

116 Attend Elected Officials Meeting & Public Informational Meetings

NICTI looked again to the public for comments at two public information meetings held on February 27 & 28, 2007 in Rockford and Belvidere, Illinois. The purpose of the meetings were to recap the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) New Starts/Alternatives Analysis Process, present recommendations from First Level Screening, provide opportunity for public feedback and describe the next steps.

Those who attended viewed a live power point presentation that detailed how the initial alternatives have undergone an initial evaluation to assess how they addressed the six main parts of the purpose and need statement. Following the live power point a formal question and answer session was conducted for the purpose of allowing attendees to ask questions of key personnel. Exhibit boards were displayed in the meeting room and members of the project team and consultant team were in attendance to discuss the first level screening process with attendees face to face, and answer questions.