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JUDGE'S ORDER CLARIFIES WORK OMP MAY PERFORM ON BENSENVILLE PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY CHICAGO

Today DuPage County Circuit Court Judge Kenneth Popejoy expanded on and clarified his Court Order of Wednesday, July 25th regarding the property acquired in Bensenville by the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP).

Judge Popejoy stated he did not believe the City of Chicago acted with malice and that the OMP did not intentionally violate his Court Order by removing trees from the site.

"We will of course continue to comply with the court order, as clarified by Judge Popejoy" stated Rosemarie S. Andolino, Executive Director of the OMP. "We have and will continue to abide by all State and Federal laws including those that pertain to environmental regulations in regards to disposal of any environmentally hazardous materials, should they be found on the site."

The Judge further instructed that the City of Chicago and OMP may continue with utility disconnects and continue to provide maintenance of the property, but should conduct no activities that will disturb the soil, or damage pavement, surfaces or structures on the site until the requested environmental risk assessment is complete.

The OMP intends to conduct the environmental impact study in an expeditious manner, and to keep the O'Hare Modernization Program on schedule.

In 2006, the OMP successfully completed the acquisition and subsequent demolition of fifty industrial, residential, office and commercial structures in the Des Plaines, as part of the northwest acquisition area.

The southwest acquisition area includes 611 properties in the Village of Bensenville that are needed to construct the South Airfield. To date, the OMP has acquired or settled on 502 of the parcels needed, 391 of which are vacant.

Contractors have completed a significant portion of the construction work necessary for the OMP. In fact, in just 481 days, on November 20, 2008, new Runway 9L/27R, the extension of Runway 10L and a new Air Traffic Control Tower will be commissioned and operational, adding much needed capacity and delay reduction to O'Hare International Airport.

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ABOUT THE OMP

Under Mayor Daley's leadership, the City of Chicago is at the forefront of the "green" movement. By creating and implementing the Sustainable Design Manual (SDM) the OMP has been nationally recognized for its commitment to incorporating sustainable initiatives into all design and construction contracts.

Some of OMP's sustainable initiatives include:

- Working to keep as much dirt on site as possible to reduce emissions associated with construction traffic on local roadways;
- Building vegetated roofs on our Airfield Lighting Control Vault, the canopy of the relocated Guard Post 1 and the base building of our new North Air Traffic Control Tower;
- Requiring the use of Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel (ULSD) for on- and off-road construction vehicles greater than 50 hp. This requirement is included in every OMP construction contract, and was put in place five years ahead of the federal government's mandate; and
- Recycling 90 percent of the materials from building demolitions, diverting it from local landfills.

The O'Hare Modernization Program, approved by the federal government in September 2005, will reconfigure O'Hare's outdated intersecting runway configuration into a modern parallel configuration, substantially reducing delays and increasing capacity. The OMP will create up to 195,000 new jobs and add an additional \$18 billion in annual economic activity to the region without the use of any state or local taxpayer dollars.

The OMP has awarded 17 construction bid packages worth nearly \$750 million thus far.

A total of four construction projects are complete, including an American Airline Parking Lot relocation, Runway 14L Threshold Displacement, JAWA 90" watermain relocation and extension of existing Taxiway Kilo, the first new piece of usable airport concrete paved by the program.

For the most up-to-date information on the OMP, including construction updates and upcoming bid packages, please visit www.OhareModernization.org.

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