



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

## Press Release

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A public informational open house will be held at three area locations to present the **DRAFT Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning (RMAP)**. The plan covers anticipated transportation needs in the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Area for the next 30 years. The plan is a cooperative effort of RMAP, local governments and the Illinois Department of Transportation. Information regarding the plan is available on the RMAP website [www.rmapil.org](http://www.rmapil.org)

The overall goal of the plan is to promote a safe and efficient transportation system for people and goods that provides a balanced multi-modal system that minimizes costs and impacts to the taxpayer, society and the environment. The plan addresses the growth projected for the area's airports, the area's bicycle and pedestrian facilities, rail service to the region, public transportation issues, maintaining and improving the area's highway system and public funding issues.

The general public and community organizations are encourage to attend one of these meetings to review, discuss and submit comments to the existing Year 2035 LRTP, which is basis for the Year 2040 update. The 2040 LRTP will consider a wide range of citizen, community and technical input as well as the views, priorities and plans expressed in numerous previous plans and documents developed as part the RMAP planning process over the last 40 years.

The format of these open houses is to allow an informal discussion between the public and RMAP staff. The times are indicated below.

### DATES

<p><b>March 10, 2010 – Wednesday</b> 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM <b>Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning</b> 313 N Main Street 61101 Rockford, IL</p>	<p><b>March 11, 2010 – Thursday</b> 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM <b>Belvidere City Hall</b> 401 Whitney Blvd 61008 Belvidere, IL</p>	<p><b>March 11, 2010 – Thursday</b> 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM <b>Machesney Park Village Hall</b> 300 Machesney Road 61115 Machesney Park, IL</p>
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Questions should be directed to Stephen Ernst, RMAP Executive Director, at 815-964-7627 or via e-mail at [steve.ernst@rockfordil.gov](mailto:steve.ernst@rockfordil.gov)

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