



Media Advisory

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Input Needed for Fundamental Regional Plans

Feedback Provides Direction on Transportation, Economic Development, and Climate Mitigation Strategies

ROCKFORD, IL – Provide your input and shape regional development. Region 1 Planning Council has drafted goals and strategies for its three core planning documents and is now requesting the public’s feedback. The three planning documents – the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Comprehensive Economic Development Plan (CEDS), and Climate Action Plan (CAP) – set the priorities for Northern Illinois’s actions to improve the transportation network, provide greater economic opportunities, and mitigate climate change. Each of these plans is instrumental in unlocking state and federal funds to complete the actions listed within.

Go to <https://engager1.mysocialpinpoint.com/> to rank these goals and strategies and give general comments. You may comment on all three plans, or just those of interest. Clicking *Follow* within each plan page will allow you to receive survey results and plan updates as they are available.

A series of workshops and pop-up events are scheduled that allow an alternative approach to provide input on these goals and strategies. Please join R1 for the following events:

Workshops

Winnebago County

Thursday, May 9, 8:30 – 10:00 am at Region 1 Planning Council office, 127 N. Wyman St., Rockford

McHenry County

Thursday, May 16, 4:00 – 5:30 pm at Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock

Boone County Workshop

Tuesday, May 21, 4:00 – 5:30 pm at Community Building Complex of Boone County, 111 W. 1st St., Belvidere

Pop-Ups

Food Truck Tuesday

Tuesday, May 14, 4:00 – 6:00 pm at Nicholas Conservatory, 1354 N. 2nd St., Rockford

Rockford Public Library

Saturday, May 18, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at Rockford Public Library East Branch, 6685 E. State St., Rockford

Rockford City Market

Friday, May 31, 4:00 – 8:30 pm at Rockford City Market, Water St. at E. State St., downtown Rockford

ABOUT THE PLANS: R1 is responsible for creating and implementing long-range plans that encourage regional progress and direct funding to improve transportation, economic development and more. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) addresses the transportation system, including highways, bridges, public transit freight and bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Boone and Winnebago Counties and northern Ogle County over the next 20 to 30 years. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is a five-year framework that identifies goals, strategies and actions to create a strong, diverse economy in Winnebago, Boone and McHenry Counties. R1 is also shaping the region's first Climate Action Plan for Winnebago and Boone Counties, which will provide strategies and recommendations for alleviating and adapting to climate change.

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>. # #