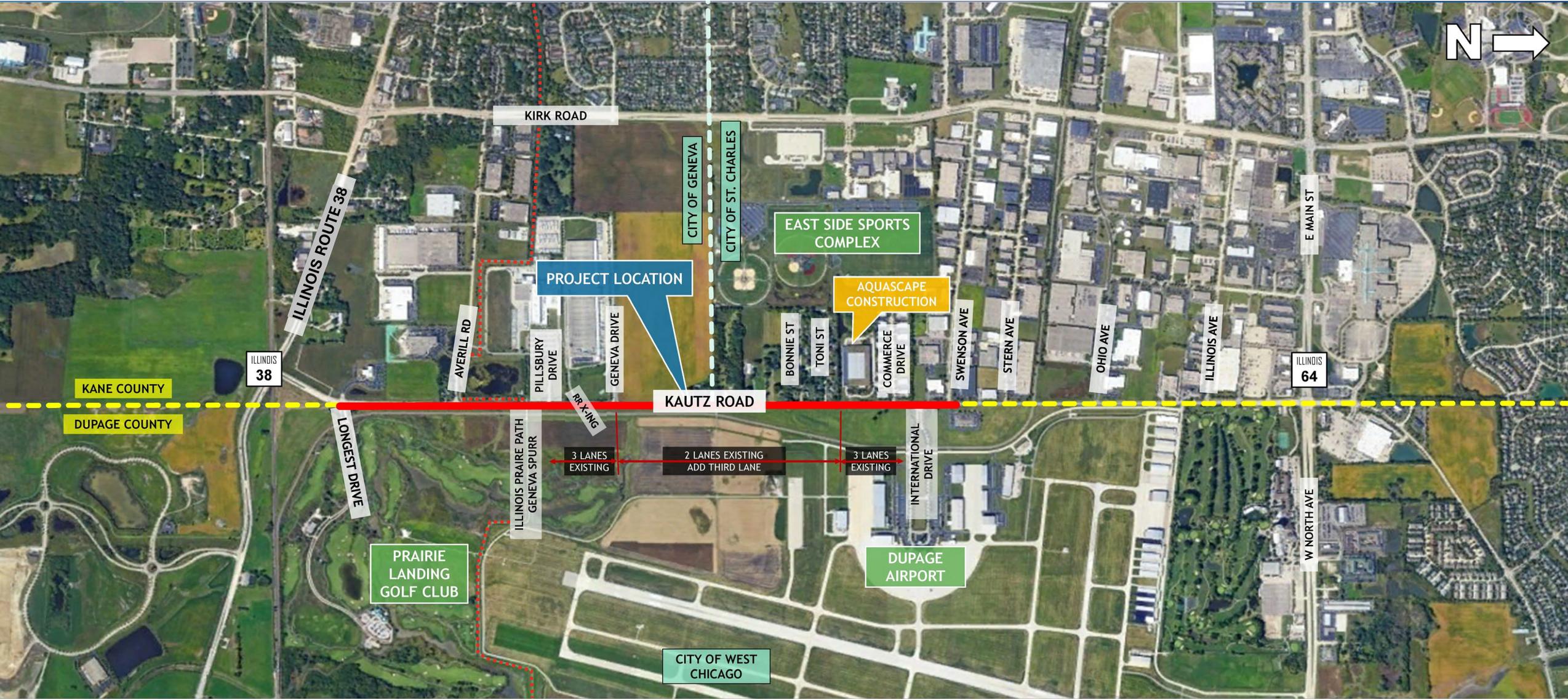




Kautz Road Reconstruction & Widening

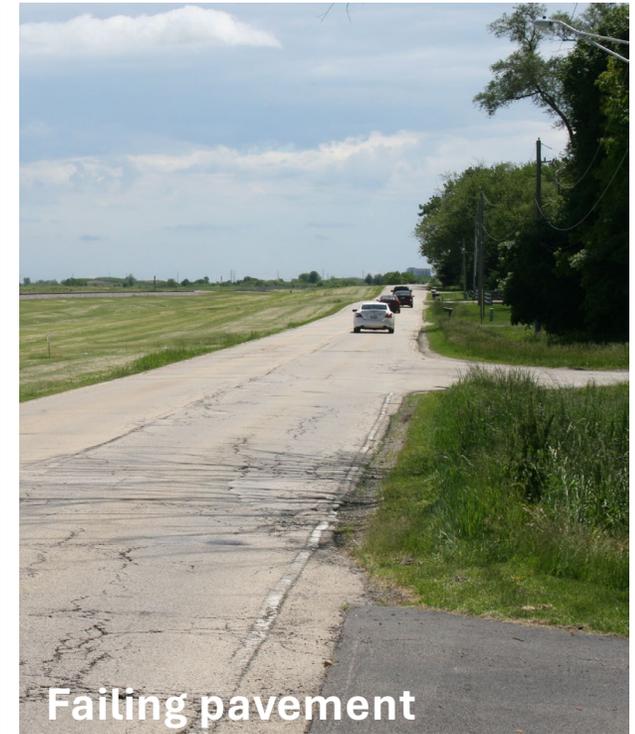
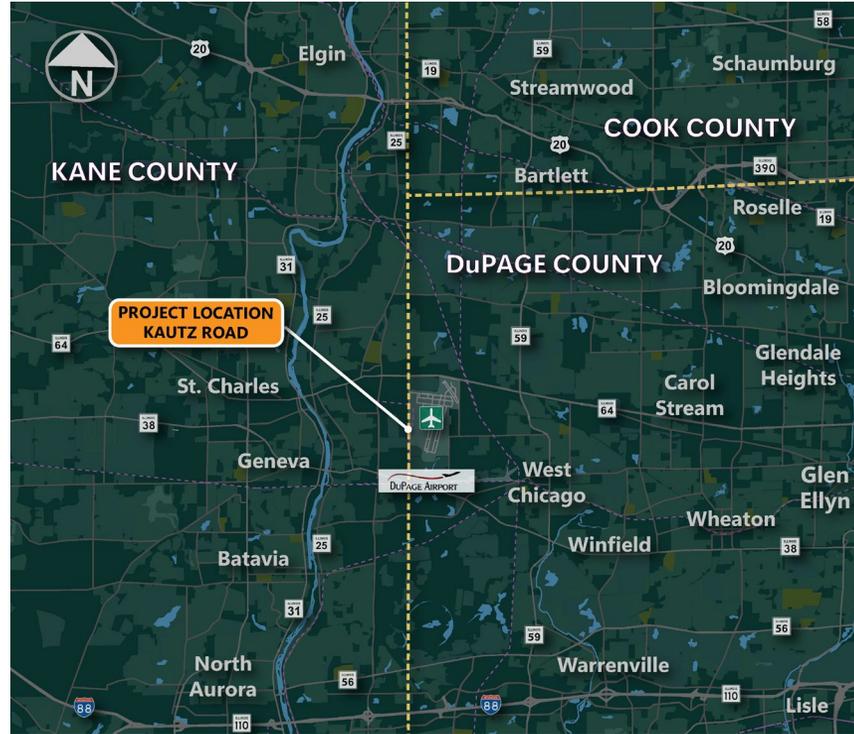
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PROJECT MAP



PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Kautz Road is a **critical north–south** corridor for residents, industrial traffic, and DuPage Airport access, but had reached the end of its service life.
- **Inconsistent roadway geometry**, failing pavement, and limited drainage created ongoing safety, operational, and maintenance concerns.
- **Chronic flooding** along the west side of the corridor impacted nearby homes and properties during major rainfall events.
- **Lack of multimodal connectivity and truck accommodation** limited safe travel and constrained adjacent land uses.



Failing pavement



Residential flooding along westside of the corridor



PROJECT SCOPE

- Reconstructed roadway to a consistent three-lane urban section.
- Installed a new stormwater system, including a bypass sewer connected to the DuPage Airport trunk line.
- Constructed a west-side multi-use path to close a key network gap.
- Completed utility relocations and coordination with ComEd, Nicor, and AT&T.
- Designated the corridor as a truck route to better support adjacent land uses.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Multi-Jurisdictional Delivery Across Five Governing Bodies
- Stormwater Bypass Sewer Providing Long-Needed Flood Relief
- Drainage and Path Design Eliminated All ROW Takings
- Resolution of a Parcel Held by an Abandoned Land Trust
- Proactive Utility Coordination Minimized Schedule Delays



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Railroad Coordination through a Maintenance Consent Letter
- One-way Detour Maintained Access and Improved Work Zone Safety
- Acceleration Agreements Enabled a Safe Winter Shutdown
- Multimodal Connectivity, Eliminating gap in the network and connecting to IPP
- Geometric Realignment Avoided Residential and Airport Impacts

THANK YOU!



“The Kautz Road project transformed a **failing, flood-prone** corridor into a **safe, modern, multimodal** roadway **servicing residents, businesses,** and **regional transportation needs.** The project also will serve as a **driver for economic development** for Geneva’s southeast master plan development.”

- *Rich Babica, Public Works Director, Geneva*

“**The Kautz Road project** included vital improvements for roadway, stormwater, bicycle, and freight infrastructure. Together **GFT, Geneva, and St. Charles** were able to engage with a large number of stakeholders and provide great benefits to all of them. **This project demonstrates how much can be accomplished when you combine a clear vision and a great team.**”

- *Heather McGuire, City Administrator, St. Charles*