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Public Comment Period: FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

ROCKFORD, IL — Region 1 Planning Council (RPC), as the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is seeking public comment on the draft FY 2025 – 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Rockford Region. A 30- day comment period is afforded to the public to review and provide feedback on the draft. Public comments on the plan will be accepted until Thursday, June 27 until 9:00 A.M. The draft document can be found at <https://r1planning.org/publiccomment>.

Comments may be submitted by email, telephone, or written to:

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ABOUT THE TIP: Each year, Region 1 Planning Council (RPC), serving as the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), develops a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The purpose of the TIP is to document infrastructure and non-infrastructure transportation projects programmed within the Rockford metropolitan planning area (MPA) for the next four fiscal years. Over the next four fiscal years, approximately \$624 million is being invested into Boone and Winnebago Counties with over \$281 million in the upcoming 2025 fiscal year (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025). Projects include all surface transportation projects receiving Federal and State funding, projects of regional significance, and public transportation operations and/or capital.

As noted above, the TIP contains all transportation projects that receive federal and state funds and those that are regionally significant regardless of funding source that will occur over the next four fiscal years. Regionally significant projects are defined as a transportation project that is on a facility which serves regional transportation needs. This includes highway, public transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects, as well as intelligent transportation system (ITS) and freight-related projects. While not federally-required to be included with TIP, the MPO has decided to include locally-sponsored transportation projects within the MPA in order to improve local communication, coordination, and transparency.

ABOUT R1: Region 1 Planning Council (R1) is a special-purpose, regional government agency. Regional councils are public organizations comprised of local elected officials that promote collaboration among local governments, working across the jurisdictional silos of states, counties, and municipalities. A regional council depends on intergovernmental collaboration to foster economic and community growth through planning, research, federal funding, and data. For more information, visit <http://r1planning.org>.

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