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## Public Input Sought for North Lake Shore Drive Phase I Study Alternatives

**SCHAUMBURG and CHICAGO** - The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) will host a public meeting to present the draft Purpose and Need Statement, develop transportation alternatives, and obtain feedback from stakeholders for the improvement of US 41 (North Lake Shore Drive). The meeting will be in an open house format. Interested persons may attend from 1 to 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 8, 2014**

**Open House: 1 – 7 p.m.**

**The Drake Hotel - Gold Coast Ballroom**

**140 East Walton Place**

**Chicago, Ill 60611**

There will be a continuous audio-visual presentation. Attendees will also be able to participate in a workshop to identify potential solutions to the transportation needs in the study corridor. During the meeting, there will be opportunities to provide input through sketches, written descriptions, or an online mapping application. Participants are encouraged to bring their own mobile device (phone, tablet or laptop) as free Wi-Fi will be available to utilize the online comment and mapping tools. Those unable to attend can provide written comments or access the mapping tool through the project website at [www.northlakeshoredrive.org](http://www.northlakeshoredrive.org). Comments received by August 1<sup>st</sup> will become part of the official meeting record.

Since the first round of public meetings in summer 2013, IDOT and CDOT have gathered lakefront access and lakefront trail pedestrian and cyclist counts, transit ridership and bus route performance data, traffic counts, vehicular crash and speed data, environmental data, and important information from stakeholders to define the transportation needs in the study area. Additionally, several task forces were created focusing on specific issues including transportation, park users and environment, and businesses and institutions. Three residential task forces were also created based on geographic locations along the corridor. To date, three meetings have occurred with the Task Force members. IDOT and CDOT are seeking further stakeholder feedback on the project's draft Purpose and Need Statement and project alternatives, and will consider this input as the planning process moves forward. Visit [www.northlakeshoredrive.org](http://www.northlakeshoredrive.org) for more information about the project.

\*The meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance can contact Laura Wilkison at 312-561-3140 or [lwilkison@metrostrategiesinc.com](mailto:lwilkison@metrostrategiesinc.com). Individuals planning to attend in need of a sign language interpreter or similar accommodations can notify IDOT's TTY/TTD number at (800) 526-0844 or 711; TTY users who speak Spanish can call (800) 501-0864 or 711. For Telebraille, dial (877) 526-6670. All requests should be made at least five days prior to the meeting.