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NOTICE OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING for the ROCKFORD URBAN AND METROPOLITAN AREA

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE RMAP COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN DRAFT

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 comments on its Draft of the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan). RMAP coordinates publicly funded transportation planning and improvements among the various jurisdictions in its Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA).

RMAP Coordinated Plan: The RMAP Coordinated Plan is intended to identify needs and gaps in public transportation services, particularly for seniors, individuals with disabilities, individuals with low incomes, and other transit-dependent populations in the RMAP MPA. The RMAP Coordinated Plan and attachments will be used to guide the expenditure of regionally allocated Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC), New Freedom eligible projects, as well as funds from the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. The Coordinated Plan contains the following elements:

- i. An assessment of available services that identifies current transportation providers (public, private, and nonprofit);
- ii. An assessment of transportation needs for individuals with disabilities and seniors;
- iii. Strategies, activities, and/or projects to address the identified gaps between current services and needs, as well as opportunities to achieve efficiencies in service delivery; and,
- iv. Priorities for implementation based on resources (from multiple program sources), time, and feasibility for implementing specific strategies and/or activities identified.

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The Draft RMAP Coordinated Plan can be viewed at:

www.rmapil.org/wp-content/uploads/hstp_draft_for_public_comment.pdf or by contacting RMAP staff via the contact information provided below. The objective of this public comment period will be to seek comments on the proposed Coordinated Plan.

Public comment will be afforded for this Coordinated Plan from April 21, 2017 until May 31, 2017. Comments can be submitted electronically by emailing RMAP staff, by sending written comments to the address provided below or by attending an RMAP public meeting. The RMAP Technical Committee will be open for public comments regarding the Coordinated Plan at its May 18, 2017 meeting.

RMAP will also be holding several public informational open houses during the public comment period. Details about the timing and location of those public meetings is forthcoming. For more information about RMAP activities, including meetings, visit www.rmapil.org. The RMAP Coordinated Plan is tentatively scheduled for adoption, with the inclusion of comments made during the public comment period, at the June 29, 2017 meeting of the RMAP Policy Committee.

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