



**SUMMARY**  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DESIGN ASPECTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**  
**FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT ON THE AMTRAK HIAWATHA SERVICE**  
**BETWEEN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN AND CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**  
**October 27, 2016**

A Public Hearing was held on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016 at Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee, WI. From 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. regarding detailed design aspects of the proposed improvement consisting of adding additional round trips to the Milwaukee to Chicago Amtrak Hiawatha Service and the associated railroad infrastructure improvements. The corridor includes Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha counties in Wisconsin, with the Wisconsin infrastructure improvements located in Milwaukee County. The corridor also includes Lake and Cook counties in Illinois, with infrastructure improvements in those counties.

The open-style Public Hearing featured the following activities:

- **Presentation** – An informal audio visual presentation on a continuous loop provided an overview of the Environmental Assessment.
- **Exhibit Boards** – Boards regarding the project history, the EA process, proposed routes and service alternatives, proposed infrastructure improvements, environmental impacts, land acquisition, capital and operating costs and the public involvement process.
- **Individual Discussions with WisDOT, IDOT and Team Members** – Throughout the Public Hearing, participants were provided the opportunity to speak with representatives.
- **Provision of Comment Forms** – Comment forms were available at the meeting for attendees to fill out and submit via the mail, in person, or online.
- **Public Testimony** - All interested persons were invited to attend the Public Hearing and to present relevant verbal testimony through a court reporter and/or written testimony
- **Copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment** were available for review

The meeting was attended by 52 people and three members of the media.

There were 13 **comment forms** received at the meeting.

The public was notified of the Public Hearing via notices, advertisements and announcements provided by WisDOT, as well as information posted on the IDOT Illinois Passenger Rail website.