



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

Press Release

NOTICE OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING for ROCKFORD URBAN AND METROPOLITAN AREA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning (RMAP), the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Rockford Urban and Metropolitan area, is seeking public comment on the transportation planning process and the development of the following documents. RMAP coordinates publicly funded transportation planning and improvements among the various jurisdictions in Winnebago and Boone Counties.

1. RMAP FY2010 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): This document will identify and prioritize all major transportation and public transit improvements scheduled for implementation in the RMAP Metropolitan Area in the next four fiscal years (actual dates - July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013). The document is now under development and a draft will be available for comment at the end of August 2009. The target adoption is on or about Sept 24, 2009. Public comments will be accepted anytime, but should be submitted prior to Sept 17, 2009. Pending recommendation by the Technical Committee at their Sept 17, 2009 meeting in Loves Park City Hall, the final TIP will be on the Policy Committee agenda for possible approval at their Sept 24, 2009 meeting in the 5th floor conference room of the Winnebago County Municipal Building. This document can either be viewed at the RMAP offices located at 313 N Main St or electronically at http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/tip_2010_draft.pdf

2. RMAP 2040 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP). The LRTP discusses, plans, and assigns priority for all major transportation systems improvements for the Metropolitan Area over the next 20 to 30 years. On July 28, 2005 the RATS (now RMAP) Policy Committee adopted the LRTP. Federal transportation regulations mandate an update of this document be done once every 5 years. Accordingly, the RMAP staff are now developing and revising the content of the document to reflect the current status of transportation planning in the area along with revising future goals and expectations that might be out of date since the last version of this document was compiled. RMAP has tentatively set an approval date of a final draft of the 2040 LRTP for July 2010.

3. RMAP COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN (HSTP): The HSTP is a locally developed plan that identifies the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes. The purpose of the Human Services Transportation Plan is to assess the needs and concerns of public transit users in the Metropolitan Planning Area and to develop strategies that will address and remedy these concerns. The overall goal of the plan is to increase the efficiency of services provided to public transit dependent populations (individuals with disabilities, persons with low income and elderly individuals). The Human Services Transportation Plan is also a prerequisite, as stipulated by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), to receiving any Federal Transit Administration funding under the 5310 (Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities), 5316 (Job Access and Reverse Commute) and 5317 (New Freedom) programs.

4. RMAP PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP): This document outlines the methods and procedures that the Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning will undertake to promote public participation in the transportation planning process.

Public comments are welcomed on all the above work at all RMAP meetings or by contacting RMAP by telephoning, e-mailing or writing. RMAP Technical Committee meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month and the Policy Committee meetings on the following Thursday. The exact meeting dates, times, and locations are finalized and announced at least a week in advance. Persons seeking more information on these meetings, the above mentioned studies or any other information related to RMAP should view the material on the web site at <http://www.rmapil.org> or contact RMAP Staff:

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