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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE PLANNED FOR THE TRI-COUNTY ACCESS PROJECT

Residents and businesses encouraged to provide input September 6 in Kildeer

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Community members are encouraged to get information while offering insights and priorities at a public open house for the Tri-County Access Project, which seeks to address transportation challenges in northern Cook, eastern McHenry and Lake Counties.

The open house will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2018, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Concorde Banquets, 20922 N. Rand Road, Kildeer.

This will be the second public open house meeting as part of the ongoing effort to provide opportunities for all interested parties to attend, learn about, and provide input on the Tri-County Access Project.

In addition to informational displays and a video, the open house will provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide input on transportation priorities. Input from residents, businesses and communities will assist in the Tri-County Access Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process which formally began on July 16, 2018, with the Federal Highway Administration's publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register.

Comments received by October 1, 2018, become part of the official meeting summary and will be considered as part of the Environmental Impact Statement scoping process. Scoping is designed to identify the issues to be addressed as part of the Tri-County Access Project EIS.

Launched this spring, the Tri-County Access Project is a comprehensive regional study that will determine how to best address traffic congestion in a way that is environmentally and fiscally responsible. The Project follows the National Environmental Policy Act process, which is the nation's most comprehensive approach to evaluating and disclosing the effects that infrastructure projects may have on the environment.

The project brings together stakeholders from throughout the project area to identify and evaluate a range of alternative transportation solutions – including new or expanded roads, mass transit, and a no-build alternative – to address congestion in an approximately 1,000 square mile study area that includes counties in two states and more than 85 cities and villages.

Public input is critical to the process. In addition to public meetings and comment opportunities, the project includes a Stakeholder Participation Group consisting of leaders invited from more than 150 communities, agencies, and associations throughout the project area.

Information and updates about the Tri-County Access Project can be viewed online at tricityaccess.org. Public comments can also be shared at any time via the project website or by email at info@tricityaccess.org.

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