

RATS

**Rockford Area Transportation Study
Metropolitan Planning Organization**
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PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

ROCKFORD AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (RATS) YEAR 2035 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A public informational open house will be held at four area locations to present the **DRAFT Year 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the Rockford Area Transportation Study (RATS)**. The plan covers anticipated transportation needs in the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Area for the next 30 years. The plan is a co-operative effort of RATS, local governments and the Illinois Department of Transportation. The DRAFT is currently available for public review and downloading at the City of Rockford / RATS web site at http://cityofrockford.net/government/works/index.cfm?section=planning&id=1232#draft_2005-2035.

This plan is updated every five years. The last time the LRTP was updated and adopted by the RATS Policy Committee was July 27, 2000. It is tentatively schedule for adoption at the July 28, 2005 RATS Policy Committee, 1:15 P.M., at Rockford City Hall, 425 East State Street, Rockford, IL.

Local, state and federal governments have the responsibility for constructing, operating and maintaining most of the transportation systems in the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Area. This LRTP was developed in the interest of promoting, developing and maintaining a safe and efficient transportation system that will meet the needs of the area's citizens, businesses and industries through the Year 2035. This LRTP considered a wide range of citizen, community and technical input as well as the views, priorities and plans expressed in numerous previous plans and documents developed as part the RATS planning process over the last 40 years. This LRTP reflects the goals, priorities and guidance originating from Federal law, specially the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and the 1998 Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

The overall goal of the plan is to promote a safe and efficient transportation system for people and goods that provides a balanced multi-modal system that minimizes costs and impacts to the taxpayer, society and the environment. The plan addresses the growth projected for the area's airports, the area's bicycle and pedestrian facilities, rail service to the region, public transportation issues, maintaining and improving the area's highway system and public funding issues.

The format of these open houses is to allow an informal discussion between the public and RATS staff. The times are indicated below.

DATES

July 6, 2005 – Wednesday 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Rockford Public Library Auditorium 215 N Wyman Street Rockford, IL	July 6, 2005 – Wednesday 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM North Suburban Library Community Room 5562 Clayton Circle Roscoe, IL	July 7, 2005 – Thursday 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Loves Park City Hall Cafeteria Room 100 Heart Boulevard Loves Park, IL	July 7, 2005 – Thursday 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM Belvidere Community Building – Banquet Room 111 West 1 st Street Belvidere, IL
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PURPOSE:

View Graphic Displays, Discuss Study Goals and Objectives, Ask Questions
and Obtain Public Comments and Input

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