

Tryon Sends Letter of Support for Huntley Amtrak Station

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SPRINGFIELD... In a letter to Governor Quinn today, State Representative Mike Tryon (R, Crystal Lake) expressed his support for the Village of Huntley, which is seeking to have the newly slated McHenry County train station located within its municipality.

“Looking at the potential sites, the Village of Huntley makes the most sense for many reasons, not the least of which is their financial commitment to the project,” stated Tryon. “There’s an opportunity here that needs to be taken advantage of.”

The opportunity Tryon is speaking of is the willingness of the Village of Huntley to shoulder most of the financial burden for the proposed station, including road improvements along with the construction of the station itself.

Upon the announcement by Amtrak that McHenry is likely to have a stop on a new service line from Chicago to Dubuque, Iowa, the Village of Huntley has actively sought the station. With this, they have committed to an investment of \$6 million for the construction of a full interchange at Illinois Route 47 and Interstate 90, \$5.8 million to widen Illinois Route 47, and the construction of the station itself.

“No other community has made this type of financial commitment, and that accompanied by their potential rider based from the Del Webb Sun City retirement village makes Huntley the obvious choice,” said Tryon.

In addition to the close proximity to Del Webb, the Huntley location would also provide greater accessibility to rider from the densely populated Kane County area, which currently travel to Elgin for train service to Chicago