



Northern Illinois
Commuter Transportation Initiative

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NICTI STUDY TEAM SEEKS INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC ON TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR THE ROCKFORD REGION

Rockford, IL--The Northern Illinois Commuter Transportation Initiative (NICTI) Executive Committee has identified reasonable modes and alignments for the Rockford region from the November public meeting and other stakeholder and local officials meetings. These ideas will be presented at the upcoming public information meetings. NICTI will also detail their plan to evaluate the concepts, and explain the federal screening process. The alternatives have undergone an initial evaluation to assess how well they address the six main parts of the purpose and need statement: enhance mobility through and within the corridor; provide efficient and high quality transit improvements; develop a cost effective transportation solution; support business, transportation, and residential investments; support effective land use and development patterns; provide a cleaner and safer environment.

The public will have the opportunity to comment on the various improvement concepts, evaluation process and the draft purpose and need.

The open houses will be held:

Tuesday, February 27, 2007
5:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Burpee Museum of Natural History
Auditorium
737 North Main Street
Rockford, Illinois 61103

Wednesday, February 28, 2007
5:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Belvidere Community Building
Gymnasium
111 West 1st Street
Belvidere, Illinois 61008

The public is invited and encouraged to attend at any time during the open houses. They will be updated on the study, have an opportunity to review exhibits, and participate in a question and answer forum with NICTI representatives and RATS immediately following a live presentation, which will begin at 5:30 PM each day. Both locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are required, contact Hayes Morrison at 815-987-5628 or TYY 815-987-3083.

“We have identified reasonable modes and alignments for our region. This is an important step in the process of obtaining a Locally Preferred Alternative”, said NICTI Board Chairman Dave Taylor. “The public’s input on these modes and alignments are very important and look forward to hearing from them at our upcoming public meetings”.

Please visit our interactive website at www.NICTI.net where the public can learn more about the NICTI Study, find updated information, and express ideas or comments.

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