## Illinois Route 53/120 Project



# Finance Committee

Meeting Six June 30, 2014

Lake County Central Permit Facility







## **Objective of Today's Meeting**

- Recap of May 21 Tollway Board Committee Meeting
- Preview of preliminary information being prepared for Tollway Board Committee Briefing
- Discussion of next steps for the Finance Committee



## May 21 Tollway Board Committee Feedback and Discussion

- Tollway Directors stressed that a local contribution is necessary for project advancement
- The local contribution should reflect the context of the full package of recommendations, with the cost of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee (BRAC) innovations being a starting point
- Local contribution must be deemed fair in context to the overall tollway system
- What are the cost implications of the BRAC Recommendation within the context of the overall project?
- What were the results of the User Survey?
  - Handout will be provided

# Preview of Information for Tollway Board Committee

#### **Context:**

- The Innovative BRAC Recommendations address a unique project setting
- The Tollway recognizes the unique project setting and the objective to accomplish the innovative BRAC Recommendations
- Today's status report on the cost of the BRAC innovations and potential cost refinements is informational, but sets the table for the remaining Finance Committee work
- Questions?

# Review of Project Setting and Innovative BRAC Recommendations

#### **George Ranney**

- Co-Chair of the Illinois 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council
- President and CEO of Metropolis Strategies

#### Mike Sands

- Chairperson of the BRAC Environmental Working Group
- Senior Associate at the Liberty Prairie Foundation



## **Context for Blue Ribbon Advisory Council**

Modern roads must be adapted to their unique environmental setting

The full impact must be mitigated as a project cost, not as

an "external cost" paid for by others

 The Illinois Route 53 Extension has not moved forward because of these community and environmental challenges

 The recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council (BRAC) provide a fragile coalition of support for moving the project forward



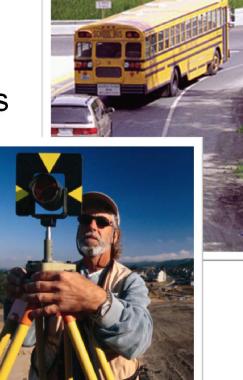
An Innovative Context Sensitive Solution driven by Guiding Principles:

- Unique project setting (environment and communities)
- Enhance mobility, accessibility and relieve congestion
- Seek innovative, safe, integrated, multi-modal design solutions that also preserves the environment, communities, and enhances economic vitality



- Minimize environmental impacts and long term impacts
- Promote environmental features and sustainable practices in all aspects of the project
- Develop and apply innovations to create a 21<sup>st</sup> Century modern boulevard

- Principal design standards
  - Tolled parkway
  - 4-lanes and 45 mph
  - Roadway design to minimize impacts
  - Connectivity



- Principal performance standards
  - Resource protection and enhancement
  - Impact mitigation
  - Quality assurance







#### **Stewardship Fund:**

- Long term protection and enhancement of environmental resources
- At least 750 acres land restoration and protection
- Long term monitoring and stewardship by partner organizations
- Protocols and legal funding structure are to be determined
- Amount established by BRAC Report
  - Cost of \$81 million\* or 2.8 percent of project cost (First of its kind implementation)

\*2020 dollars

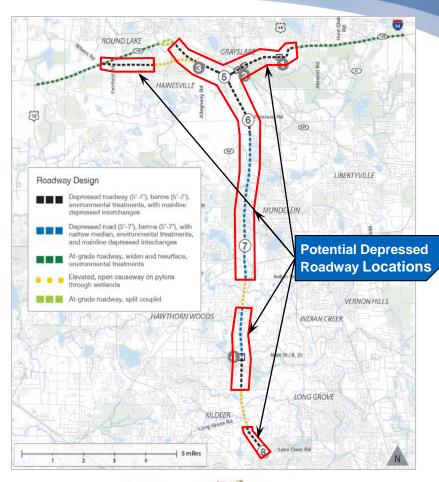
## **Preliminary Cost Analysis**

- Total project cost = \$2.870 billion\*
  (all-in implementation, per BRAC recommendations, year 2020)
- Cost of BRAC Innovations = \$450 \$600 million\*
  (16 20 percent of project cost)
  - Innovation cost elements include roadway design, environmental mitigation, and the stewardship fund
  - Relative to a traditional Tollway project
  - Based on engineering Plans of Record (2001) relative to roadway elevation
  - Contingent upon alternatives and future engineering developments
- Evaluation ongoing with further information at next Finance
  Committee meeting July 29
- A few examples of potential opportunities for cost refinements

## **Opportunities for Cost Refinement**

#### **Depressed roadway**

- Cost assumes depressed roadway areas per BRAC Report
- Cost includes earthwork, retaining walls, pump stations, and groundwater pumping
- Potential cost refinements based on coordinating high benefit areas with design requirements

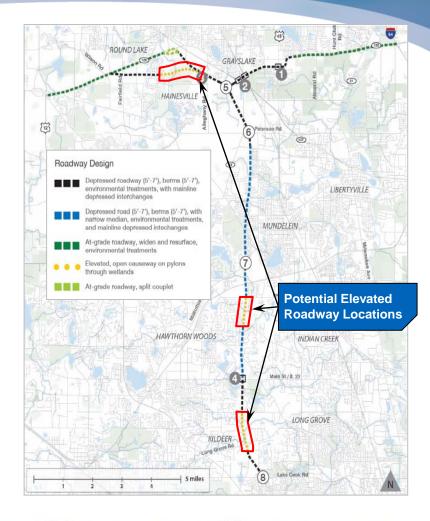




## **Opportunities for Cost Refinement**

#### **Elevated roadway:**

- Cost includes bridges or causeways to span environmental resources per BRAC Report
- Potential cost refinements based on refining limits of elevated sections to accomplish multiple objectives:
  - Avoid impacts, reduce runoff, and stormwater treatment facilities



Elevated, open causeway on pylons through wetlands

### **Opportunities for Cost Refinement**

#### Wetland mitigation:

- Cost based on BRAC recommendation for minimum 5:1 wetland mitigation ratio
- 495 acres of mitigation vs. 330 acres for a traditional Tollway project based on regulatory requirements
- Potential cost refinements by evaluating opportunities to accomplish the BRAC recommendations through enhancements of degraded wetlands and joint use facilities



#### A Look Back and Ahead...

- Meeting 1: Initiate the Committee, project background
- Meeting 2: Presented refined project cost
- Meeting 3: Basics of project financing and Tollway cost sharing policy
- Meeting 4: Preliminary traffic and revenue forecasts, established gap, breakout session on funding options
- Meeting 5: Developed Committee's mid-term update to Tollway
- Meeting 6: Tollway Board Committee Feedback
- Meeting 7 (July): Identify local contribution target, assess feasibility of and prioritize local funding options
- Meeting 8 (September): Identify uses and sources of funding
- Meeting 9 (October): Nail down major aspects of the recommendation
- Meetings 10-?: Discuss draft recommendation and approve final

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



## **Next Steps**

- Finance Committee Meeting #7,
  Tuesday, July 29, 2014
  - Lake County Central Permit Facility
    500 Winchester Road
    Libertyville, IL 60048
  - Planned Agenda:
    - Final report on potential cost refinements
    - Refined bonding capacity estimates
    - Prioritization of financing strategies
    - Local contribution levels
    - Begin to formulate a financing package

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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## **THANK YOU!**

