Welcome to the Public Open House Presentation

December 2, 2019 – Plano, Illinois
December 3, 2019 – Oswego, Illinois
Today’s Presentation

STUDY OVERVIEW
RIDERSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL
STATION & YARD OPTIONS
COST ESTIMATES & FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS
PUBLIC OUTREACH
Study Goals & Objectives

Goals: The Kendall Extension Study will examine the feasibility of extending commuter rail service on the BNSF line beyond Aurora, Illinois.

Objectives: Analysis will provide information to local municipalities and governments so they can make decisions about how to proceed.
MANY CHALLENGES AND CONSIDERATIONS

Financial
• Additional capital funding needed to build project
• New sustainable operating funding needed to operate project

Institutional
• Outside Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) boundary – project needs to benefit RTA region
• Approval needed from RTA & Metra
• May require state or local legislative action
• Agreement(s) needed with BNSF to build and operate
Ridership Analysis

Environmental Report

Conceptual Infrastructure Design

Station Location Options: Montgomery, Oswego, Yorkville, Plano and Sandwich

Cost Estimates and Financial Feasibility Analysis
A ridership analysis is being conducted to help forecast potential ridership along the extension. The analysis will provide estimates of how many people would get on/off at each potential station location. It will also provide information on potential impacts to existing service. Ridership results will be shared at future open houses.
Commuter Train Service

• Level of service targeted for commuters
• Morning and evening rush hour services to accommodate travelers to and from work/school
• Examining 2, 4 or 6 round trip trains per weekday from Kendall County to Chicago
Components of the Environmental Report:

- Field surveys and documentation
- Historic resources technical report
- High-level analysis of environmental factors, such as:
  - Air quality
  - Water quality
  - Noise and vibration
  - Threatened or endangered species
Minimum Track & Yard Requirements

- One additional track from Aurora to extension terminal
- Extend the existing siding track to create a second continuous track toward Sugar Grove
- Yard improvements at the 14th Street Yard (Chicago)
Site location options established for each municipality
- Station sites selected through coordination with municipalities
- Single site options in Montgomery, Oswego and Sandwich
- Multiple site options in Yorkville and Plano

Minimum features of each station
- Inbound and outbound boarding platform(s)
- A warming house
- Parking facilities
- Pedestrian and vehicular access to public roads
COST ESTIMATES & FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

• Preliminary Financial Plan will identify costs (capital and operating) and potential funding and financing sources for the extension.

• Analysis may be used by stakeholders to:
  • Determine feasibility of extension service
  • Seek funding and financing
  • Establish local revenue sources
This feasibility study is the initial phase required for an extension to be considered. Additional studies and phases will be required in the future for the project to be constructed.

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WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

• View series of exhibits
• Talk with study team members
• Provide written comments through comment forms
• Written comments regarding station options requested by January 6, 2020
• Take the survey in the adjoining room or online by January 6, 2020
• Visit our webpage - Metrarail.com/kendallextension
• Email us - KendallExtension@metrrarr.com
Thank You!

This presentation will repeat in approximately 5 minutes.