

ATTACHMENT B
SAMPLE INVITATION LETTERS

September 14, 2012

[Name]
[Title]
[Organization]
[Address]
Chicago, IL [Zip]

Dear [Salutation]:

Will you join us?

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) invites you to attend the **third** meeting of the Community Advisory Group – South for the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Program Grand Crossing Rail Project. As you know, the Grand Crossing Rail Project is examining alternatives to reduce rail congestion on Chicago's South Side, particularly in the Englewood and Greater Grand Crossing neighborhoods.

At our March 2012 meetings, Community Advisory Group members and Project Team staff discussed the Range of Alternatives developed for the project. These conversations helped in the development and screening of these alternatives. ***Now, the Project Team is asking for your help identifying a Preferred Alternative for the project.***

Preferred Alternative Meeting – When and Where ?

Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2012
Time: 1:30-4:00pm
Location: Grand Crossing Park Field House, 7655 S. Ingleside Avenue, Chicago

In the case of a weather emergency, the meeting will be rescheduled for a later date in October 2012, with meeting details to be provided in a follow-up notice.

Why are we conducting this meeting?

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Provide an update on the status of the project
- Present the results of the Range of Alternatives screening
- Solicit input on the Preferred Alternative

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Review of the Grand Crossing Rail Project
- Recap of previous Community Advisory Group and public meetings
- Presentation and discussion of the Range of Alternatives screening and recommendations
- Summary and next steps

Can we count on you?

Your continued participation is important and will help the project team identify the transportation issues and community values that will be considered as the Grand Crossing Rail Project progresses.

Please call, email, or mail Tony Pakeltis, Parsons Project Manager, to let us know if you will attend the upcoming Community Advisory Group meeting:

Tony Pakeltis, Parsons
10 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 400
Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 930-5268
Anthony.Pakeltis@parsons.com

Please respond by: Tuesday, October 2, 2012

If you have any questions prior to the meeting or would like to discuss the project in more detail, please feel free to contact Tony Pakeltis at the address or email above. Information about the Grand Crossing Rail Project is also available on the project website at www.grandcrossingrail.com.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you can join us.

Very truly yours,



Danielle E. Stewart, P.E.
CREATE Section Chief
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Preferred Alternative Meeting – When and Where ?

Date: Thursday, October 11, 2012
Time: 1:30-4:00pm
Location: St. Bernard Hospital, 326 W. 64th Street, Chicago

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