

- [CLASSIFIEDS](#)
- [E-MAIL UPDATES](#)
- [SUBSCRIBE NOW](#)

News
 Dan Haley
 Inside Report
 Actual Fun
 Crime
 Obituaries

Calendar
 Viewpoints
 Lifelines
 Sports
 Journal Plus

Blogs

Community Guide
 Special Sections
 Coupons
 Photo Store

About Us
 Feedback
 Send us letters



Legal Notices



Search

Search

Advanced Search



FIND YOUR NEW DOCTOR AT
 WESTLAKE HOSPITAL | WEST SUBURBAN MEDICAL CENTER



ACCEPTS YOUR INSURANCE
 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS
 FLEXIBLE OFFICE HOURS

W E D N E S D A Y
JOURNAL
of Oak Park and River Forest

[home](#) : [news](#) : [news](#)

12/15/2009 10:00:00 PM

[Email this article](#) • [Print this article](#)

Cook DuPage Corridor study may survive

CMAP survey finds broad support for rapid transit

By **BILL DWYER**
 Staff Reporter

First reported 12/11/2009 4:30 p.m.

In the wake of survey that shows broad support for transit alternatives to roads, there's word of a concerted effort to salvage the third phase the stalled Cook DuPage Corridor Study.

The three-month survey was conducted by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, or CMAP, which is the regional planning agency tasked with comprehensive planning for the Chicago area. More than 20,000 responses were gathered on a variety of issues, including transportation and land use. Those results indicate Chicago area residents "tend to share consistent priorities for the region's future." Expressed priorities include "more transit options, compact land development, reduced energy and water consumption, and more parks and open space," according to CMAP.

Among the findings are that fully 90 percent of respondents favor transportation policies that encourage transportation alternatives to roads. One percent favored more roads and 9 percent favored the current mix of rail and road options.

The survey, titled "Invent the Future," invited people to comment both online and at area meetings this summer. Questions were predicated on a projected additional 2.8 million residents in the northeastern Illinois region by 2040.

The first of 50 public presentations was held in June at Oak Park's historic Unity Temple.

Under state and federal law, CMAP is the comprehensive regional planning organization for the northeastern Illinois region. The agency is formally charged with land use and transportation planning in Chicago, Cook County and the six other collar counties.

The survey process is intended to develop a broad regional vision of what Chicago-area residents want to see 30 years from now. It was launched in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of Daniel Burnham's historic Plan of Chicago.

The survey is part of the preparation process for the 2010 release of a comprehensive report titled Go To 2040. That document will constitute the region's official comprehensive plan recognized by the state and federal governments to "guide development and infrastructure decisions across the region for decades to come."

Rob Cole of the Oak Park Village Manager's Office sits on CMAP's land use committee and has been involved with transportation issues for a number of years. "The public voice was clear: 90 percent of those who responded expressed strong support for alternative forms of transportation," Cole said.

Oak Park Village President David Pope, who has served on the Cook DuPage Corridor Study's policy committee, lauded the findings of the CMAP study, saying the survey has clearly shown a preference for transit alternatives, particularly rail. "They've begun to outline parameters as they undertake their Go To 2040 planning process," Pope said. That process, he said, will "highlight opportunities for transit expansion and specifically rail expansion, in locations where land use plans would support that."

Pope noted that the West Cook Municipal Conference and the DuPage Mayors & Management Conference are two key councils already working closely with CMAP.

Partnering to save the study

It appears these two groups will also be central players in an effort to resuscitate the Cook DuPage Corridor Study.

Sources familiar with the Cook DuPage study, speaking anonymously, say responsibility for the final phase will be divided between CMAP and the West Cook Municipal Conference and the DuPage Mayors & Management Conference. CMAP will function as a "strong partner," providing essential modeling for the alternative transit models, which CMAP is already doing as part of its Go TO 2040 process.

The two councils would handle the procedural and administrative aspects of the third phase. Sources say \$600,000 remains from the "unified work plan" in the RTA budget, available for use on the reformulated third phase of the corridor study process.

Web Extra!

- [Click here to read more about the CMAP survey.](#)



Sound Care

Hearing Group
 DOCTORS OF AUDIOLOGY
 Hearing tests and honest answers given by a Certified Doctor of Audiology.
Up to 40% off MSRP
 708-660-2350
www.soundcarehearing.com

Gary Mancuso
 Realtor®
 (708) 386-1400

[Search Now!](#)

[Buyers](#)

[Sellers](#)

RE/MAX
 In The Village, Realtors
GaryForHomes.com

I ammy wierciak, planning coordinator for west Cook Municipal Conference, confirmed Monday that her organization and the DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference "feel strongly enough" about the Cook DuPage planning process that they're forming a partnership. She said that both her 36-member group and the DuPage Mayors & Managers need to take the proposal back to their respective executive boards for final approval.

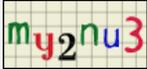
"We're still working toward what that will be, but we're definitely interested in seeing the study completed," Wierciak said.

Article Comment Submission Form

Please feel free to submit your comments.

Article comments are not posted immediately to the Web site. Each submission must be approved by the Web site editor. There may be a delay of 24-48 hours for any submission while the Web site editor reviews and approves it.

Note: All information on this form is required. Your telephone number and e-mail address are for our use only, and will not be attached to your comment.

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Name: | <input type="text"/> |
| Telephone: | <input type="text"/> |
| E-mail: | <input type="text"/> |
| Passcode: | <p>This form will not send your comment unless you copy exactly the passcode seen below into the text field. This is an anti-spam device to help reduce the automated email spam coming through this form.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Please copy the passcode exactly - it is case sensitive.</div> <input type="text"/> |
| Message: | <input type="text"/> |
| | <input type="button" value="Submit"/> <input type="button" value="Clear Form"/> |

Copyright 2010, Wednesday Journal, Inc.,
141 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302, 708-524-8300

To view any of the publications owned and operated
by Wednesday Journal, Inc., click on the appropriate title.
[Forest Park Review](#) · [Riverside Brookfield Landmark](#)
[Chicago Journal](#) · [Skyline](#) · [Austin Weekly News](#) · [Chicago Parent magazine](#)

Copyright 2010, Wednesday Journal Inc.

Software © 1998-2010 [1up! Software](#), All Rights Reserved