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Illinois High-Speed Rail Commission Meeting

Monday, September 23, 2024

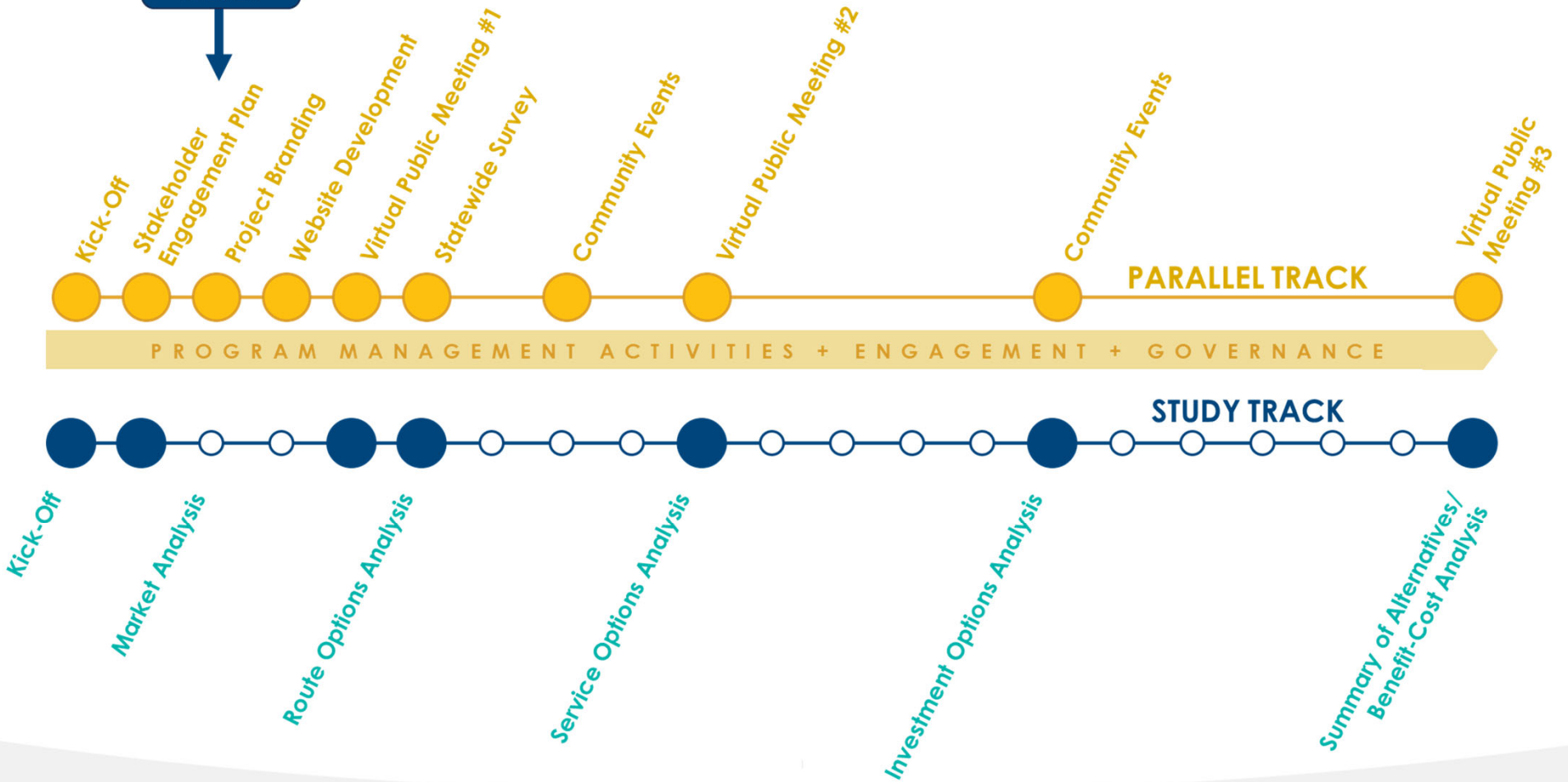


Agenda

- Project Timeline
- Alternatives Analysis
- Market Analysis
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Draft Annual Report

Project Timeline

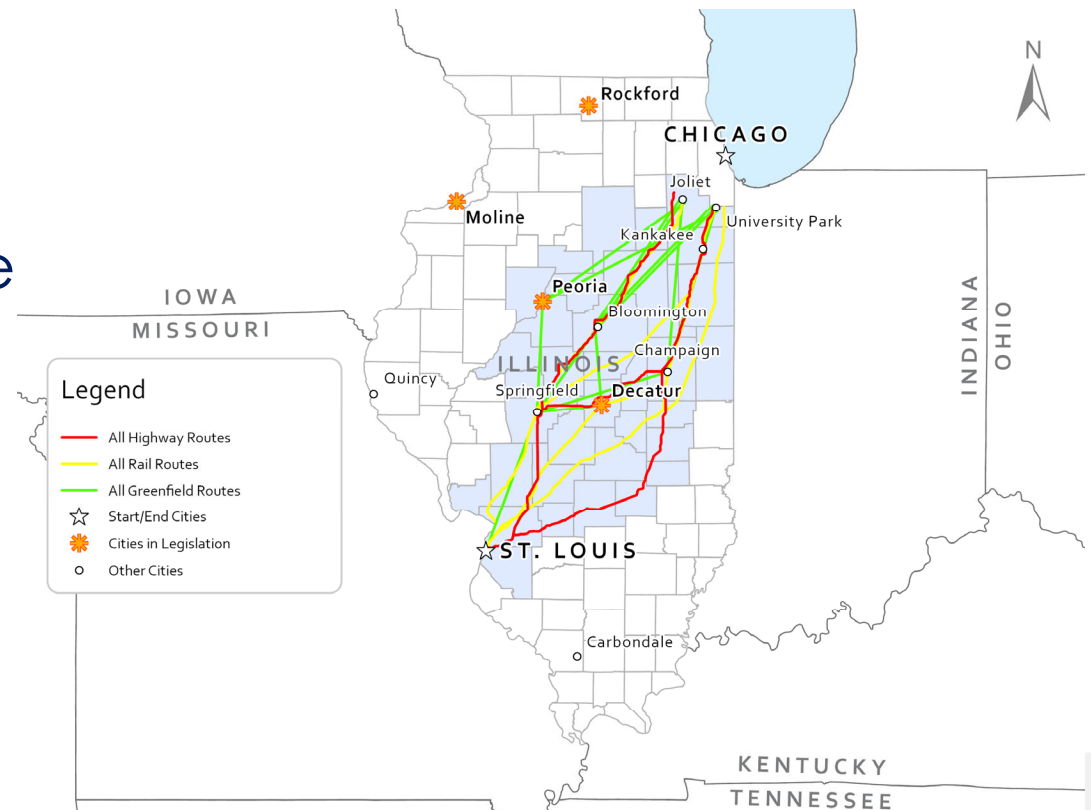
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Alternatives Analysis

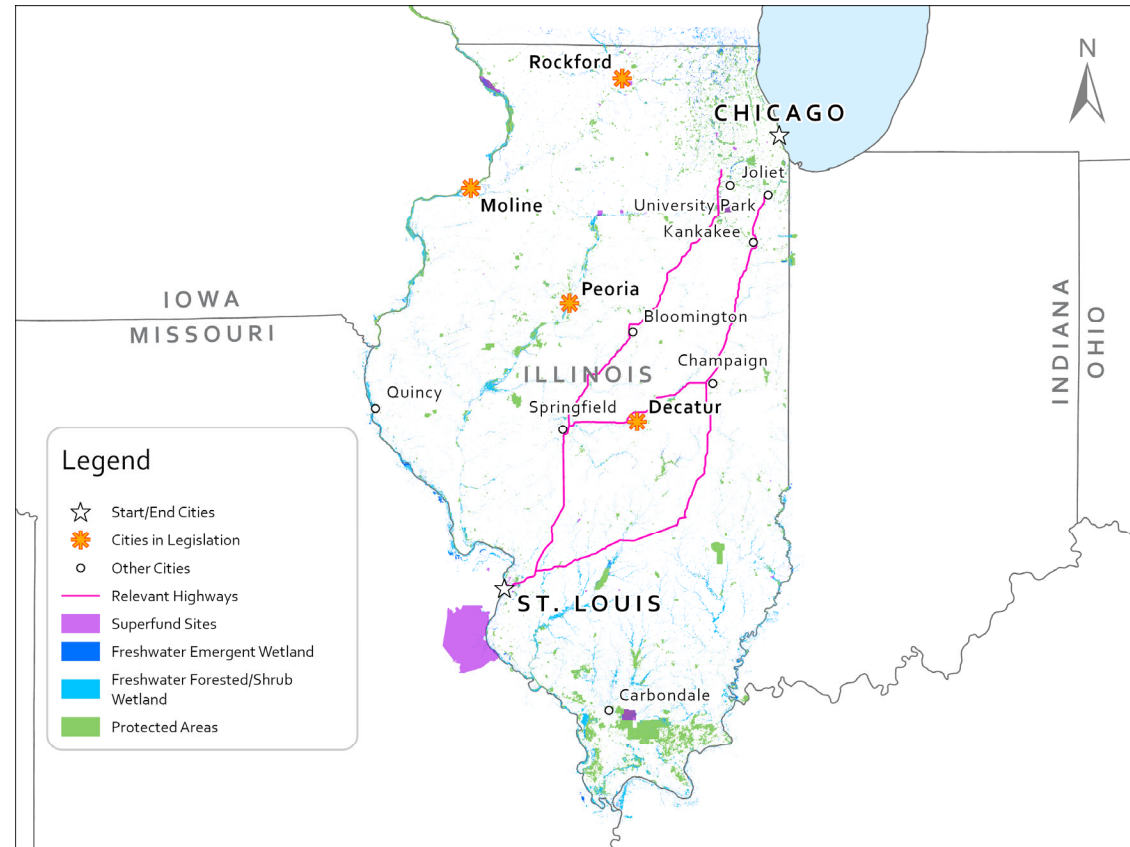
Review of 8/26/24 Meeting

- Summarized previous studies
- Presented HSR spine route alternatives

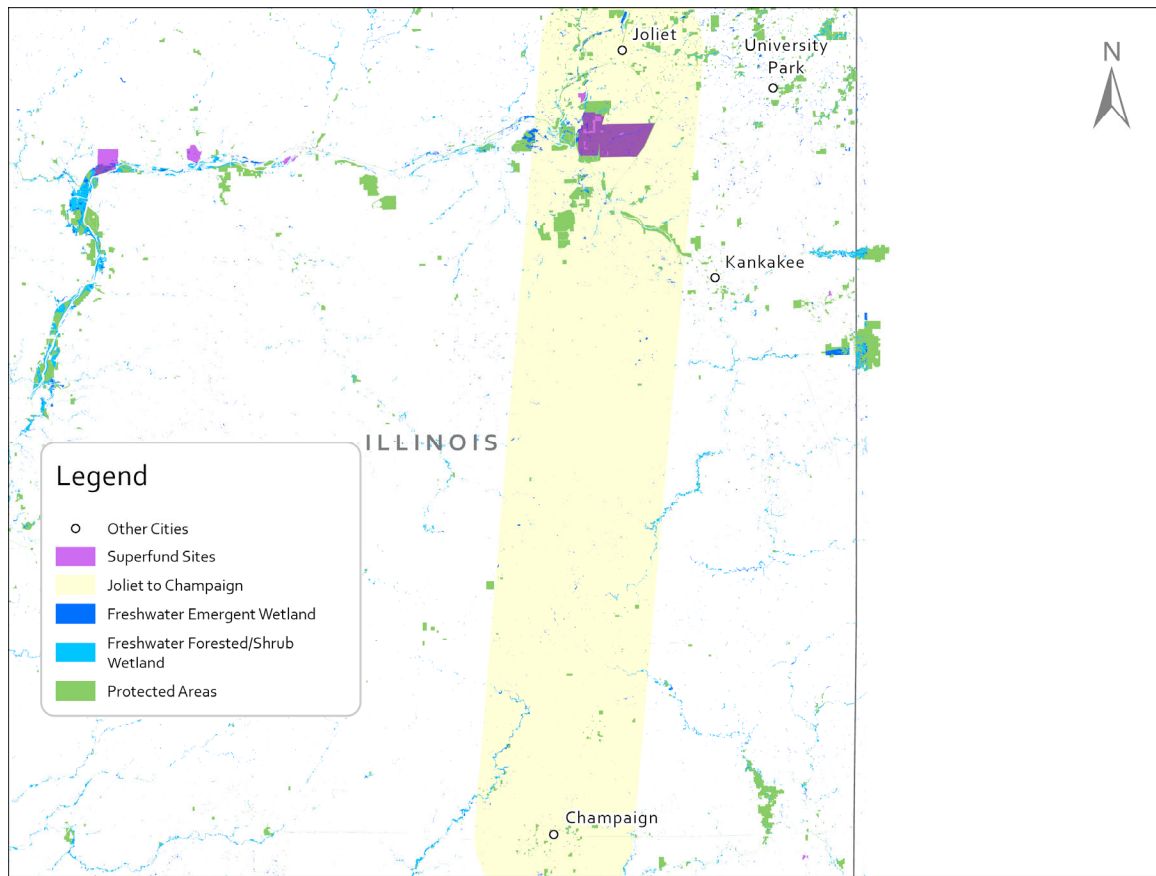


Alternatives Analysis Update

- Consideration of environmental constraints
 - Hazardous waste sites
 - Wetlands/protected waters
 - Illinois protected areas (e.g., nature preserves)
 - Prime and unique farmland
 - Critical habitats



Alternatives Analysis Update



Market Analysis

Review of 8/26/24 Meeting

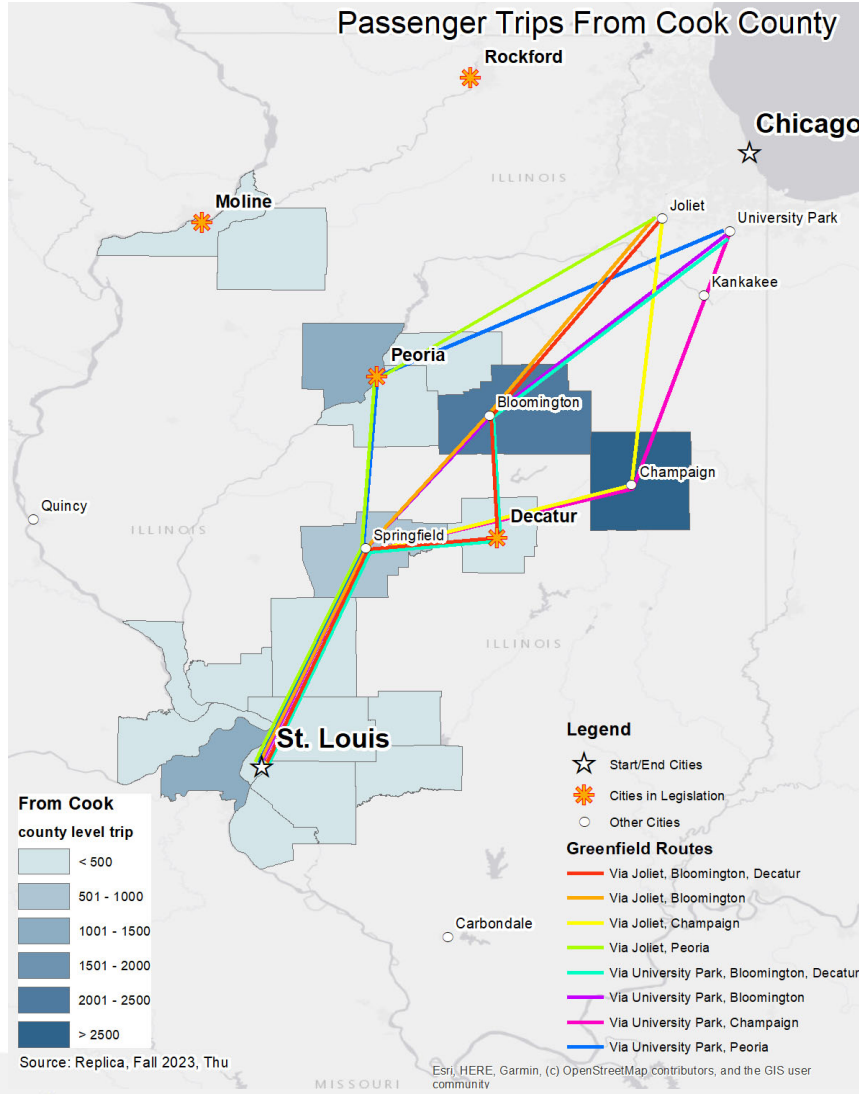
- Presented methodology for market analysis and demand forecasting



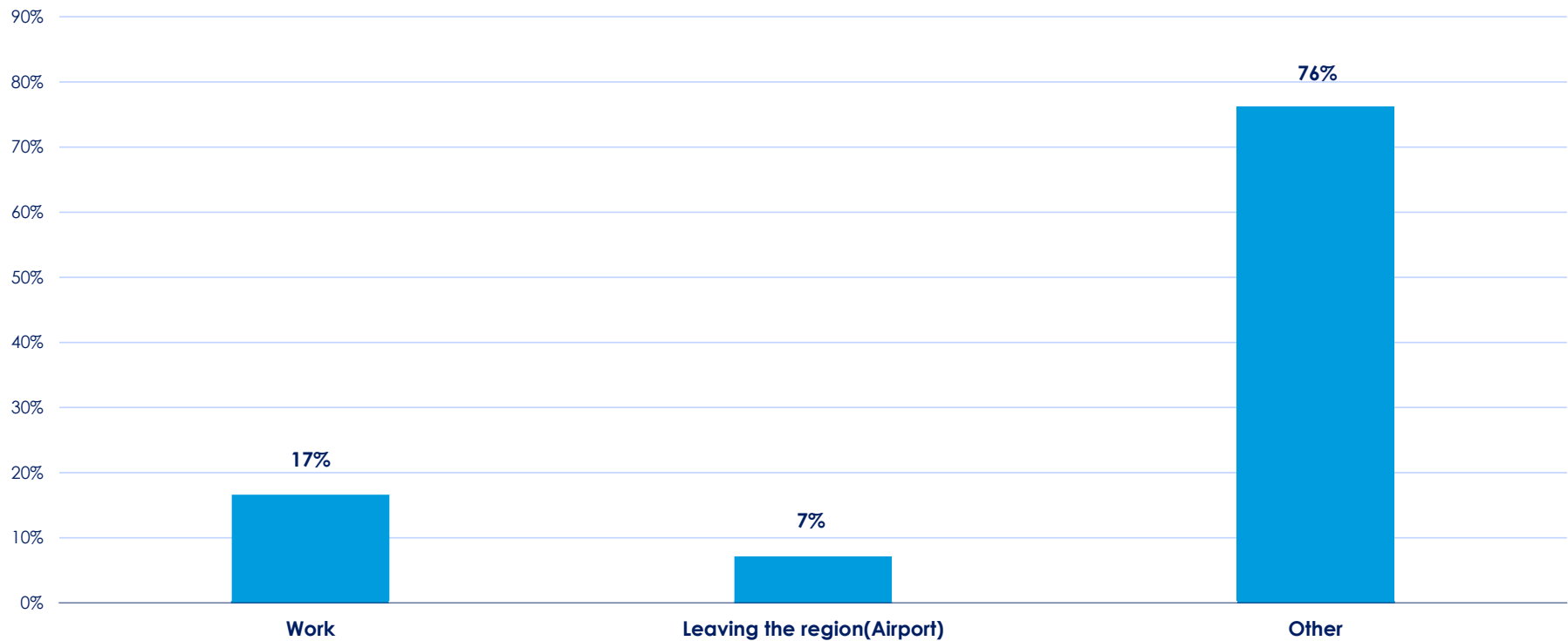
Initial Market Analysis

- Objective: Identify intermediary cities with the greatest potential demand for route selection
- Method:
 - Replica data - Average Thursday in Fall of 2023
 - County to County passenger trips
 - To/from Cook County to counties with/near potential stations
 - By purpose: work trips, trips to airport, other trips

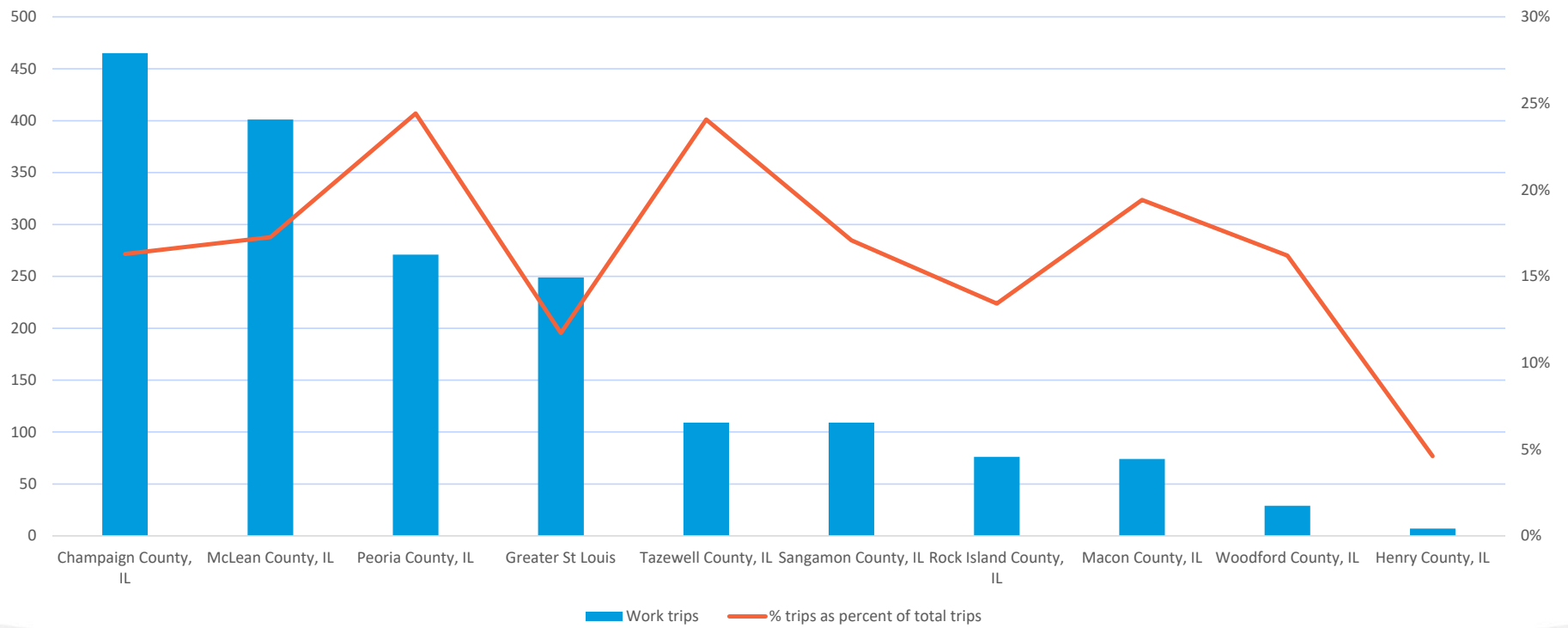
Passenger Trips From Cook County



Purpose of Trips from Cook County from Selected Counties



Work Trips from Cook County from Selected Counties



Stakeholder Engagement



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Review of 8/26/24 Meeting

- Reviewed options for study name
- Presented website wireframe
- Reviewed identified stakeholder groups and outline of Stakeholder Engagement Plan

Current Work

- Created logo and branding
- Continued developing study website
- Prepared draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan that is under review



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Technical Advisory Committee

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- Technical review of study deliverables
- Initial TAC Members:
 - 3 from OIPI – Elliot Ramos, Todd Popish, and Jason Osborn
 - 3 from OPP – Mike Vanderhoof, DeAnna Smith, Janel Veile
 - IDOT Highways – several TBD
 - IDOT Environmental (BDE) – TBD
 - ICC – (Brian Vercruysse – to be asked)
 - Metra – David Kralik
 - Bi-State Development (Metro Link) - TBD
- Future TACs
 - Public Engagement
 - Stations
 - Governance

Next Steps

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- Alternatives Analysis
 - Continue developing route alignments
 - Train Performance Calculations for several segments
- Market Analysis
 - Refine initial market analysis to include true demand between each county pair
 - Review statewide travel demand model and compare to initial market analysis results
- Stakeholder Engagement
 - Finalize website for review
 - Submit Stakeholder Engagement Plan to IDOT
- Send invitations to potential TAC members

Thank you!