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Bringing Metra to Huntley Could Help Local Rail Service Plans

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HUNTLEY - Transportation leaders in Boone and Winnebago counties are keeping a close eye on talks between Metra and the Village of Huntley.

Huntley wants Metra to extend its Milwaukee district west line from Elgin into its area. If that happens it could mean a boost for efforts to bring passenger train service to Belvidere and Rockford.

As Northern Illinois Commuter Train Initiative Board Chair Dave Taylor says, any money spent on that line is less money other counties would have to find. "It's been many, many years since there's been any public transportation available to do this and I think the public particularly in light of high gas prices and problems with pollution - all of that would be dramatically reduced by having commuter rail options," said

Taylor.

Taylor believes the big thing holding up efforts for train service is the lack of a capital plan for the state.