

**PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE AND ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS**

**ROCKFORD METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING (RMAP)  
Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**

Public informational open house and engagement sessions will be held at various area locations to present the updated draft of the **Transportation for Tomorrow: A Long-Range Transportation Plan for the Rockford Region**. The plan, which is developed by the Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning (RMAP), covers anticipated transportation needs in the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Area for the next 30 years. The plan is a co-operative effort of RMAP, local governments and the Illinois Department of Transportation. Information regarding the plan is available on the RMAP website [www.rmapil.org](http://www.rmapil.org). The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is updated every five years. The last time the LRTP was updated and adopted by the RMAP Policy Committee was July 29, 2010. The updated LRTP is tentatively scheduled for adoption by the RMAP Policy Committee at their July 30th, 2015 meeting. RMAP would like to receive remarks on the current draft document as well as comments on future transportation needs within the RMAP planning area and surrounding region. Public feedback from these sessions will assist in drafting the final version of the RMAP Long Range Transportation Plan update.

Local, state and federal governments have the responsibility for constructing, operating and maintaining most of the transportation systems in the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Area. This LRTP was developed in the interest of promoting, developing and maintaining a safe and efficient transportation system that will meet the needs of the area's citizens, businesses and industries through the Year 2040. This LRTP considered a wide range of citizen, community and technical input as well as the views, priorities and strategies expressed in previous plans and documents developed as part of the RMAP planning process over the last 50 years. This LRTP reflects the goals, priorities and guidance originating from Federal law, especially the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), the Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act- A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

The overall goal of the plan is to promote a safe and efficient transportation system for people and goods that provide a balanced multi-modal system that minimizes costs and impacts to the taxpayer, society and the environment. The plan addresses the growth projected for the area's airports, the area's bicycle and pedestrian facilities, rail service to the region, public transportation issues, maintaining and improving the area's highway system and public funding issues.

The formal public comment period for the second draft of the Long Range Transportation Plan update will be from May 14th, 2015 until June 12th, 2015. However, public comments regarding the RMAP LRTP and all other RMAP documents are welcome at any time. The format of these open houses and engagement sessions allows for both formal presentation and informal discussion between the public and RMAP staff. The times are indicated below.

<p>May 14, 2015 - Thursday Next Rockford 7:30am - 9:00am Regional Center for Planning &amp; Design 315 N. Main St. Rockford, IL 61101</p>	<p>May 14, 2015 - Thursday IDOT Infrastructure Listening Tour 3:00pm - 6:00pm Regional Center for Planning &amp; Design 315 N. Main St. Rockford, IL 61101</p>	<p>May 19, 2015 - Tuesday Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Commission 5:00pm - 7:00pm Belvidere City Hall 401 Whitney Blvd. Belvidere, IL 61008</p>	<p>May 21, 2015 - Thursday Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning 9:30am - 11:30am Regional Center for Planning &amp; Design 315 N. Main St. Rockford, IL 61101</p>
<p>May 21, 2015 - Thursday 3:00pm - 6:00pm Rockford Mass Transit District Eastside Transfer Center 725 N. Lyford Rd. Rockford, IL 61107</p>	<p>May 22, 2015 - Friday 3:30pm - 6:00pm Rockford City Market Intersection of Water St. and Market St. Downtown Rockford, IL</p>	<p>May 27, 2015 - Wednesday 7:30am - 9:00am Growth Dimensions Belvidere Township Offices 8200 Fairgrounds Rd. Belvidere, IL 61008</p>	<p>June 9, 2015 - Tuesday 4:00pm - 5:00pm Rockford Park District Webbs Norman Center 401 S. Main St. Rockford, IL 61101</p>

**PURPOSE:**

*View Graphic Displays, Discuss Study Goals and Objectives, Ask Questions  
and Obtain Public Comments and Input*

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