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### **WORK BEGINS ON RTA FUNDED TRANSPORTATION STUDY FOR MOUNT PROSPECT** *Area plan aims to improve public transit*

Chicago -- The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) announced today the official launch of a public transportation study for the Village of Mount Prospect. The study was approved as part of the RTA's 2007 Regional Technical Assistance Program (RTAP). The Village of Mount Prospect will develop a public transportation system plan by evaluating the current level of service, usage, and access to Metra, Pace and bicycle routes for the area's residents and businesses. The Village received an RTAP grant in the amount of \$125,000 to fund the study.

"This RTAP study is just one example of how the RTA is playing a role in the development of a regional transit system by gathering input and involving local municipalities," commented Steve Schlickman, RTA Executive Director. "That involvement enables municipalities, and our region as a whole, to make focused investments in transit that will benefit generations to come."

Once completed, the plan will provide recommendations for improvements to the public transportation system serving the Village, which currently includes two Metra commuter rail lines, with one station located in the Village and one station adjacent to the Village; nine public bus routes; and a bicycle network. As part of the study, an inter-modal transportation station area plan will be prepared for the proposed Suburban Transit Access Route (STAR) Line station that is proposed to be located on Busse Road, immediately north of I-90. This portion of the study will provide recommendations for transit-supportive development within close proximity of the station and access for all modes of transportation (cars, bikes, pedestrians and transit) to and within the station area.

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“This study is important to the future of our community, its residents and to our overall quality of life,” commented Clare O’Shea, a long range planner for the Village of Mount Prospect. She added, “With a vision in place, we can move forward making informed decisions to help improve mobility within our community and build connections to the regional transit system in northeastern Illinois.”

### ***About the Regional Technical Assistance Program (RTAP)***

Launched in 1999, RTAP promotes transit planning in the six-county region at the local level utilizing RTA technical and financial resources. RTAP provides municipalities, townships, counties, and local planning agencies the opportunity to participate in the planning of local transit and transit related opportunities. The program funds projects that benefit both the local communities and the overall regional transit system. RTAP projects seek to increase transit usage and multimodal connectivity, improve access and circulation in and around transit facilities, promote pedestrian and transit friendly environments, and develop local transit options. For more information, visit the program webpage at <http://rtap.rtachicago.com/>

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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](http://www.rtachicago.com) and [www.MovingBeyondCongestion.org](http://www.MovingBeyondCongestion.org).*