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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE PLANNED FOR THE TRI-COUNTY ACCESS PROJECT

Residents and businesses encouraged to provide input July 25 in Lakemoor

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Community members are encouraged to get information while offering insights and priorities at a public open house this week for the Tri-County Access Project, which seeks to address transportation challenges in northern Cook, eastern McHenry and Lake Counties.

In addition to informational displays and a video, the open house will provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide input on transportation priorities. The open house will be held on Wednesday, July 25, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Countryside Banquets, 28874 Route 120 in Lakemoor.

Launched this spring, the Tri-County Access Project is a comprehensive regional study that will determine how to best address traffic congestion in a way that is environmentally and fiscally responsible. The Project follows the National Environmental Policy Act process, which is the nation's most comprehensive approach to evaluating and disclosing the effects that infrastructure projects may have on the environment.

The project brings together stakeholders from throughout the project area to identify and evaluate a range of alternative transportation solutions – including new or expanded roads, mass transit, and a nobuild alternative – to address congestion in an approximately 1,000 square mile study area that includes counties in two states and more than 85 cities and villages.

Public input is critical to the process. In addition to public meetings and comment opportunities, the project includes a Stakeholder Participation Group consisting of leaders invited from more than 150 communities, agencies, and associations throughout the project area.

Information and updates about the Tri-County Access Project can be viewed online at tricountyaccess.org. Public comments can also be shared at any time via the project website or by email at info@tricountyaccess.org.

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