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R1 to Host 2022 IDOT Fall Planning Conference

ROCKFORD, IL — In partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Region 1 Planning Council is pleased to announce Rockford, Illinois as the host city for the 2022 IDOT Fall Planning Conference. An annual tradition for IDOT, a different community is selected each year to host their signature planning conference. This is the first time the conference will return to Rockford after more than two decades. Spanning three days from **September 21-23, 2022**, the conference will be held at the **Embassy Suites Riverfront Conference Center** in downtown Rockford.

Attracting up to 300 professionals from across the state and region, this annual conference focuses on transportation, economic development and land use planning topics such as innovations in freight, public transit, complete streets, and project delivery. The 2022 conference theme is ***“Charge Ahead and REC it! How Resiliency, Equity, and Climate Change Will Influence Transportation Planning.”***

Special features of the conference will include an address from Rockford Mayor Thomas McNamara, a keynote luncheon with Jason Anderson – Economic Development Director City of Rochelle, and several presentations by R1 staff. Attendees will also be able to explore the city with a guided downtown walking tour featuring state-funded infrastructure projects and a tour of the Chicago Rockford International Airport’s cargo facilities.

Conference registration is open to attendees through the R1 website and can be accessed [here](#).

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.

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