

# **RATS**

## **Rockford Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization**

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## **ROCKFORD AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY POLICY COMMITTEE**

### **RESOLUTION 2008-1**

**RE: YEAR 2035 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – AMENDMENT: BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN (2007)**

- WHEREAS** the Rockford Area Transportation Study (RATS) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Rockford Metropolitan Area, and the RATS Policy Committee is responsible for transportation planning within the area; and
- WHEREAS** the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and its predecessors, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21) and the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), require a Long-Range Transportation Plan; and
- WHEREAS** a comprehensive update to the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) has been prepared in the interest of promoting, developing and maintaining a safe and efficient multimodal transportation system that will meet the needs of the area's citizens, businesses and industries through the year 2035; and
- WHEREAS** the development of the RATS LRTP is a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative (3C) transportation planning process carried out by RATS under the direction of the RATS Policy and Technical Committees and in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT); and
- WHEREAS** the **YEAR 2035 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN** for the Rockford Area Transportation Study was adopted by the Policy Committee on July 28, 2005 and includes an element on the Bicycle – Pedestrian System for the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Area MPA; and
- WHEREAS** to continue the 3C planning process, RATS has prepared a more detailed planning analysis of the bicycle – pedestrian transportation system in the RATS MPA; and
- WHEREAS** as part of the MPO planning process, RATS (1) considered a wide range of citizen, community and technical input in accordance with the adopted RATS Public Involvement Process; (2) provided opportunities for public input and comment at all RATS Technical and Policy Committee meetings and other informational meetings; and (3) made the May 31, 2007 draft available for public inspection and comment period via distribution to all persons on the RATS mailing list and posting on the City of Rockford website; and

**WHEREAS** the RATS Technical Committee has reviewed the RATS Bicycle – Pedestrian Plan (BPP) [version dated May 31, 2007] and has recommended amending the RATS LRTP and subsequent adoption by the RATS Policy Committee;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED**

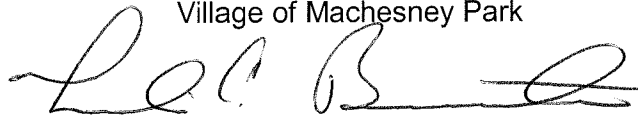
that the Policy Committee adopts the RATS Bicycle – Pedestrian Plan (version dated May 31, 2007) as an amendment to the **YEAR 2035 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.**

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2008.

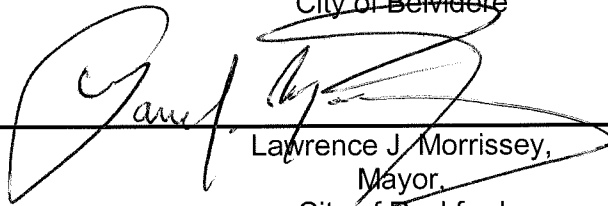
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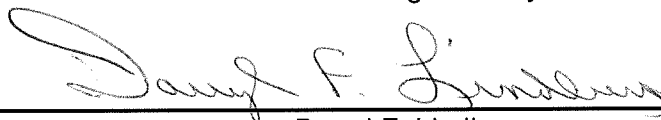
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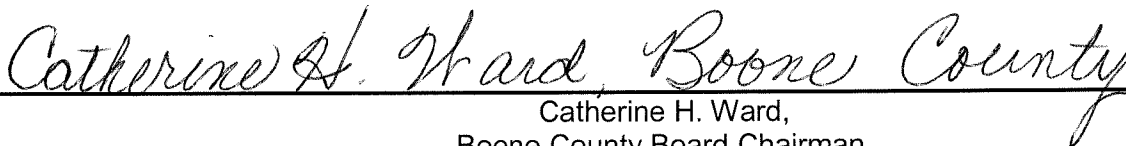
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