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Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation
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CREATE Project P-1
Railroad Improvement Project near 63rd and State Streets
Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

June 15, 2007

«Title» «First_Name» «Last_Name»
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«Company»
«Address_Line_1» «Street»
«City_1», «State_1» «Zip_Code_1»

Dear «Title» «Last_Name»,

The Illinois Department of Transportation cordially invites you to attend a Public Information Meeting concerning the Railroad Improvement Project near 63rd and State Streets, Project P-1 of the CREATE (Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency) Program. Members of the CREATE Team include, the State of Illinois, City of Chicago, Metra, and the nation's freight railroads. A project of national economic significance, CREATE proposes to invest \$1.5 billion in critically needed capital improvements to increase the efficiency of the region's rail infrastructure.

The Railroad Improvement Project near 63rd and State Streets is proposed to expand the railroad system capacity, improve railroad operations, reduce train delays and congestion thereby improving air quality, and increase safety. The proposed plan does not require permanent property acquisition or relocation of residents or businesses. Temporary construction access easements may be required during construction. Two viaducts (60th and 66th Streets) are recommended for closure. A location map is enclosed for your reference.

The Public Information Meeting will be conducted as follows:

Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2007
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Presentation begins at: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Antioch Baptist Church
415 W. Englewood Avenue
Chicago, IL 60621

The Public Information Meeting will be conducted in a formal meeting format with an opening half hour exhibit hall followed by a formal one hour presentation with question and answer period closing with a half hour open exhibit hall and informal question and answer period. The public will have an opportunity to provide comments, and members of the CREATE Team will be present to answer any questions.

We have enclosed a copy of the display ad, which is targeted for publication in the June 14th and June 19th editions of the Chicago Defender, the June 19th and June 21st 2007 editions of the Chicago Tribune, and Chicago Sun-Times, and the June 20th 2007 edition of the Citizen Newspaper circulation.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Lawrence Wilson at (312) 793-3507.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence Wilson
Program Manager