The long-envisioned 88th/Cork Avenue Interchange on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in Justice will unlock new access and relieve congestion in the area.

The goals of the 88th/Cork Avenue Interchange Project are to create access to and from I-294, improve the flow of truck traffic, reduce congestion and foster economic development and job creation in the southwest region.

The project includes construction of a new northbound exit ramp from I-294 to 88th/Cork Avenue and a southbound entrance ramp from 88th/Cork Avenue to I-294. Along with the new ramps, the project includes intersection improvements along 88th/Cork Avenue at 79th Street and Archer Road.

The new interchange is designed to be compatible with a new northbound I-294 entrance ramp from southbound Archer Avenue scheduled to be constructed by the Illinois Tollway as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project. The new ramps will also allow for consolidation of local southbound entrance ramps from Archer Avenue on the new 88th/Cork entrance ramp location.

In partnership with the Illinois Tollway and Illinois Department of Transportation, the Village of Justice is leading the project’s design and Cook County will be constructing the project improvements.

The Village of Justice and Cook County have partnered together and collaborated with the Illinois Tollway to receive a grant from the Illinois Competitive Freight Program for $1.8 million to be used for right-of-way acquisition for construction of the new interchange.

The project is compatible with Cook County’s long-range Invest in Cook Initiative to encourage business development and growth by improving freight and traffic connections across the county. The new interchange will be part of an enterprise zone created by the Village of Justice and will encourage new construction and support job creation in the village, as well as opening up an entryway to Justice and other surrounding communities to relieve traffic congestion and provide easier access to destinations including SeatGeek Stadium.

Project information can be found in the Projects section on the Tollway’s website at illinoistollway.com/projects. Please email comments to 294tristate@getipass.com.

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