

DuPage Local Circulator Study

Background Information

1. **DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference:** The DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, a council of 35 municipal governments in DuPage County, Illinois, was founded in 1962. Its membership is comprised of both elected and appointed officials. The Conference is a not-for-profit organization supported by membership dues and grants, dedicated to addressing municipal public policy issues, including planning and transportation. The Conference provides a forum for local participation in countywide and regional transportation planning initiatives and, through the DuPage Area Transit Plan, focuses on improving mobility and reducing congestion in DuPage County. www.dmmc-cog.org.
2. **DuPage County Board:** The DuPage County Board holds all the powers of the County not assigned to elected officials or other boards. Overall, it is responsible for the management of County funds and business and also fiscal and regulatory powers. Policies and programs of the County Board are implemented through the levying of taxes and the appropriating of funds. The Board consists of three elected representatives from each of six districts. Through the DuPage Area Transit Plan, as well as its own committees on public transit and transportation, the Board works to improve transportation services in DuPage County.
3. **DuPage Area Transit Plan:** The Transit Plan was adopted in 2002 by the DuPage County Board and DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference. It is the culmination of a process that actively involved the citizens of the DuPage County area, the 35 member communities of the Conference (DMMC), DuPage County Board members and staff, regional transit providers and Conference staff. Drawing from an extensive information base – including a transit inventory was developed, high levels of participation to establish transit objectives and mobility needs, a market assessment to analyze demographic characteristics and travel patterns in the study area, and cost effectiveness data – the Transit Plan recommends three “layers” of transit service:
 - ❖ **-Circulators:** local bus services that would provide trips within a community or transfer opportunities to other services (major bus routes or Metra trains)
 - ❖ **-Connectors:** bus services that would run north-south or east-west on major arterial streets
 - ❖ **-Bus Rapid Transit (BRT):** a service that would provide high-speed connections between Naperville, Oak Brook, O’Hare, and Schaumburg

Also, the Transit Plan recommends many transit-supportive features, such as bus shelters, park-and-rides, and Transit Oriented Development land use.

4. **The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Regional Technical Assistance Program (RTAP):** RTA’s RTAP was created to direct communities to the resources available for preliminary transit planning and technical assistance. RTAP's goal is to initiate activities that result in a more comprehensive transit system. Through RTAP, RTA accepts applications from communities and community groups for projects that support better access to transit services and increased transit usage, resulting in a consolidated program of projects that benefit both local communities and the RTA transit system.

5. **The communities involved in the study:**

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7. **LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc.** (Transportation implementation plan): LSC provides consulting services in all phases of transportation planning and traffic engineering throughout the western United States. With three offices in Colorado and California, the goal of the firm is to perform highly competent planning and engineering services within the transportation field. The firm is the successor to Leigh Associates and Leigh, Scott & Cleary, Inc. and has provided consulting services continuously since 1975. **CONTACT: [A.T. Stoddard](mailto:A.T.Stoddard) at (719) 633-2868, <http://www.lscs.com/>**
8. **BMI-SG** (Transportation planning, community outreach): Established in 1982, BMI-SG is a service engineering firm specializing in transportation planning, engineering, and research. We have earned an outstanding national reputation for innovation and the application of state-of-the-art techniques in all areas of transportation engineering. With offices in Tyson's Corner, Virginia, and Silver Spring, Maryland, BMI-SG provides professional engineering services to both public and private clients, including a variety of agencies within the federal government; state, county,

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9. **AD-SUCCESS Marketing (Advertising materials)** AD-SUCCESS is a full-service marketing firm based in Lexington, Kentucky. Their 20 years in business includes over 10 years of transit marketing experience. They have produced award-winning work for clients like The Transit Authority of Lexington, Kentucky (including a successful 2005 Referendum Campaign, college route campaigns, special bus route campaign grants); MTA: The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Nashville, TN (employer subsidy, park & ride, Titan Shuttle, testimonial campaign and rideshare programs); The Blue Grass Airport web site; and the Mobility Office of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government (rideshare, special transit programs). **CONTACT: [Sharalee Scanlon](mailto:Sharalee.Scanlon@adsuccess.com) at (859) 263-1822, www.adsuccess.com, <http://www.adsuccess.com/>**

10. **M C Squared Consultants (Survey design & implementation):** M C Squared Consulting is a full service market research firm providing a complete range of public opinion and market research services. In 1987, when the firm was established, the two principals brought over fifteen years of combined experience in public opinion and market research with them. Since operations began, the firm has performed services for a variety of clients in diverse fields that have included financial and health care institutions, governmental agencies, major universities, political campaigns, the food service industry and the equine industry, just to mention a few. The firm has worked with family businesses, non-profit organizations and major corporations on projects from single neighborhood surveys up to national and international studies. **CONTACT: [Dave McCreary](mailto:Dave.McCreary@mc2con.com) at (859) 278-9299 <http://www.mc2con.com/>**