

<u>NEWS RELEASE</u>

TO:	Media
FROM:	Michael Maddox, RMAP Planner
RE:	TIP Open House / Tuesday, July 12, 2011 from 4:00-7:00p.m.

A public informational open house will be held at the Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning (RMAP) offices at 313 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL 61101 to present the FY2012-FY2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The plan covers surface transportation projects that are likely to occur within the next four RMAP fiscal years (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015).

The goal of the TIP is to document all surface transportation projects within the RMAP Urbanized Area that use money from a federal funding source. As a means of measuring impacts on the transportation network, RMAP also lists projects funded through state and local sources. RMAP lists in its TIP planned projects from the City of Rockford, City of Loves Park, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Village of Machesney Park, Boone and Winnebago Counties, City of Belvidere, the Rockford Park District, the Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD), along with other agencies that use federal money for transportation purposes. Information regarding the plan is available on the RMAP website <u>www.rmapil.org</u>. A draft of the TIP will be put on the website for public review.

The general public and community organizations are encouraged to attend this open house to review, discuss and submit comments on the RMAP FY2012-FY2015 TIP. The open house will occur on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the aforementioned address.

The format of this open house is to allow an informal discussion between the public and RMAP staff on the planned projects in the proposed TIP.

The FY2012-FY2015 RMAP TIP is scheduled to be discussed at the July 21, 2011 RMAP Technical Committee meeting for possible recommendations to the RMAP Policy Committee which will meet on July 28, 2011 at the City of Belvidere to review the RMAP TIP for possible adoption.

Questions should be directed to Michael Maddox, RMAP Planner, at 815-964-7627 or via e-mail at <u>Michael.maddox@rockfordil.gov</u>.

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