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O'HARE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM REACHES NEXT STEP IN PLANNING PROCESS

*City's refinements to O'Hare's future airfield layout submitted to Federal Aviation
Administration, to be discussed at Public Outreach Meeting*

October 14, 2003—Today the City of Chicago sent to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) its Final Airport Layout Plan for the future airfield at O'Hare International Airport. It is another milestone in making the O'Hare Modernization Program reality.

“The FAA has not at any time requested major changes to our plan to modernize O'Hare,” said Executive Director Rosemarie S. Andolino. “The FAA's comments were only technical and found no significant flaws with the proposed future airfield. This Final Airport Layout Plan is the same plan Mayor Daley announced in June of 2001,” added Andolino.

As part of the City's on-going commitment to an open and public process throughout planning for the O'Hare Modernization Program, the City will hold a third public outreach session on the development of the Airport Layout Plan. City representatives will discuss the refinements made to the Airport Layout Plan.

The public outreach session will be held on Wednesday, October 29th at the Fountain Blue Banquets and Conference Center at 2300 Mannheim Road in Des Plaines from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The public will have an opportunity to provide written comments on the Plan.

The O'Hare Modernization Program will create 195,000 jobs and generate an additional \$18 billion for the region's economy each year. Modernizing O'Hare will improve the efficiency of the airfield, reducing weather related delays by 95% and overall delays by 79%.

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