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RTA GRANT TO FUND VILLAGE OF ADDISON TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT PLAN *Plan to encourage and promote transportation options*

Chicago -- The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) announced today the launch of a transit improvement plan for the Village of Addison. The plan will provide the Village assistance in identifying, analyzing, and developing a plan that encourages, promotes, and complements transit options along Route 20/Lake Street. The Village received a \$100,000 grant to fund the plan through the RTA's Community Planning program, a grant program that focuses on planning assistance for local communities.

"We're excited to work with communities to identify local improvements that encourage transit use," commented Leanne Redden, Senior Deputy Executive Director of Planning and Regional Programs. "By investing now in a plan for the future, the Village of Addison will be in a much better position to accommodate transit use, provide inter-modal connections and allow the community to better take advantage of the transit resources in the area."

The study will look at the Route 20/Lake Street Corridor from IL Route 83 to Swift Road and the area around the newly commissioned Pace Route 711. Redevelopment Guidelines will be created that support transit and pedestrians. A circulation plan that will recommend ways to accommodate multi-modal transportation will also be provided.

"Improving access to transit is important for the residents of our Village especially in this climate of higher gas prices and economic uncertainty," commented Mayor Larry Hartwig, Village of Addison. He added, "We have the opportunity to emphasize transit's role in our community and how it will impact the quality of life for those living in our Village."

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Each of the key tasks of the plan will be determined by evaluating existing development patterns as well as through the visioning process with community stakeholders. The plan will also take into consideration the unique characteristics and ongoing and past planning initiatives of the Village.

About the Community Planning program

The Community Planning program provides funding and planning assistance to communities for planning projects that benefit both the local communities and the RTA transit system. Launched in 1999 under the name Regional Technical Assistance Program (RTAP), the program was renamed and launched as Community Planning in June 2008 to better reflect the program's focus on planning assistance for local communities.

Community Planning offers units of local government such as municipalities, townships, and local planning agencies an opportunity to participate in the planning of local transit and transit related opportunities. The program funds projects that increase transit usage and multi-modal connectivity, improve access and circulation in and around transit facilities, promote pedestrian and transit friendly environments, develop local transit options and create coordinated paratransit plans.

Through this program, the RTA seeks projects that are consistent with the four primary goals of its strategic plan: provide transportation options, ensure financial viability, enhance livability and economic vitality, and demonstrate value. For more information, visit the program website at www.rtachicago.com/cp.

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About the RTA: The RTA provides financial oversight, funding and regional planning for the three public transit operators in northeastern Illinois: The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bus and train, Metra commuter rail and Pace suburban bus and paratransit. For more information, visit www.rtachicago.com and www.MovingBeyondCongestion.org.