



## News Release

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### Public Comment Period: Transportation System Management & Operations Plan for the Rockford Region

**ROCKFORD, IL** — Region 1 Planning Council (R1), as the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is seeking public comment on the draft Transportation System Management and Operations Plan for the Rockford Region. A comment period is afforded to the public to review and provide feedback on the draft. Public comments on the plan will be accepted from Tuesday, December 13, 2022, until Friday, January 13, 2022.

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

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**ABOUT THE TSMO** - Transportation system management and operations (TSMO) is an integrated approach to enhance the performance of existing infrastructure through the implementation of multimodal, intermodal, and often cross-jurisdictional systems, services, and projects. It encompasses a broad range of strategies, that, along with context-sensitive roadway design, can provide the region with significant benefits. These benefits enhance the quality of life of citizens of the region by providing safer travel, more leisure time, improved reliability, less fuel wasted, cleaner air, and improved livability.

The overarching goal of this plan is to further strengthen linkages between operations and planning of the regional transportation system to solve operational problems, improve system performance, improve communication across transportation agencies, and prepare for the incorporation of emerging technology within the existing transportation infrastructure network. This plan was a collaborative activity between the transportation agencies responsible for the day-to-day operations together with the MPO. The plan identifies key transportation system performance measures and a set of preferred TSMO solutions such as Traffic Signal Management and Complete Street Policies which can improve the transportation system for all users.

**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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