The Illinois Department of Transportation 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.

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 Meeting is being held:

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

Purpose of the Meeting:
• To present the proposed Railroad Improvement Project near 63rd and State Streets, Project P-1 of the CREATE Program
• Two viaducts (60th and 66th Streets) are recommended for closure
• To present the environmental reviews and processing
• To obtain public input

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 meeting will include remarks from Alderman Cochran and Alderman Lyle. The public will have an opportunity to provide comments, and members of the CREATE Team will be present to answer any questions. Written comments will be accepted at the meeting or at IDOT, 300 West Adams Street, Chicago, IL 60606, Attn: Lawrence Wilson, Program Manager, for a period of two weeks following the meeting (Tuesday, July 10, 2007).

The meeting will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone needing special assistance should contact Mr. Lawrence Wilson at (312) 793-3507. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the Illinois Department of Transportation at (847) 705-4710 (TTY) at least five days prior to the meeting.