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MEMORANDUM

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TO: McHenry County Council of Mayors members
FROM: Cody Sheriff, Planning Liaison
DATE: November 15, 2018
RE: Agenda Item 7 – Presentation of Tri-County Access Project

BACKGROUND

Led by the Federal Highway Administration, the Illinois Tollway, and the Illinois Department of Transportation, and sponsored by the Illinois Tollway, the Tri-County Access Project is a comprehensive regional study that will determine how to ease traffic congestion in Lake, northern Cook and eastern McHenry counties. Formerly known as the Route 53 north extension, the project was acquired by the Tollway in 2017 and rebranded the Tri-County Access Project with a new, region-wide focus – the north extension is one of several alternatives being analyzed. The Tri-County Access Project will analyze existing and future transportation needs in an area that is experiencing growth and worsening traffic congestion. As part of the Stakeholder Involvement Plan, project leaders have scheduled several stakeholder participation group (SPG) meetings throughout the year – with the latest being August 30, 2018. These meetings will help planners identify and measure alternative solutions. A meeting timeline (figure 1) and summary of recent SPG meetings.

Tri-County Access Project Schedule

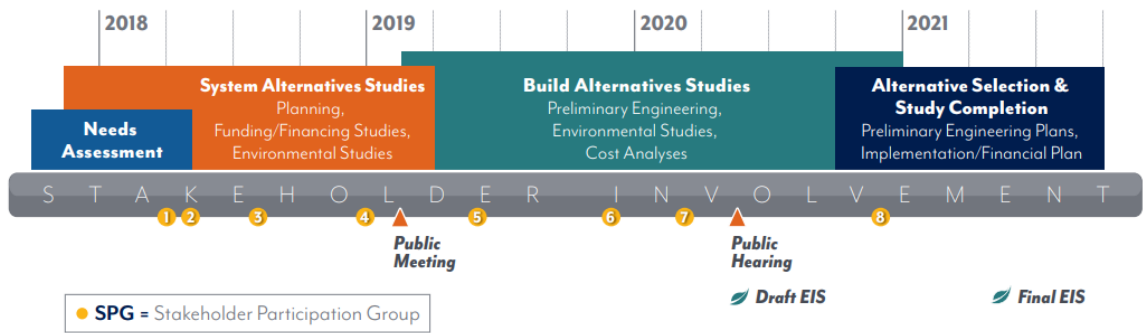


Figure 1 Tri-County Access Project Schedule

Meeting Summaries – Stakeholder Participation Group

- **March 21, 2018**
 - Introduced the TCA Project, the public involvement program, and the existing and future transportation system performance in the project area.
 - Outlined the purpose, roles, and responsibilities of SPG members.

- Asked each SPG member to participate in an online Context Audit using PollEverywhere. The online polling was used to collect information about the TCA Project area so that the TCA Project Team gains an understanding of transportation-related concerns, community resources and values.
- **April 24, 2018**
 - Presented the preliminary project goals and objectives, which are based on transportation problems discussed at the first SPG meeting on March 21, 2018
 - **Goal of TCA Project:** To provide efficient travel options that meet current and future transportation needs by reducing congestion, providing modal options, and improving access to homes and jobs.
 - **Objectives of TCA Project:** 1) Relieve congestion and improve reliability of travel, 2) improve travel options that connect major origin and destination centers, and 3) improve local and regional travel efficiency.
 - Introduced the alternatives analysis process
 - SPG members participated in a facilitated group exercise in which SPG members provided input on various improvement components that they suggest for consideration to address the goals and objectives of the TCA Project.
- **August 30, 2018**
 - Purpose (what we are trying to accomplish) & need (Specific issues we need to solve to meet the purpose) were established.
 - Purpose is identical to the goal of the TCA project.
 - Need is identical to objectives of the TCA project.
 - Environmental resource study
 - System alternative evaluation criteria
- **Winter 2018**
 - System alternatives evaluation

MCCOM SPG members: 21

- Algonquin
- Barrington Hills
- Bull Valley
- Cary
- Crystal Lake
- Fox River Grove
- Holiday Hills
- Johnsburg
- Lake in the Hills
- Lakemoor
- McCullom Lake
- McHenry
- Oakwood Hills
- Port Barrington
- Prairie Grove
- Richmond
- Ringwood
- Spring Grove
- Trout Valley

- Wonder Lake
- McHenry County

MCCOM Non-SPG Members: 8

- Greenwood
- Harvard
- Hebron
- Huntley
- Lakewood
- Marengo
- Union
- Woodstock

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Information.