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Wood Dale Receives FAA Land Use Grant To Develop Thorndale Corridor Master Plan

Des Plaines, Ill., September 29, 2009—The City of Wood Dale, Ill., has received a \$143,380 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to develop compatible land use that includes a Thorndale Corridor Phase 1 master plan. The city will provide a 20 percent match for a total project cost of \$179,225.

“We first learned about the FAA grant through our membership in the O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC),” Wood Dale Mayor Kenneth Johnson said. ONCC facilitates community initiatives to seek FAA funding to reduce non-compatible land uses and to prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible land use within the O’Hare International Airport vicinity.

“Our location within an extensive system of highways, rail transportation running through the city and proximity to O’Hare provides great opportunities as well as significant challenges to our city,” said Johnson.

“We will address compatibility of current and future industrial, residential, commercial and mixed use redevelopment along the Thorndale Corridor, including the proposed O’Hare western terminal access,” said Johnson. The corridor study boundaries will run from Devon avenue south to the center of the village at School Street/Foster Avenue and from Salt Creek east to city limits west of Route 83.

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Specific initiatives will include land use planning along the Thorndale Corridor that are consistent with federal land use compatibility criteria and identification of economic opportunities so that Wood Dale businesses may grow along with the airport, according to Johnson.

Wood Dale, with a population of 13,535, is located in DuPage County three miles from O'Hare. The city's daytime population increases to 35,000 with employees working at three industrial parks located on 1,000 acres within the city.

Wood Dale is the third community to receive the FAA Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act grant. Des Plaines received a \$750,000 FAA grant in 2006 and Harwood Heights received a \$320,000 FAA grant in 2008.

ONCC, composed of 27 Cook and DuPage communities, Cook County and 16 school districts, strives to reduce the impact of aircraft noise on surrounding neighborhoods through home and school insulation, and to reduce, wherever possible, aircraft noise at its source. For more information, contact Brian Gilligan, 773- 686-3198, or visit www.oharenoise.org.

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