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NEXT STEP IN EXTENDING THE LAKE PARKWAY

Committee aims to build upon economic development initiatives in southeastern Milwaukee County

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik chaired the first meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Lake Arterial Extension Study this morning. The Committee, which was unanimously requested by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors earlier this year, includes other County and State officials, as well as representation from the cities of Milwaukee, St. Francis, Cudahy, South Milwaukee and Oak Creek.

The study committee was assembled by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to determine whether the extension should be added. Today's first meeting set the context for the committee to follow, which will encompass the Hoan Bridge, the existing 794 corridor, and the proposed 794 extension to Ryan Road.

A number of local economic development drivers depend on a vibrant lakeshore corridor. Milwaukee County is working to redevelop the former 440th Airlift Wing site, and the Airport Gateway Business Association is making progress in developing an "aerotropolis" around General Mitchell International Airport, which is currently the fastest growing airport in the nation and third-fastest growing in the world. The Port of Milwaukee is the busiest port in the Great Lakes and one of only two that are growing.

"I am proud to play a key role in continuing this momentum," Supervisor Jursik added. "Extending the 794 corridor can only complement the groundwork that's being laid for economic growth in southeastern Milwaukee County."

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. October 28, 2010 at the Cudahy Library.

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