



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

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NOTICE OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING: TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) DRAFT AND INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Notice is hereby given that the Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning (RMAP), located at 313 North Main Street, Rockford, IL 61101, will be hosting an informational public open house to discuss a draft of the Fiscal Year 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. The open house will be held at the Regional Center for Planning and Design, 315 North Main Street, Rockford, IL 61101 on August 21, 2015 from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM. This document will identify and prioritize all major transportation and public transit improvements scheduled for implementation in the RMAP Metropolitan Area in the next four fiscal years (actual dates - July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019). The document is now under development and a draft will be made available at the RMAP offices or by visiting the RMAP website.

Public comments on the RMAP Fiscal Year 2016-2019 TIP, as all RMAP plans, are accepted at this time before the final document is presented to the RMAP Technical Committee and RMAP Policy Committee for their action. For comments to be taken into account prior to passage of these drafts by the RMAP committees, they should be submitted to RMAP no later than September 11th, 2015 using any of the following methods:

- o Email comments to RMAP staff: JonPaul.Dipla@RockfordIL.gov or Michael.Hren@RockfordIL.gov;
- o Fax comments to RMAP at 815-964-7627;
- o Telephone comments to RMAP at 779-348-7627; or
- o In person or by mail to the RMAP offices, 313 North Main Street, Rockford, IL 61101.

Time for public comment will also be allotted at the RMAP Technical Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 10:00 AM in Loves Park City Hall, 100 Heart Blvd., Loves Park, IL, or at the RMAP Policy Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 1:15 PM at Machesney Park Village Hall, 300 Roosevelt Road, Machesney Park, IL 61115. Questions regarding these meetings may be directed to any of the methods listed above for communication.

Also, one of the requirements of U.S. Department of Transportation is that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), like RMAP, must undergo a certification review by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) every four years. Based upon the most recent review that was conducted in 2011 by FHWA and FTA, the RMAP transportation planning process is FULLY CERTIFIED. RMAP will again be undergoing a certification review of its planning process and documents by FHWA and FTA in the fall (October-December) of 2015. If any citizens, community organizations, civic groups or businesses want to make comments on the overall MPO transportation planning process of RMAP, please contact RMAP and/or submit your ideas.

The format of this informational public open house allows for an informal discussion between the public and RMAP staff.

Aug 21, 2015 – Friday
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