

Over 76 Attend Elected Officials Meeting, Media Briefing and Open Houses

Public meetings for the NICTI Alternatives Analysis were held November 15 and 16, 2006 in Rockford and Belvidere. The purpose of the public meetings was to introduce the public to the project and solicit input on key project elements such as the study area, need for the project and initial transportation alternatives.

The next public meetings are scheduled for February 27 and 28, 2007 in Rockford and Belvidere. Additional information on location and times will be available in the near future.

Information on the project was communicated in a number of different ways during the November 2006 public meetings.

- A project fact sheet was distributed to meeting attendees and was also mailed to other project stakeholders.
- The project website included information on the public meetings, including reproductions of the exhibit boards and a means to comment.
- Exhibit boards were displayed in the meeting rooms.
- A slide show presentation explaining the project was run continuously during the public meetings.
- Members of the project team and consultant team were in attendance to discuss the project with attendees face to face, and answer questions.
- A question and answer session was held during the public meeting for the purpose of allowing attendees to ask questions of key personnel.

In addition, a public official's briefing session was held two days before the public meeting on November 13, 2006 at University of Northern Illinois (NIU) - Rockford. This session allowed elected public officials a preview of the public meetings. This session was attended by fifteen public officials from the study area.