



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

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 FY2011 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, 2010 to June 30, 2014). The document is now under development and a draft will be available for comment September 3, 2010. The target adoption is on or about Sept 30, 2010. Public comments will be accepted anytime, but should be submitted prior to Sept 16, 2010. Pending recommendation by the Technical Committee at their Sept 16, 2010 meeting in Loves Park City Hall, the final TIP will be on the Policy Committee agenda for possible approval at their Sept 30, 2010 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_2011_draft.pdf as soon as it is posted.
- 2. 2040 RMAP 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. Federal transportation regulations mandate an update of this document be done once every 5 years. Accordingly, the RMAP staff have developed and revised the content of the document to reflect the current status of transportation planning in the area along with future goals and expectations that might be out of date since the last version of this document was compiled. The RMAP Policy Committee adopted this final version of the 2040 RMAP Long Range Transportation Plan at their July 29, 2010 meeting. Currently this document is being reviewed by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). RMAP will continue to accept questions and comments about this plan. A digital version of this plan can be found at http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/2040_lrtp.pdf.
- 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.
- 4. RMAP UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP):** The UWP document specifies the transportation planning work and budget over the RMAP fiscal year (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). The FY 2011 UWP was adopted on May 20, 2010 at the RMAP Policy Committee meeting. This document is available for public review at RMAP's website at http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/uwp_2011.pdf and at RMAP's office at 313 North Main Street, Rockford, IL. Comments are accepted at any time and at all RMAP Technical Committee meeting and Policy Committee meeting on the current FY 2011 UWP or on the development of the FY 2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012) UWP, which is tentatively schedule for adoption at the May 26, 2011 RMAP Policy Committee.
- 5. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009:** Supplemental to this notice, funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 is to be used to supplement federal funding on a Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) project on IL 251 at Springcreek Rd. This project calls for the replacement of the IL 251 bridge that spans Springcreek Rd in Rockford. \$491,817 of ARRA money will be used to supplement existing federal funding. The total cost of the project is \$5,535,000 of with \$5043.18 is being funded by Highway Bridge Replacement & Rehabilitation Program (BRRP).
- 6. 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, 2010 to June 30, 2011) to comply with federal regulation and to update this document based upon public comments received. A digital version of this document can be found on the RMAP website at http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/final_ppp.pdf.

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