

SUMMARY

PUBLIC MEETING ON THE DESIGN ASPECTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT ON THE AMTRAK HIAWATHA SERVICE BETWEEN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN AND CHICAGO, ILLINOIS November 1, 2016

A Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, Nov. 1 2016 at Chicago Union Station, 500 W. Jackson Chicago, IL 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 Meeting 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.
- Copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment were available for review

The meeting was attended by 29 people. There were 3 **comment forms** received at the meeting.

The public was notified of the Public Meeting throughout September and October via postings on the Illinois Passenger Rail web site, electronic 3rd party announcements distributed to stakeholders, letters to public officials and municipalities along the corridor, newspaper ads in Chicago and Glenview, email announcements and postcards.