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**Statement by Rosemarie S. Andolino regarding the FAA's  
extension of the public comment period for the OMP**

"Completion of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)'s Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process by September 2005 is the City's primary concern. The FAA indicates that the extension of the comment period on the Draft-EIS will not negatively impact this schedule.

FAA controls and is responsible for the EIS process. Its thorough review has been completely open and transparent - - making publicly available more than 7 million pages of documents on its website over the last two years.

The City remains committed to being ready to begin construction in September on the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) immediately after the FAA completes the EIS process. The sooner construction begins, the sooner the region will realize the many benefits of the OMP. Those benefits include reduced delays, increased capacity, tens of thousands of new jobs and billions in additional economic activity for the region's economy."