

DUPAGE COUNTY DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN Q&A

Friday, March 13, 2015
421 N. County Farm Road, Room 3500-A
1:30 p.m.

1:30 PM: John Loper gave a brief introduction regarding the state of the Long Range Transportation Plan in DuPage County.

1:50 PM: Q & A began

Q: The RFP states proposal must be submitted as PDF's and hardcopies. How should PDF's be submitted?

A: CD or thumb (flash) drive with hard copies.

Q: As far as deliverables, what is the priority? The RFP seems to indicate priorities may be financial planning and traffic modeling?

A: Currently, we are weighting everything equally. We are willing to consider what you all think is most important priority. It's safe to say financing is going to be large part of any future plan as MFT, Local gas tax and Impact fee revenue is declining.

Q: Traffic modeling is validated through what base year?

A: Currently validated through 2010. The County, through its Comprehensive Road Improvement Plan validated 2010 volumes and also produced 5, 10 and 20 year network scenarios which may be used as input for this process.

Q: You mentioned a few things about mission. Do you envision goals and objectives being developed as part of the planning process?

A: Yes.

Q: How does freight fit into this?

A: CMAP has a freight committee that discusses many issues. We will eventually need to discuss OWOD loads and truck route classes in terms of how it applies to DuPage County.

Q: Should any cost information be included in the initial submittal?

A: No, you should not. It should focus mainly on experience, team make up and your recommendation for the process of accomplishing the Plan. Pricing will be requested later pending our decision on the main proposal.

Q: You briefly touched on operations. Are you mostly concerned with Fleet Operations?

A: Mostly concerned with fleet operations. Facilities should be examined as well as maintenance activities, shared services and efficient ways of performing our critical functions.

Q: Do you anticipate developing Pop and Employment forecasts as part of the LRTP or do you see branching off of CMAP activities?

A: DuPage County is pursuing its own land use through its Land Use Assessment project. A similar endeavor was undertaken as part of the last Comprehensive Road Improvement Plan and you can find a copy of this online under the DOT web page. DuPage County focuses not on pop and emp and do not use those as the basis of modeling. Rather, the County has developed its own structure which includes various residential classes, as well as office, retail, industrial, educational and public structure square footage. Consultants will still need to work with CMAP when it comes to matrix inputs for external links.

Q: Following up on this, how have you handled land use forecasting (particularly of vacant space)?

A: Forecasting has been examined through assessment of the environmental and infrastructure capacity of a parcel to develop. There are judgments made and then validated through municipal interviews.

Q: Are you looking to develop performance measures?

A: Yes, please provide us examples of things you may have developed for others. DuPage has contemplated this and have developed some PM so far such as Travel Time data and pavement condition. We are thinking about what it might take to produce PM in a consumable dashboard type of application.

Q: In terms of goals – are you looking to go more for efficiencies or reduced costs?

A: The County is looking for a nexus between cost and efficiency on its system. The County is concerned with costs in the future and its ability to serve its system in an efficient manner.

Q: Will you be exploring new revenue systems as part of this plan?

A: Yes.