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Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle has set in motion the development of a plan that will look at the county's transportation network and its impact on economic growth and quality of life over the next 25 years.

Called "Connecting Cook County," the Long Range Transportation Plan will be developed over the next 18 months. Cook County's last comprehensive transportation plan, now more than 70 years ago, identified the corridors for the today's Chicago-area expressway system. This LRTP is expected to set an agenda through 2040.

The process places great importance on asking county residents and business owners for their opinions on transportation strengths, weaknesses and priorities in the communities where they live and work. The public will be asked to weigh in on the plan via a website and through kiosks equipped with interactive planning software that will rotate through high-traffic county locations over a nine-month period.

Kiosks are at the Lansing Public Library, 2750 Indiana Ave., and the Chicago Heights Public Library, 25 W. 15th St.