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Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA), as owner and operator of O'Hare, determines the detailed construction schedule and sequence of events that accomplish the plans set forth for the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP). The schedule CDA is currently proposing for decommissioning Runway 15/33 (formerly 14R/32L) falls within the analyses the FAA completed in 2005 and 2015.

Various runway decommissionings and interim airfield configurations were evaluated in an O'Hare Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in 2005. The EIS was completed with the review of federal, state, and local government agencies, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The EIS process sought public input and included a series of public meetings. All comments received were considered by the FAA. Additionally, in 2015, FAA completed a Written Re-Evaluation of the EIS, to evaluate if the conclusions and findings of the EIS were still valid based on a runway construction schedule modification to the OMP. The complete EIS, Record of Decision and Re-Evaluation documents are included on FAA's web site at www.faa.gov/airports/airport_development/omp.

The FAA would not allow for airfield operations that compromise safety. Any proposals CDA may submit to the FAA for review will be evaluated for both operational safety and environmental compliance. FAA's role in the Fly Quiet initiative is to execute runway use plans as defined by CDA, and our agency's input on proposed plans focuses, as stated above, on operational safety and environmental compliance.

Regarding your questions related to future toll highways to be constructed west of O'Hare, FAA must refer you to CDA and the Illinois Toll Highway Authority to address your questions.

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