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Public Comment Period: RMTD Climate Action Plan for The Rockford Region

ROCKFORD, IL — Region 1 Planning Council is seeking public comment on the Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD) Climate Action Plan (draft) for the Rockford Region. A 30-day comment period is afforded to the public to review and provide feedback on the Plan. Public comments on the plan will be accepted from Monday, February 21, 2021, until Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

See the plan [here](#).

Comments may be submitted by email, telephone, or mailed to: Shelby Best, 127 N Wyman St., Suite 100, Rockford, IL 61101, Phone: 815-319-4180 | Email: sbest@r1planning.org

ABOUT THE PLAN – The Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Sustainable Transit for a Healthy Planet Challenge encourages transit agencies to take bold actions and investments to cut GHG emissions. The challenge calls on transit agencies to develop climate action strategies with measurable goals to achieve GHG emission targets. All transit agencies nationwide, regardless of size or service area, are encouraged to develop climate action or sustainability plans that detail GHG reduction strategies, such as converting fleets to electric buses and making facilities more energy efficient.

As a part of this challenge, RMTD has asked Region 1 Planning Council (R1) to create a Climate Action Plan for their transit agency. This plan highlights current and forecasted GHG emissions from RMTD, energy demand, sustainability and emission reduction targets, and a prioritized implementation action plan. The goal of this plan is to establish ways in which RMTD will mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and increase their climate resilience. This plan will coordinate with stakeholders and RMTD users to identify recommended actions or needs to be addressed in order to better meet climate action goals.

ABOUT R1 - Region 1 Planning Council (RPC) 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.

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