



## McHenry County Transit Plan Open House for Elected Officials and the Public June 14, 2018 Summary

The McHenry County Transit Plan Update Open House was held on June 14, 2018 at the McHenry County Administration Building, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock, Illinois from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The meeting was attended by **21 people** (sign-in sheets attached) and was conducted in an open house format to coincide with the County Board meeting. Project team members in attendance included Scott Hennings and Susan Borucki (McHenry County); Gina Trimarco and Andrew Parker (TranSystems); and Janet Henderson and Victoria Watts (Images, Inc.) The Open House included the following activities:

- **Exhibit Boards** – Exhibit boards provided information regarding current transit service in the county and the Transit Demand Index.
- **Survey Station** – Two (2) iPads were available for participants to take surveys.
- **Comment Station** – A table was set up for participants to fill out comment forms regarding their thoughts on transit.
- **Activities** –

**Transit Option Evaluation** – A large sticky wall was set up for attendee participation to determine the best solution for improving transit service. Participants used a bracket style elimination system to come up with their solution. Out of the 8 potential outcomes, 31% of participants concluded that *Subsidizing Rideshares Like Uber and Lyft* would be the best solution. The second most popular options were *Local Fixed Route Circulator Services* and *MCRide/Demand Response Services For All* with a 23% popular vote in each category. The final 3 solutions with less than a 10% vote included: *Increasing General Public MCRide Service and Reduce Fixed Route Service in the County*; *Long Distance Fixed Route Service (focusing on trips crossing county lines)*; and *Increase Fixed Route Service and Decrease MCRide Service for General Public*. Two options did not receive any votes, *Move MCRide To A Zone Based System* and *MCRide/Demand Response Service Just For Seniors And Those With Disabilities*.

**Map Mark-up** - Participants were asked to place dots on a county map to show locations they would like to see served by public transportation. They were also welcome to draw a line on the map showing a route for service they would like to have.

- **Handouts** – Copies of Pace schedules, county maps and MCRide brochures were available.



- **Comments** – The following input was received, independent of the surveys and transit option evaluation:

One comment form was handed in asking for light rail to be considered and for the fixed route system to be an interlocking local circulators; another attendant requested a new bus route is needed between Marengo and Crystal Lake. The bus route could be extended to Belvidere; Two other fixed routes were requested—one between Algonquin and Woodstock and one between the Pingree Rd Metra Station and Dundee.