



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

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**Public Open House
RMAP 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan**

A public informational open house will be held at three area locations to obtain comment on the existing **Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning (RMAP)**. The plan covers anticipated transportation needs in the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Area for the next 30 years. The plan is a cooperative effort of RMAP, public transportation providers, local governments and the Illinois Department of Transportation. Information regarding the current plan is available on the RMAP website www.rmapil.org

This long range transportation plan is updated every five years. The last time the LRTP was updated and adopted by the RMAP Policy Committee was July 29, 2010. It 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 document as well as comments on future transportation needs within the RMAP MPO and the surrounding region. Public feedback from these sessions will assist in the drafting of the RMAP 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan update.

Local, state and federal governments have the responsibility for constructing, operating/implementing 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. The LRTP considers a wide range of citizen, community and technical input as well as the views, priorities and plans expressed in numerous previous plans and documents developed as part the RMAP planning process over the last 50 years. This LRTP reflects the goals, priorities and guidance originating from Federal law, specifically 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

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facilities, rail service to the region, public transportation issues, maintaining and improving the area's highway system and public funding issues.

The format of these open houses is to allow an informal discussion between the public and RMAP staff. The times and locations are as follows:

DATES

September 23, 2014 – Tuesday 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Village of Machesney Park 300 Roosevelt Rd Machesney Park, IL 61115	September 23, 2014 – Tuesday 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Boone County Administration Bldg. 1212 Logan Ave Belvidere, IL, 61008	September 24, 2014 – Wednesday 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM Regional Center for Planning & Design 315 N. Main St Rockford, IL 61101
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PURPOSE:

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

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