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I-290 Eisenhower Expressway Study Kicks Off; Public Involvement Encouraged

Schaumburg, IL - The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is initiating the Eisenhower Expressway Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study. The study will take an in-depth look at the current and future transportation needs of the corridor and includes an extensive public involvement process. The study limits generally extend from west of Mannheim Road (US 12/20/45) to east of Cicero Avenue (IL Route 50).

IDOT has scheduled a public meeting to seek input on the transportation issues and needs for the project.

The Public Meeting will be held:

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Best Western Chicago Hillside

4400 North Frontage Road

Hillside, IL 60162

The meeting will be presented in an open house format. Interested persons may visit anytime between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. IDOT will provide information regarding the study schedule, the planning process, and stakeholder involvement activities. Attendees will have the opportunity to watch a PowerPoint presentation, review project exhibits, comment on the current and future needs and conditions along the corridor, and meet with IDOT and study team representatives on a one-on-one basis.

"We want to encourage the stakeholders of this vital corridor to participate in the very early stages of this Phase I study. It's important to remember that this study will take a new look at the transportation needs and will not be influenced, or bound by, any prior studies and reports", said IDOT Regional Engineer Diane O'Keefe.

The I-290 Public Meeting will be accessible by transit. Pace Bus Route 310 leaves from the Forest Park Transit Center and stops at the Wolf Road/Harrison Street Pace bus stop. Best Western shuttle service will be provided from the Wolf Road/Harrison Street bus stop to the meeting location from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Other suggested transit routes to the meeting are available on the project website at www.eisenhowerexpressway.com.

This meeting will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing specific assistance should contact Mary Rose Donahue of Images, Inc. at (630) 510-3944. Persons planning to attend, who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations, should notify the TTY/TTD number (800) 526-0844/or 711; TTY users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864/or 711; and for Telebraille dial (877) 526-6670 at least five days prior to the meeting.

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