Agenda

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Project Overview
Purpose & Need

Kane County has been one of the fastest growing counties in northeast Illinois.

This had led to increased congestion and travel delays.

Congestion causes negative impacts to local neighborhoods and streets.

NEED

A transportation corridor that increases east-west access across the Fox River.
Purpose & Need

- Enhance the *transportation network*
- *Reduce congestion*
- Provide *alternate and more direct routes*
- Serve existing and planned *land use*
- *Efficient access* to businesses, public services, and employment/commercial services
- Conform with the County’s land resource management plan
Did You Know?

Brunner Family Forest Preserve

Originally planned for development
Longmeadow Parkway Corridor footprint was approved prior to the establishment of the Brunner Family Forest Preserve.

Joint funding from the Forest Preserve District of Kane County and the Kane County Division of Transportation made the acquisition possible.

The Forest Preserve District closed on the property and passed a resolution stating their intent to transfer the right-of-way to the County.

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Benefits

- Improves *mobility* and supports *economic growth* and job creation

- Creates a *safer environment* for motorists by creating a new direct route for emergency responders and *decreasing congestion and accidents* on IL 62 and IL 72

- Reduces vehicle idling time, which will *reduce greenhouse gas emissions*
Benefits

- **Improves accessibility** to businesses in northern Kane County

- **Supports sustainable features** such as open spaces, greenways, recreation, water quality, and wildlife

- Creates a *multi-use path along the entire roadway* and over the Fox River, connecting to local trails
What Was Evaluated?

Evaluates changes within the project area, including:

- Socio-economic
- Agricultural
- Cultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Section 4(f) Resources
- Noise
- Natural Resources
- Water Quality
- Groundwater
- Floodplains
- Wetlands
- Special Waste
- Special Lands

Avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts

**Trees**

- 5,765 trees will be affected.
- **ACTION:** An additional 11,530 high-quality native trees will be planted. For every removed tree, two will be planted. Some of the existing trees are in poor health or dead.

**Wetlands**

- 4.16 acres of wetlands will be affected.
- **ACTION:** 17.13 acres have been created to mitigate for wetland impacts.
Kane County continues coordination efforts.

- Native Mussels
- Blanding’s Turtle
- Northern Long-eared Bat
- Bald Eagle
- Smallmouth Bass
- Greater and River Redhorse
- Starhead Topminnow

Coordination continues with many county, state, and federal resource and regulatory agencies, including the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
Results

No-Build

Longmeadow Parkway

EA

Build

Does NOT MEET the Purpose & Need

Longmeadow Parkway MEETS the Purpose & Need
Challenge: federal, state and local funds are LIMITED

Bridge is tolled, but remainder of Longmeadow Parkway is NOT tolled

Tolling will end when bonds have been paid
Construction and construction engineering: $115 million

Funding

- **FEDERAL**: $14.5 million
- **STATE**: $39.4 million
- **KANE COUNTY**: $61.1 million
  - $3.5 million: County’s programmed local impact fees
  - $27.6 million: County’s programmed fund sources
  - Remaining $30 million from existing fund sources and/or from future bond revenue to be repaid with tolls.

No Tax Increase
Stakeholder Involvement

Over 100 Public Meetings

Newsletters/Factsheets

Media Outreach

Municipal Coordination

Local Interest Group Coordination

Agency Coordination

PROJECT WEBSITE
A public forum is taking place at 6:00 P.M.

If you would like to make a two-minute public statement regarding the EA reevaluation, please fill out a speakers card and place it in the public forum box at the sign-in table.
- Written comment forms
- Verbally state your comment to a court reporter
- Submit comments by email to longmeadowcomments@co.kane.il.us

Comments received through September 6, 2016 will become part of the public hearing record.
Next Steps

Review public comments

Submit EA reevaluation for Federal Highway Administration determination

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is required

OR “Finding of No Significant Impact”
Next Steps

- Land acquisition
- Permitting
- Construction

Construction is anticipated to be complete in 2019.
Thank you