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Electric Vehicle Infrastructure – General Survey

ROCKFORD, IL — Region 1 Planning Council is currently in the process of developing an Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan. The purpose of this plan is to promote awareness of future automobile technology, and prepare our region for the needed infrastructure to accommodate it. Help us shape our government’s approach to this rapidly growing infrastructure need by sharing your views and opinions on electric vehicles (e.g. plug-in electric and hybrids) in our short survey. The current survey is designed to gain feedback from those who live, work, and play in the Rockford Region. The first round of surveys is available from July 15 – August 7, 2020.

The survey in English and Spanish can be found at: <http://r1planning.org/planning-activities>

About the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan

The goal of the Electric Vehicle Readiness plan, and its future implementation, is to provide a framework for the region to develop a consistent and accessible electric vehicle charging network for future growth and innovation. The Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan was identified as a regional need through the update of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Rockford Region (2050 MTP), which is tentatively scheduled for adoption in July 2020. The EV Readiness Plan also supports goals and objectives identified in the Illinois Department of Transportation’s (IDOT) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as well as aligns with U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) initiatives. Through this document, and the recommendations identified within it, the region can plan for appropriate future public and private infrastructure investment and identify potential policy changes that would allow for a robust charging network in Boone, Winnebago, and northeastern Ogle Counties. For more information for current and historic transportation planning efforts, visit www.r1planning.org.

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