



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

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***NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO RMAP TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DOCUMENTS:  
TITLE VI & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN AND LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN***

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires that no person in the United States of America shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any transportation planning program or transportation planning activity for which RMAP receives federal transportation financial assistance.

Notice is hereby given that the Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning (RMAP), located at 313 North Main Street, Rockford, IL 61101, has updated the (1) Title VI & Environmental Justice and (2) Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan documents, which will be submitted to the RMAP Technical and Policy Committees for approval and amendment. A copy of the draft updates are available at the RMAP offices or by visiting the RMAP website: [http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/title\\_vi\\_draft\\_updates.pdf](http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/title_vi_draft_updates.pdf) for the Title VI & Environmental Justice document and; [http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/lep\\_draft\\_updates.pdf](http://www.rmapil.org/assets/documents/lep_draft_updates.pdf) for the LEP Plan.

Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice pertaining to the RMAP transportation planning process under Title VI has a right to file a formal complaint with RMAP. Environmental Justice (EJ) builds on to Title VI activities by including the consideration of the impacts to low-income populations in addition to minority populations into transportation planning and decision-making processes. The RMAP Title VI & Environmental Justice document discusses and elaborates on matters related to Title VI & Environmental Justice in the context of transportation planning activities in the region, and persons who may feel they have need of the redress provided by Title VI.

The RMAP LEP Plan is designed to help identify reasonable steps to provide language assistance for LEP persons seeking meaningful access to MPO programs and planning processes as required by Executive Order 13166 from the Office of the President of the United States. The LEP details procedures on how to identify a person who may need language assistance, the ways in which assistance may be provided, training staff, how to notify LEP persons that assistance is available, updates on events and demographic changes since the original release of the plan, and information for future plan updates.

Public comments on both the Title VI & Environmental Justice document and the LEP plan, as all RMAP plans, are accepted at this time before the final documents are 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 August 31st, 2015 using any of the following methods:

- o Email comments to RMAP staff: [JonPaul.Dipla@RockfordIL.gov](mailto:JonPaul.Dipla@RockfordIL.gov) or [Michael.Hren@RockfordIL.gov](mailto:Michael.Hren@RockfordIL.gov);
- o Fax comments to RMAP at 815-964-7627;
- o Telephone comments to RMAP at 779-348-7628; 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, August 20, 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, August 27, 2015 at 1:15 PM at the Regional Center for Planning and Design, 315 N. Main St., Rockford, IL. Questions regarding these meetings may be directed to any of the methods listed above for communication.

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