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Bensenville Initiates Comprehensive Land-Use Plans

The village of Bensenville is moving ahead in efforts to reposition itself as a vibrant, residential, commercial and industrial center with a \$1 million FAA Vision 100-Century of Aviation grant acquired in November 2009 to underwrite extensive land-use planning.

The FAA grant will support a comprehensive land-use plan, study economic and market trends, create economic development goals, review infrastructure needs and suggest transportation and transit options. Bensenville provided a required match of 20 per cent or \$200,000 for the FAA's \$800,000 land-use grant.

“With the final stages of the O'Hare Modernization Program underway, we wanted to take advantage of our prime location next to one of the world's busiest airports, said Bensenville Mayor Frank Soto.

Bensenville selected a consulting team comprised of land-use engineers, planning and economic development consultants, and transportation planning engineers to develop commercial corridor concepts and transportation scenarios based on information gathered from web-based surveys, community workshops and one-on-one stakeholder interviews.

“In addition, our ONCC membership provides vital information about O'Hare operations,” he said.

“One of the goals we hope to accomplish is for Bensenville to become more attractive to relocating and expanding businesses,” said Soto. “The village board unanimously adopted a 15-year strategic plan that articulates the village's vision and includes a mission statement, core principles, goals and objectives.”

By 2011, Bensenville will have completed plans to update zoning ordinances, review subdivision regulations, amend some building codes, complete an official village map and finalize its capital improvement plan.

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