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Elgin O'Hare Western Access Officials to Present Project Update June 7

O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Hosts Program

Des Plaines, Ill., May 28, 2013—Nashif Manar, senior project engineer for the Illinois Tollway, and Consultant Libby Braband, public involvement lead, will discuss the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (EOWA) project on Friday, June 7, at 8 a.m. before the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, Rosewood Banquets, 9421 W. Higgins Rd., Rosemont.

The officials will present an overview of the EOWA project, including 2013 construction plans, at the meeting that is open to the public.

The EOWA project has been in the works for decades and is considered a Project of National and Regional Significance by the U.S. Department of Transportation. It is part of the Tollway's 15-year, 12 billion capital program, "Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future." The Tollway expects to spend \$95.6 million in 2013 on the EOWA.

The project includes construction of a new, all electronic toll road around the western border of O'Hare International Airport linking the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), extension of the Elgin O'Hare Expressway east along Thorndale Avenue to O'Hare, and the rehabilitation and widening of the existing Elgin O'Hare Expressway.

Work on the EOWA project is expected to begin later this year. Potential 2013 construction includes noise walls along the existing Elgin O'Hare Expressway, Rohlwing Road (Illinois Route 53) grade separation and the southbound Elmhurst Road over the I-90 bridge.

Construction of the EOWA as far east as Illinois Route 83 will be complete by 2017. The project is designed to meet 2030 traffic demands and will provide congestion relief that is predicted to save drivers \$145 million a year in time and fuel costs.

ONCC is recognized internationally as a leading community-based organization that strives to reduce the impact of aircraft noise near O'Hare International Airport through its sound insulation programs and to reduce aircraft noise, whenever possible, at its source. For more information, contact Jeanette Camacho, 773-686-3198, or visit www.oharenoise.org.

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