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IDOT SEEKS STAKEHOLDER INPUT FOR I-290 EISENHOWER EXPRESSWAY STUDY INITIAL PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

Schaumburg, IL- The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will host an open house public meeting to obtain stakeholder input on the draft Purpose and Need and initial project alternatives.

IDOT has been gathering public input and presenting technical analysis during a series of nine Corridor Advisory Group meetings, involving elected officials, community representatives, agencies and other interested stakeholders. Thus far, IDOT and stakeholders have identified the transportation needs in the study area for all modes of travel, including rail, bus, auto and bike/pedestrians. This extensive analysis and coordination effort is summarized by the following need statements: improve regional and local travel, improve access to employment, improve safety for all users, improve modal connections and opportunities, and improve facility deficiencies. These needs will provide a basis for evaluation of proposed project alternatives as the study progresses. In addition, an initial list of potential solutions has been submitted by stakeholders. IDOT is seeking further stakeholder input on the identified needs as well as the initial list of project alternatives, and will consider this input as the planning process moves forward.

The Open House Public Meeting will be held:

**Wednesday, May 18, 2011
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Proviso Math and Science Academy
8601 W. Roosevelt
Forest Park, IL 60130**

The meeting will be presented in an open house format. Interested persons can attend anytime from 4 to 8 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to view a recorded presentation and interactive project exhibits. IDOT and study team representatives will be present to discuss project details and answer questions on a one-on-one basis.

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The I-290 Open House Public Meeting will be accessible by transit. Pace bus routes 301 and 308 depart from the CTA Forest Park Blue Line and stop at the Roosevelt Road/1st Avenue stop in front of the school. Other suggested transit routes can be found at www.pacebus.com or www.transitchicago.com.

**This hearing will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing special assistance should contact Lily Escarpita 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.*

Further information regarding the project can be found at www.eisenhowerexpressway.com

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