

# KENDALL EXTENSION STUDY



## Welcome to the Public Open House Presentation

December 2, 2019 – Plano, Illinois  
December 3, 2019 – Oswego, Illinois

# Today's Presentation

**STUDY OVERVIEW**

**RIDERSHIP**

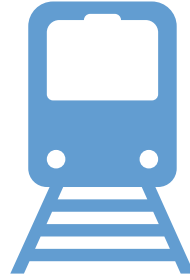
**ENVIRONMENTAL**

**STATION & YARD OPTIONS**

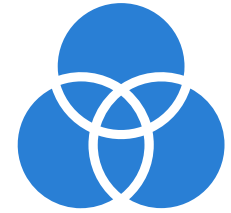
**COST ESTIMATES & FINANCIAL  
FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS**

**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

# Study Goals & Objectives



**Goals:** The Kendall Extension Study will examine the feasibility of extending commuter rail service on the BNSF line beyond Aurora, Illinois.



**Objectives:** Analysis will provide information to local municipalities and governments so they can make decisions about how to proceed.



# MANY CHALLENGES AND CONSIDERATIONS

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## **Financial**

- Additional capital funding needed to build project
- New sustainable operating funding needed to operate project

## **Institutional**

- Outside Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) boundary – project needs to benefit RTA region
- Approval needed from RTA & Metra
- May require state or local legislative action
- Agreement(s) needed with BNSF to build and operate



# STUDY ELEMENTS

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**Ridership Analysis**

**Environmental Report**

**Conceptual Infrastructure Design**

**Station Location Options: Montgomery, Oswego, Yorkville,  
Plano and Sandwich**

**Cost Estimates and Financial Feasibility Analysis**



## RIDERSHIP ANALYSIS

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- A ridership analysis is being conducted to help forecast potential ridership along the extension
- The analysis will provide estimates of how many people would get on/off at each potential station location
- It will also provide information on potential impacts to existing service
- Ridership results will be shared at future open houses



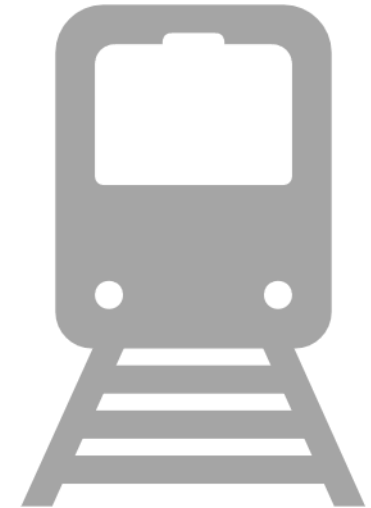


## OPTIONS FOR LEVEL OF COMMUTER SERVICE

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### Commuter Train Service

- Level of service targeted for commuters
- Morning and evening rush hour services to accommodate travelers to and from work/school
- Examining 2, 4 or 6 round trip trains per weekday from Kendall County to Chicago





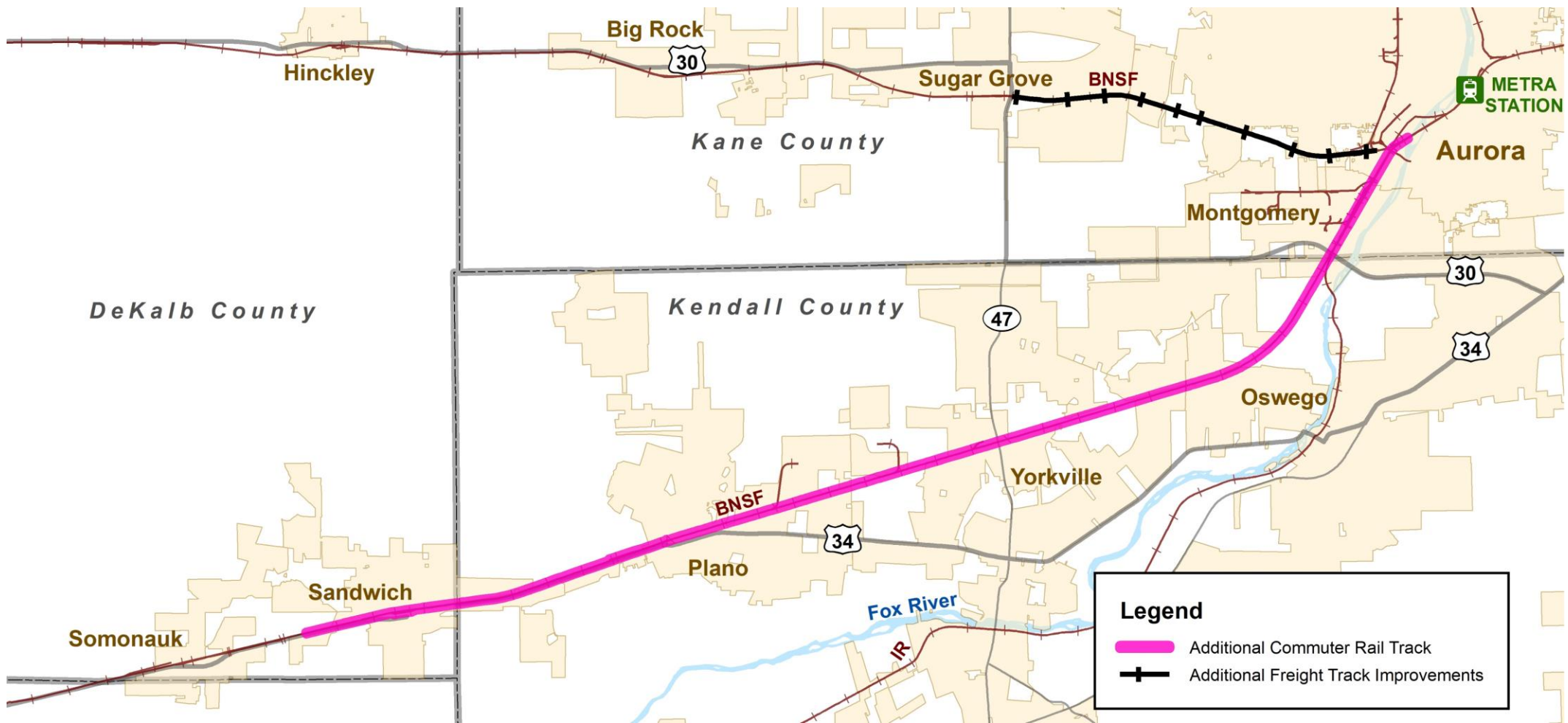


## ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT ELEMENTS

### Components of the Environmental Report:

- Field surveys and documentation
- Historic resources technical report
- High-level analysis of environmental factors, such as:
  - Air quality
  - Water quality
  - Noise and vibration
  - Threatened or endangered species





## Minimum Track & Yard Requirements

- One additional track from Aurora to extension terminal
- Extend the existing siding track to create a second continuous track toward Sugar Grove
- Yard improvements at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Yard (Chicago)



## STATION OPTIONS

### **Site location options established for each municipality**

- Station sites selected through coordination with municipalities
- Single site options in Montgomery, Oswego and Sandwich
- Multiple site options in Yorkville and Plano

### **Minimum features of each station**

- Inbound and outbound boarding platform(s)
- A warming house
- Parking facilities
- Pedestrian and vehicular access to public roads



## COST ESTIMATES & FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

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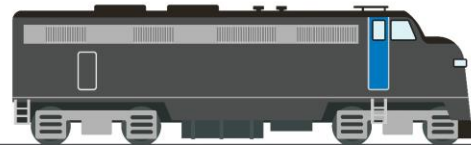
- Preliminary Financial Plan will identify **costs** (capital and operating) and **potential funding and financing sources** for the extension.
- Analysis may be used by stakeholders to:
  - Determine feasibility of extension service
  - Seek funding and financing
  - Establish local revenue sources





# STUDY TIMELINE

WE ARE HERE



SUMMER 2019	FALL 2019	SPRING 2020	SUMMER 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Study Begins</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stakeholder Coordination Group Meeting #1</li><li>• Public Open House and Survey #1</li><li>• BNSF Access Permits</li><li>• Field Site Inspections/ Survey</li><li>• Topographic Survey</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stakeholder Coordination Group Meeting #2</li><li>• Public Open House and Survey #2</li><li>• Stakeholder Coordination Group Meeting #3</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anticipated Study Completion</li></ul>

This feasibility study is the initial phase required for an extension to be considered. Additional studies and phases will be required in the future for the project to be constructed.



## WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

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- View series of exhibits
- Talk with study team members
- Provide written comments through comment forms
- Written comments regarding station options requested by January 6, 2020
- Take the survey in the adjoining room or online by January 6, 2020
- Visit our webpage - [Metrarail.com/kendallextension](https://metrarail.com/kendallextension)
- Email us - [KendallExtension@metrarr.com](mailto:KendallExtension@metrarr.com)

# Thank You!

This presentation will repeat in  
approximately 5 minutes.