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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 FY2013 - FY2016 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, 2012 to June 30, 2016). The document is now under development and a draft is tentatively scheduled for release in June, 2012. Public comments will be accepted anytime. This document can either be viewed at [http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/tip\\_2013\\_draft.pdf](http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/tip_2013_draft.pdf) or at the RMAP office as soon as it is posted. The existing FY 2012-2015 TIP can be viewed at [http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/tip\\_2012.pdf](http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/tip_2012.pdf) and at the RMAP office.

2. 2040 RMAP LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP). The LRTP discusses, plans, and assigns priority for all major transportation system improvements for the Metropolitan Area over the next 20 to 30 years. Federal transportation regulations mandate an update of this document be done once every 5 years. Accordingly, in FY2010 RMAP developed and revised the content of the document to reflect the current status of transportation planning in the region along with future goals and expectations that cover the 30 year planning horizon of this organization. (The RMAP Policy Committee adopted the 2040 RMAP Long Range Transportation Plan at their July 29, 2010 meeting.) RMAP will continue to accept questions and comments about this plan. This plan can be viewed at [http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/2040\\_lrtp.pdf](http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/2040_lrtp.pdf) and at the RMAP office.

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 (Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Program- CVP), 5316 (Job Access and Reverse Commute), 5317 (New Freedom) programs. This document can be viewed at [http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/rmap\\_hstp\\_2008.pdf](http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/rmap_hstp_2008.pdf) and at the RMAP office.

4. RMAP UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP): The UWP document specifies the transportation planning work and budget over the RMAP fiscal year (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013). A draft of this document will be made available for public review at RMAP's website at [http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/draft\\_uwp\\_2013.pdf](http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/draft_uwp_2013.pdf) and at RMAP's office. This draft will tentatively be available on March 22, 2012. This document is tentatively scheduled to be adopted at the May 24, 2012 meeting of the RMAP

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Policy Committee, which will be held at the Boone County Administration Building, 1212 Logan Avenue, Belvidere Illinois at 1:15 PM. Comments are accepted at any time and at all RMAP Technical Committee meetings and Policy Committee meetings on the current FY 2012 UWP or the draft FY 2013 (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013) UWP. The FY 2012 UWP can be viewed at the RMAP office and at [http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/uwp\\_2012.pdf](http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/uwp_2012.pdf).

5. RMAP PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP): The RMAP PPP defines the process that seeks public participation, gives public notice, and holds for review any documentation or actions taken in the RMAP transportation planning process. In accordance with this plan, RMAP is notifying the general public that the PPP and the previously mentioned work items may be updated within this fiscal year (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012) to comply with federal regulation and to update this document based upon public comments received. This document can be viewed at [http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/final\\_ppp.pdf](http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/final_ppp.pdf) and at the RMAP office.

6. RMAP LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN (LEP): The RMAP LEP is designed to help identify reasonable steps to provide language assistance for LEP persons seeking meaningful access to MPO programs as required by Executive Order 13166. The LEP Plan will be submitted as an amendment to the RMAP Title VI documentation, as well as to the RMAP Public Participation Plan. The LEP details procedures on how to identify a person who may need language assistance, the ways in which assistance may be provided, training staff, how to notify LEP persons that assistance is available, and information for future plan updates. A draft of this plan is available online at [http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/draft\\_LEP.pdf](http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/draft_LEP.pdf) and at the RMAP office. Comments on the plan will be accepted any time, but for incorporation into the initial plan, should be submitted no later than March 30, 2012.

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Public comments are welcomed on the above documents and other planning documents and programs of RMAP at all RMAP meetings or by contacting RMAP by telephoning, emailing or writing. RMAP Technical Committee meetings are typically held on the third Thursday at 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, at the above mentioned studies or any other information related to RMAP should navigate to the RMAP website at <http://www.rmapil.org> or contact RMAP staff.