

RATS

**Rockford Area Transportation Study
Metropolitan Planning Organization**
City of Rockford, Public Works Department
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Region 2

ROCKFORD AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY - TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, June 21 17, 2007 – 10:00 A.M.
Loves Park City Hall, P.W./C.D. Conference Room,
100 Heart Boulevard, Loves Park, IL

AGENDA

1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2007, RATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

2 AGENCY REPORTS:

VOTING MEMBERS:

- 2.1 – Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2
- 2.2 – Winnebago County Highway Department
- 2.3 – City of Rockford, Public Works Department
- 2.4 – City of Loves Park, Public Works Department
- 2.5 – Village of Machesney Park
- 2.6 – Chicago/Rockford International Airport
- 2.7 – Rockford Mass Transit District
- 2.8 – City of Loves Park, Community Development Department
- 2.9 – Village of Cherry Valley
- 2.10 – City of Rockford, Community Development Department
- 2.11 – Winnebago County Planning and Econ. Development Dept.
- 2.12 – Belvidere / Boone County Regional Planning Department
- 2.13 – Boone County Highway Department
- 2.14 – City of Belvidere, Public Works Department
- 2.15 – Village of Roscoe
- 2.16 – Village of Winnebago

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

- 2.17 – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- 2.18 – Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
- 2.19 – IDOT, Division of Public Transportation
- 2.20 – IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning
- 2.21 – Ogle County Highway Department
- 2.22 – Boone County Council of Aging
- 2.23 – State Line Area Transportation Study
- 2.24 – Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division
- 2.25 – Rockford Area Economic Development Council
- 2.26 – Rock River Water Reclamation District
- 2.27 – Growth Dimensions

3 RATS FY 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) – RATS Resolution 2007-6: Discussion and recommendation to the RATS Policy Committee on the FINAL FY 2008-2011 RATS TIP. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires this annual document. The TIP has been posted on the RATS web site for public review at <http://www.cityofrockford.net/government/works/index.cfm?section=planning&id=977>. This item will be presented to the RATS Policy Committee at their June 28th meeting.

4 RATS YEAR 2035 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) – RATS Resolution 2007-7: Discussion and recommendation to the RATS Policy Committee on the RATS Metropolitan Planning Organization's amendment to the RATS LRTP to ensure overall planning coordination and compliance to meet the FHWA/FTA SAFETEA-LU Final Rule for MPO transportation planning the RATS Urban and Metropolitan Planning Area. This item will be presented to the RATS Policy Committee at their June 28th meeting.

5 CREATING A SUBCOMMITTEE OF RATS: To improve the mobility of the area's transportation citizens, businesses and civic organizations, a subcommittee to improve the MPO's planning and coordination of the area's public transportation services and to provide input into the MPO's planning process is being proposed. It is the intent of this meeting to introduce the overall objective of this subcommittee as it relates to the overall transportation planning process of RATS.

6 RATS BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN PLAN – RATS YEAR 2035 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: Two Public Informational Open Houses were held on May 31, 2007. Public comments are being accepted until June 21, 2007. To review the DRAFT plan, more information can be found at the RATS website at <http://www.cityofrockford.net/government/works/index.cfm?section=planning&id=977>.

7 PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

- 7.1 – NICTI Alternative Analysis
- 7.2 – Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area
- 7.3 – RMTD East Side Transfer Center
- 7.4 – IL 173 Corridor Planning Study (by Machesney Park)
- 7.5 – Boone County IL 173 Corridor Study
- 7.6 – RATS & Regional Planning

8 COMMUNICATIONS

9 OTHER BUSINESS

10 ADJOURNMENT

Opportunities for public comment will be afforded on all agenda items.

**NOTE: The RATS Policy Committee will be meeting on June 28, 2007 – Thursday, 1:15 P.M.,
at Machesney Park Village Hall, 300 Machesney Road, Machesney Park, IL**