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**Rockford Area Transportation Study
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PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE: ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS FOR COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION

A public informational open house will be held at four area locations to inform the public about the Alternatives Analysis study for commuter transportation alternatives in the greater Rockford area. In November 2004, a feasibility study detailing the potential feasibility of commuter rail within this transportation corridor was completed. The next step in the Federal Transit Administration New Starts Planning and Project Development Process is to complete an Alternatives Analysis. In 2006 over \$1,000,000 was earmarked to continue with this Alternatives Analysis. Over the course of the next 4 years a total of \$3,000,000 in federal, state and local funding will be used to conduct this Alternatives Analysis.

The study will review the priority corridor's current transportation methods, volumes, and routes for North Central Illinois residents that are traveling to and/or from destinations in Chicago's northwestern suburbs and the City of Chicago. The study will estimate how much need for transportation is remaining unmet by the current transportation alternatives. The goal of the study is to evaluate if indeed transportation needs that are unmet, and if so what alternative to existing transportation modes in the area will be most effective for improve mobility and support economic development, while still being cost effective.

The format of these open houses is to allow an informal discussion between the public and RATS staff. The times are indicated below.

DATES

May 3, 2006 – Wednesday 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Rockford City Hall Council Chambers 425 E. State St. Rockford, IL	May 3, 2006 – Wednesday 3:15 PM to 6:15 PM Roscoe Village Hall Council Chambers 10595 Main St, Roscoe Roscoe, IL	May 4, 2006 – Thursday 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Loves Park City Hall Cafeteria Room 100 Heart Boulevard Loves Park, IL	May 4, 2006 – Thursday 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM Belvidere Community Building – Banquet Room 111 West 1 st Street Belvidere, IL
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PURPOSE:

View Graphic Displays, Discuss Study Goals and Objectives, Ask Questions
and Obtain Public Comments and Input

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