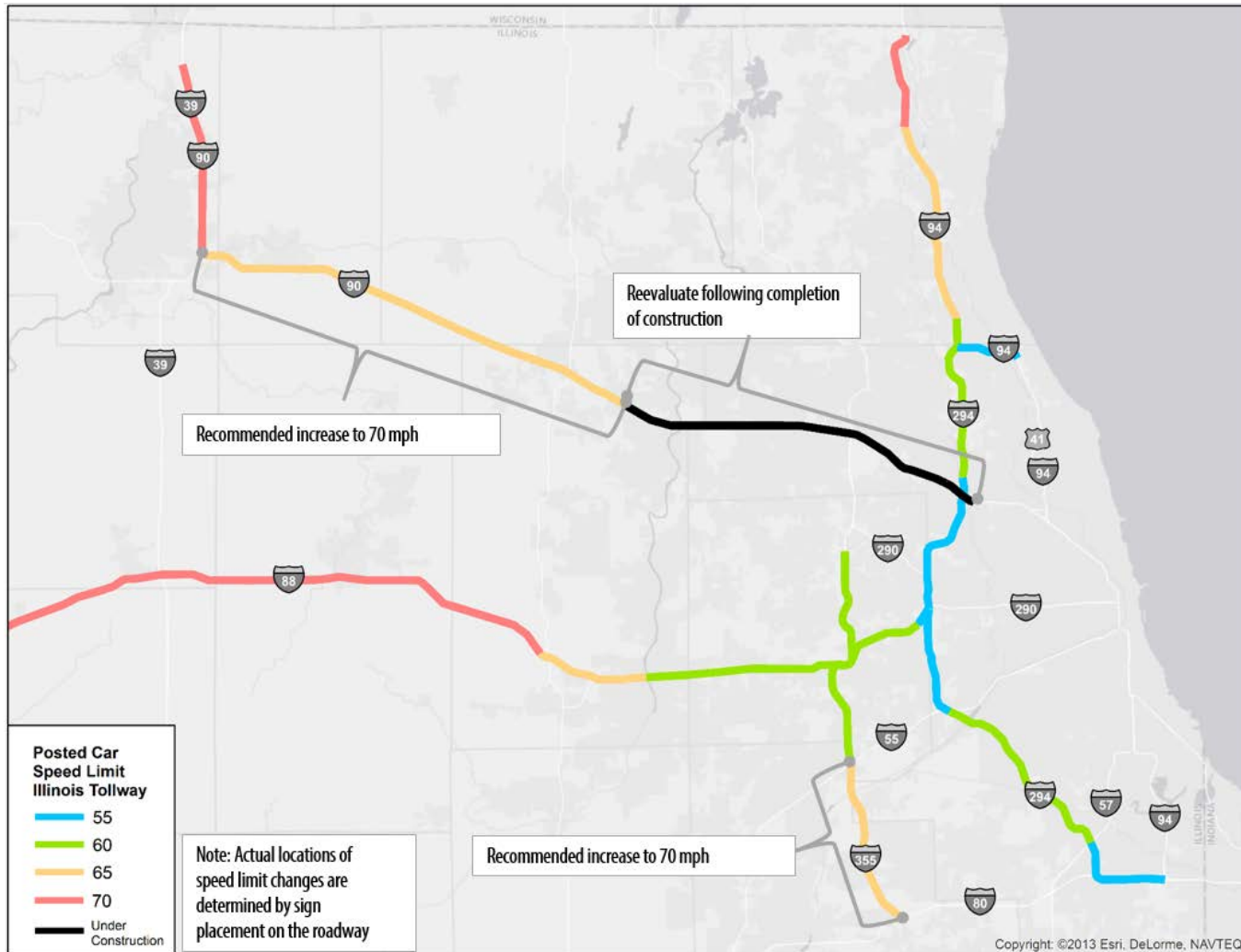
- ▶ **Traffic Engineering Consultant (CDM Smith) undertakes periodic review of speed limits**
 - ▶ Systemwide review in 2011 following capital improvements
 - ▶ On a cyclical basis to reevaluate appropriate speed limits
 - ▶ After major capital improvements

- ▶ **Illinois law raised maximum speed limit effective January 1, 2014**
 - ▶ Traffic Engineering Consultant performed a systemwide review/evaluation
 - ▶ Speed limits increases recommended and implemented on all Tollway routes

Review and Implementation Process

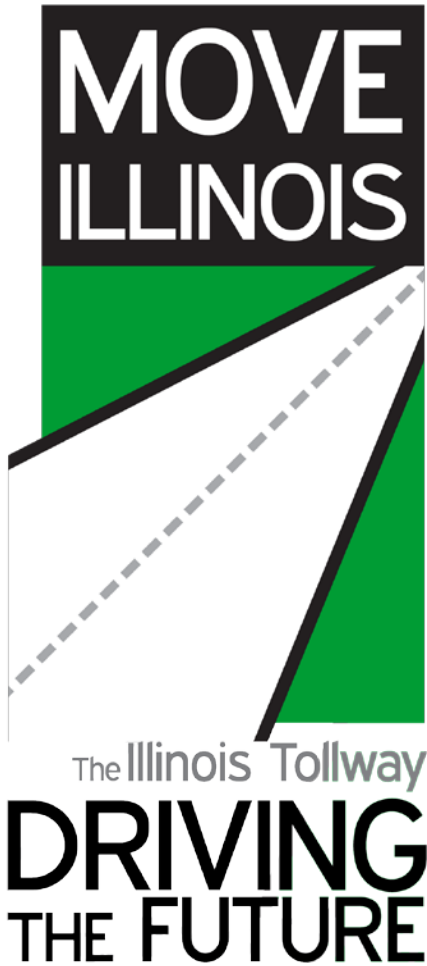


Speed Limit Recommendations



Next Steps

- ▶ **Board of Directors approve recommended speed limit increases**
- ▶ **Tollway sends recommendations to IDOT for concurrence and submits paperwork to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR)**
- ▶ **Tollway submits the rule change to the Secretary of State for publication**
- ▶ **Upon approval, the Tollway's sign shop installs new speed limit signs (anticipated summer 2016)**
- ▶ **Ongoing review/adjustments**
 - ▶ Following construction
 - ▶ On a cyclical basis



THANK YOU



Environmental Impact Statement

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What is an EIS?

- ▶ **An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is:**
 - ▶ Full disclosure document
 - ▶ Considers a range of alternatives
 - ▶ Analyzes benefits, impacts and costs of alternatives
 - ▶ Includes mitigation strategies for unavoidable impacts
 - ▶ Documents stakeholder engagement
 - ▶ Demonstrates compliance with other environmental laws and executive orders

Components of an EIS

- ▶ **Purpose and need (transportation needs to be addressed)**
- ▶ **Alternatives analysis**
 - ▶ Transportation modes (i.e., transit, highway)
 - ▶ Highway facility types (i.e., arterial, expressway)
 - ▶ Expressway alignment alternatives
 - ▶ Selection of preferred alternative
- ▶ **Analysis of environmental resources, impacts and mitigation**
- ▶ **Stakeholder engagement (i.e., general public, agencies, communities)**
- ▶ **Project financial plan – *this is separate from the NEPA document but required by FHWA***

Why is an EIS needed?

- ▶ **A project with potential federal “actions” requires an EIS**
 - ▶ Federal funding
 - ▶ Federal permits and approvals
 - ▶ Federal Highway Administration
 - ▶ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - ▶ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - ▶ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- ▶ **Consideration of a combination of transportation needs, potential environmental effects and stakeholder interest**



Past Project History

Project	NEPA Document	Year Complete	Partnering Agencies
I-355	Environmental Impact Statement	1986	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tollway
I-355 South Extension	Environmental Impact Statement	2002	IDOT, FHWA
I-294/I-57 Interchange	Environmental Assessment	2009	IDOT, Tollway, FHWA
EOWA	EIS Tier 1	2010	IDOT, FHWA
	EIS Tier 2	2012	IDOT, Tollway, FHWA, FAA

Illinois 53/120 EIS

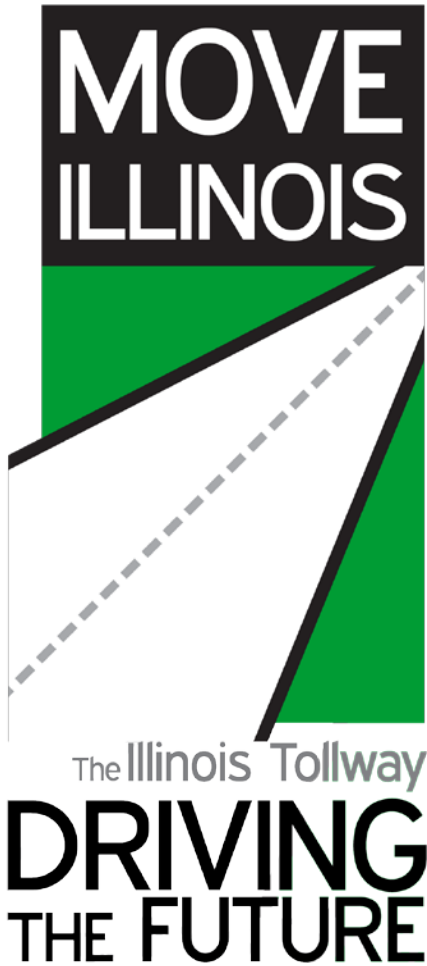
- ▶ **Joint project between IDOT and the Tollway**
 - ▶ Memorandum of Understanding with IDOT on management structure and staff
 - ▶ Multi-year process

- ▶ **Stakeholder involvement process**
 - ▶ Local Advisory Committee
 - ▶ Public meetings/hearings, agency/community meetings, website, newsletters, speakers bureau

- ▶ **Tiered EIS process to evaluate transportation solutions**
 - ▶ Tier one – conceptual analysis
 - ▶ Tier two – detailed analysis



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



THANK YOU
