

## LEGAL NOTICE – NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

### **Milwaukee West Line Fox River Bridge Improvement Project Environmental Assessment Available for Review Public Hearing Scheduled for March 2, 2017**

The Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (Metra), in coordination with the Federal Transit Administration, is holding a public hearing to obtain comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the Milwaukee West Line Fox River Bridge Improvement Project. Attendees will have the opportunity to review exhibits and speak with Metra and study team representatives. The hearing will be conducted in an open house format, and comments on the Environmental Assessment may be made orally to a court reporter or in writing. Details are provided below.

The EA, which analyzes the effects of implementing the project on the physical, human, and natural environments, has recently been published for this project in accordance with federal requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). All interested parties are invited to review the EA and attend the public hearing.

The Environmental Assessment is available for review at the following locations:

Electronically: <https://metrarrail.com/about-metra/reports-documents/project-studies/current-project-studies/z-100-ea>

Hardcopy in two locations:

Elgin: Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin, Illinois 60120

Metra Headquarters: 547 W. Jackson Boulevard, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois, 60661

#### **Comments:**

A 35-day public comment period (February 10 – March 16, 2017) has been established to take formal comments. All substantive comments received during this comment period, and responses to those comments, will be incorporated into the final NEPA decision document. At the public hearing, comments may be made orally to a court reporter or in writing. Written comments may also be submitted anytime during the comment period in one of two ways:

Via email: [ProjectZ100NEPA@metrarr.com](mailto:ProjectZ100NEPA@metrarr.com)

Via US mail: Metra, Grant Management & Accounting, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, 547 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL, 60661, Attn: Milwaukee West Line Fox River Bridge Improvement Project (Metra Bridge Z-100)

#### **Public Hearing Details:**

Thursday, March 2, 2017

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Centre of Elgin Recreation Facility

Heritage Ballroom

100 Symphony Way, Elgin, Illinois, 60120

The public hearing will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone needing special assistance should contact Kristina Kuehling at (630) 690-0825. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the TTY/TTD number (800) 526-0844 or 711; TTY users (Español) (800) 501-0864 or 711; and for telebraille dial (877) 526-6670 at least five business days prior to the meeting.