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**RTA SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON COOK-DUPAGE CORRIDOR  
TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL**

*Series of Public Meetings Announced to Gather Feedback*

Chicago -- The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) announced today a schedule of five public meetings to share information and obtain public input on a new transportation proposal in the western suburbs that would greatly expand commute options.

After two years of developing the Cook-DuPage Corridor concept plans, a committee of elected county and municipal officials recently approved a scenario of eight transportation improvements to advance for more detailed analysis. The recommended improvements are designed to help increase mobility in the heavily congested Cook-DuPage Corridor. The committee also laid out a set of actions and policies to define the next steps.

A broad range of potential highway, transit and multi-modal projects have been considered, including: commuter rail, bus rapid transit, high occupancy vehicle lanes, expressway expansions, and rapid transit.

Feedback from the community is crucial before the plans are finalized. The RTA is encouraging anyone who lives or works in the western suburbs to attend one of the five public meetings listed below to learn about the study and the transportation scenario for the Cook-DuPage Corridor:

**Monday, March 10, 2008**

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Regional Transportation Authority, Board Room  
175 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1550, Chicago

**Tuesday, March 11, 2008**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cicero Community Center, Gymnasium  
2250 S. 49th Avenue, Cicero

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**Wednesday, March 12, 2008**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Oak Park Village Hall, Council Chambers

123 Madison St., Oak Park

**Thursday, March 13, 2008**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Lombard Village Hall, Board Room

255 E. Wilson Ave., Lombard

**Tuesday, March 18, 2008**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Addison Village Hall, Board Room

1 Friendship Plaza, Addison

Further information and comment forms will be available online beginning March 1, 2008 at [www.cook-dupagecorridor.com/getting\\_involved.html](http://www.cook-dupagecorridor.com/getting_involved.html) and will be provided at the public meetings. Written comments must be received on or before March 31, 2008 and may be submitted at the meetings, from the project website or via US Mail (mail to: RTA, Attn: Corridor Planning Studies, 175. W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1550, Chicago, IL 60604).

Those requiring special assistance to attend the public meetings, should call the RTA at 312-913-3200 or TTY 312-913-3111.

***About the Study***

The Cook-DuPage Corridor Study is an important long-range transportation planning effort in the western suburbs. The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is leading this study in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, CTA, Metra and Pace, Cook and DuPage counties, and over 50 communities in the study area. The purpose of the study is to determine a set of transportation improvements for intersuburban work trips and reverse commuters that best achieve local and regional goals.

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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).*