



CITY OF MARENGO

PRESS RELEASE/NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ***CITY OF MARENGO WESTERN CORRIDOR PLANNING PROJECT***

The City of Marengo is in the process of developing a *Western Corridor Planning Project* which includes a *Transit-Oriented Development Plan*. The *Western Corridor Plan* is intended to serve as a “road map” to help guide community policy and decision making over the next 10 to 15 years for issues ranging from future land uses, transportation and circulation improvements, character, and open space. The *Plan* will provide general recommendations as well as specific program actions directed toward guiding land-use and development decision-making for the City. The *Plan* will establish a long-range vision for the Western Corridor Study Area, define community goals and objectives, and provide guidance for implementing programs and policies.

The *Planning* process has been carefully designed to involve the community from beginning to end. Citizen participation is vital to developing the *Western Corridor Planning Project*. Several “community outreach” components have been created to involve the residents and property owners of Marengo. Interviews, community workshops, and meetings/presentations have already been used to engage the public throughout the planning process.

The next step is the Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 18, 2009** at Marengo City Hall, 132 East Prairie Street.

To date, a large number of documents have been created as part of this planning process. Copies of any of these documents, including copies of the Draft Western Corridor and TOD Plan can be reviewed at, and are available upon request from the City of Marengo City Hall. Electronic copies of any or all of these documents, including the Draft Western Corridor and TOD Plan can also be accessed on the City of Marengo’s web site home page (www.cityofmarengo.com).

For any questions or comments related to the *Western Corridor / TOD Plan*, please contact Mr. Joshua Blakemore, Assistant to the City Administrator, at the City of Marengo.