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**Have Your Voices Heard: Help Us Redevelop the
MacArthur Boulevard Corridor**
The Lakota Group to host first public input workshop on redevelopment plan

Springfield, IL—As part of the project to create a redevelopment plan for the MacArthur Boulevard area, The Lakota Group, prime consultant for the project, will be hosting the first in three public workshops from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. The workshop will be held at:

Butler Elementary School
Gymnasium
1701 South MacArthur Boulevard
Springfield, Illinois 62704

Early this year, the MacArthur Boulevard Business Association along with the Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) announced the Chicago based firm as the consultant to lead the project. Funding for the study came from a grant from Congressman John Shimkus (R-Collinsville).

The workshop is open to all interested residents, business and property owners who make up the MacArthur Boulevard area. Cory Jobe, President of the MBBA noted “this is the time to hear from everyone, we need the public’s input. “This is the communities’ time to have their voice heard in how we shape the future development of this corridor.” During the workshop, the Lakota Group and its other project consulting team members will introduce the planning process for the MacArthur Boulevard Redevelopment Study, discuss the Boulevard’s strengths, weaknesses and opportunities, and conduct a visual preference survey to gauge what types of land use, development density, and design characteristics are preferred by MacArthur stakeholders.

Sangamon County Board member and Project Steering Committee chair Jennifer Dillman said that “the purpose of the meeting is to get a more accurate and detailed understanding of the ideas, concerns and opportunities for the corridor from those having a stake in its future”. She said that residents, business and property owners, employees and visitors are encouraged to attend the workshop to share their insights, which will be used by the consulting team and the steering committee as the plan is developed.

The project is being managed by the Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission. The Lakota Group has established a website on the project so the general public can get up to date information about the program. You can find the project page via our website at www.ShopOnMacArthur.com

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