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Alternative Analysis Study Begins On The Future Of Rockford Transportation

(Rockford, Illinois) Could major passenger rail service really happen from Rockford to Elgin and then into Chicago?

Many at Wednesday's press conference hosted by the Northern Illinois Commuter Transportation Initiative, or NICTI for short, believe so.

Officials from NICTI announced the start of an alternative analysis study at that meeting held at the Rockford Mass Transit Building in Rockford.

The study will evaluate what the best options are for improving transportation from Rockford to the Chicago suburbs.

Dave Taylor, NICTI Chairman was at Wednesday's meeting and said, "The first critical phases of the study is to determine the locally preferred alternative, which we are now looking at taking about 18 months to be completed."

The alternative analysis study is expected to cost 3 million dollars, and take about two years to complete. It could be a critical factor in determining whether Rockford gets passenger rail service to the Chicago suburbs.