



## News Release

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## Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan for the Rockford Region Available for Public Comment

**ROCKFORD, IL** — Region 1 Planning Council (RPC), as the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is seeking public comment on the draft of the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan for the Rockford Region. A 30-day comment period is afforded to the public to review and provide feedback on the draft document. Public comments will be accepted regarding the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan until Friday, February 26, 2021.

The draft Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan and supplemental materials are available at <http://r1planning.org/planning-activities>.

Comments can be submitted by email, telephone, or written comments. Comment should be directed to:

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### About the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan

As a way to support local governments in the evolving automobile market, RPC began investigating how to prepare for the proliferation of electric vehicles at a regional level and assist local jurisdictions in becoming EV Ready. The *Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan for the Rockford Region* is a comprehensive, regionally coordinated approach to introducing electric vehicles and electric vehicle supply equipment in Boone, Ogle, and Winnebago Counties.

The accumulation of the planning process has resulted in a Plan aimed at removing the barriers to EV adoption and installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) in the Rockford Region. While not all of the barriers can be addressed by regional or local governments, such as the high upfront cost of EVs, there are action items and strategies that can be implemented to reconcile barriers related to information, coordination, and policies. The plan was developed in coordination with key stakeholders, incorporates public and stakeholder feedback, national best practices, and strategies to facilitate electric vehicle and electric vehicle infrastructure deployment.

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