

LONGMEADOW PARKWAY FOX RIVER BRIDGE

A MODEL FOR TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT

PROBLEM

- SEVERE CONGESTION & DELAY on highway network in northern Kane County & southern McHenry County taking +/- 50 minutes to travel a few miles on IL 62, IL 72 & IL 31 during rush hour
- NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON ECONOMIC GROWTH; traffic congestion hampers access to business districts, employment and commercial centers
- TENFOLD POPULATION INCREASE west of Fox River since 1980s impacting three regional bridge crossings over the Fox River: I-90, IL 72, & IL 62 — 200,000+ daily trips
- HIGH VOLUMES OF REGIONAL TRAFFIC directed to Carpentersville's local Main St. bridge through neighborhoods on the east side of the Fox River
- NO NEW FOX RIVER BRIDGES in upper Fox Valley since the I-90 tollway extension in the 1950s

SOLUTION

- New Fox River Bridge and 5.6 mile highway corridor from Huntley Road to IL 62 in northern Kane County
- Unique Local-Federal partnership is a model for future transportation investments
- Critical linkage of 3 State routes (IL 25, IL 31, IL 62) and Randall Road (part of National Highway System)

PROJECT STATUS

- 20 years of reports, engineering, environmental clearances, public hearings, state & federal approvals completed at a cost of \$4.7 million
- Kane County finalizing Phase I Engineering with Design Approval anticipated in 2012
- \$9 Million in federal funding for land acquisition — Proceeding until funding is exhausted

UNPRECEDENTED SUPPORT

- Significant municipal cooperation and efforts in planning, acquiring right-of-way, and constructing roadway segments
- 12 supporting resolutions:
- 2 Counties (Kane & McHenry)
- 10 surrounding municipalities (Algonquin, Barrington Hills, Carpentersville, East Dundee, Gilberts, Hampshire, Huntley, Lake in the Hills, Sleepy Hollow, and West Dundee)

UNIQUE FUNDING APPROACH

- Model Project where funding and local match will be provided by users via toll, municipalities (dedication of ROW), counties, State, and private developers (land donations & road construction)
- User Fee System (Tolls) provide funding mechanism and cost participation by all users including motorists who reside outside of Kane County
- Enabling Legislation in Illinois Highway Code authorizes counties to construct and operate a toll bridge over and across any navigable or non-navigable waters
- Electronic toll collection system using I-Pass/E-Z Pass compatible system, supplemented with video tolling — Illinois Tollway officials are willing to coordinate regarding interoperability
- The Report of the National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission, *Paying Our Way* recognizes "...with the growing gap between highway investment needs and available revenues...toll roads...have once again become an important means for funding investments in new highway capacity..."

