



# 2007 IDOT



## FALL PLANNING CONFERENCE

Future Strategies of MPOs • Highway Funding  
Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program • Safety Issues  
Context Sensitive Solutions • GIS • Freight Planning

The practice of transportation planning at the urban level has evolved substantially over the past decade. It now encompasses a wide range of conflicting problems and demands, from growing levels of congestion to neighborhood preservation and air quality.

The focus of this conference is to increase communication and advance the practices of transportation planning in Illinois. Engage with other planning professionals and develop a sound understanding from experts and the most advanced entities on how to develop, plan and implement innovative transportation planning practices.

September 13-14, 2007  
Clock Tower Resort and Conference Center  
Rockford, Illinois

*Presented by*





Downtown Rockford at Dawn

## Metropolitan Planning Partners

I am hoping that you will make plans to attend the upcoming Annual Fall Planning Conference. We are pleased about the content of this year's agenda that will hopefully encourage much discussion by all partners involved in transportation planning throughout the state. We will hear about a variety of issues and impacts realized through deadlines and ongoing work as a result of SAFETEA-LU implementation. Considerable time and effort has been given by all of you to help implement guidelines and rules that will help build a better transportation planning process. I am sure this conference will help provide each of you something useful that you can take back to your respective areas.

The conference is being held at the Clock Tower Resort and Conference Center, located in Rockford, Illinois. Rodney Slater, former U.S. Secretary of Transportation, is invited to be our keynote speaker. He will talk about upcoming transportation needs and issues.

We look forward to seeing you in Rockford. If you have questions, please contact Betsy Tracy at 217-785-2368.

Sincerely,

Les Nunes, Bureau Chief  
Urban Program Planning

## Registration Information

**Pre-registration is required by Friday, September 7, 2007.** Registration fee includes admission to all education sessions, conference materials, meals and refreshment breaks.

**Cancellation Policy:** Refund of registration fee, less an administrative fee of \$15.00 will be made if notice of cancellation is received no later than September 7, 2007. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after that date or for failure to attend. Substitutes will be allowed.

**Hotel reservations:** Conference participants are responsible for their own hotel reservations and cancellations. Parking is available on site at the hotel.

**Questions?** Contact Betsy Tracy at (217) 785-2368, e-mail Elizabeth.Tracy@illinois.gov or Kelly Murray at (217) 528-5331, e-mail iacbm@msn.com.

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### HOTEL INFORMATION

**Clock Tower Resort and Conference Center**  
7801 East State Street • Rockford, Illinois 61108  
(815) 398-6000  
www.cloktowerresort.com

**\$79.00 Single / Double (IDOT Conference Rate)**  
plus applicable taxes

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For online hotel reservations visit <https://reservations.synxis.com/LBE/rez.aspx?Hotel=16238&Chain=6052&group=DOT>

## Optional UPS Ground Operations Tour



UPS is the world's largest package delivery company and a global leader in supply chain services, offering a range of options for synchronizing the movement of goods and funds. Join us for a behind the scenes tour of the UPS Hub Chicago/Rockford International Airport.

**Thursday, September 13, 2007 (following dinner)**

Departs Clock Tower Resort 8:30 p.m. • Return 10:30 p.m. (approximate)  
*Complimentary transportation provided by Rockford Mass Transit*

**Advance sign-up required** (please check box on registration form)



# PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

1 p.m. Golf Outing at Aldeen Golf Club (optional) • 7 p.m. Hospitality Room Opens

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

### Current State Conditions and What Lies Ahead

Milt Sees, the Acting Illinois Secretary of Transportation, Glenn Fulkerson, Assistant Division Administrator, FHWA, and other experts will talk about transportation funding and issues in Illinois and the country. The demands on the transportation system are growing and we need to look ahead to how it will be funded.

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

### Best Practices in Planning and Linking Land Use and Transportation

Planners will share their experiences about Public Involvement efforts, consideration of planned growth and economic development planning and bike and pedestrian planning. Learn about how they proved successful in their efforts locally, with two projects recognized by FHWA on their SAFETEA-LU Planning website.

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. *(Break in exhibit area)*

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. **BREAKOUTS**

### Breakout A: Context Sensitive Solutions – A Look at Two Illinois Projects with Different Approaches

The East Side Highway Study in McLean County and Fayette Avenue Project in Effingham will be highlighted. Hear about the progress that has been made to implement CSS and lessons learned along the way.

### Breakout B: GIS Tools Available to Attendees and What is Next on the Horizon

Planners can benefit from knowing what is freely available to them through the Agency, and what is coming down the road in GIS. We will look at a futuristic state view, a county view and what is available to you today.

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. **Reception at Figgs**  
*(casual island attire)*

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. **Dinner and Keynote Speaker**

Rodney Slater, former Secretary of U.S. Department (invited) will share his experiences with you about the world of transportation funding and national priorities. He will draw on his real world experience and provide us his insight about what to expect in the future.

8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. **UPS Ground Operations Tour**  
*(Reservations and government ID required)*



### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Rodney E. Slater** *(invited)*  
**Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation**

Rodney E. Slater served in the cabinet of President William J. Clinton as U.S. Secretary of

Transportation. During his tenure, Mr. Slater championed several historic legislative initiatives, including TEA-21, which guaranteed a record \$200 billion in surface transportation investment through 2003. Mr. Slater is a partner in the public policy law firm, Patton Boggs LLP in Washington, D.C.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. **BREAKOUTS**

### Breakout A: Freight Planning and Multi-Modal Transportation

The Rockford area relies heavily on freight and multi-modal movement of goods. An economic boom, learn about the success and challenges of companies that have chosen to locate in the region.

### Breakout B: Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program

As a new element of the ITEP program, you will learn about the Illinois Green Streets Initiative that is coming to Illinois communities. Hear from local implementers about successful ITEP funded programs in the Rockford area.

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. *(Break in Exhibit Area)*

10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon **BREAKOUTS**

### Breakout A: Safety Issues in Planning

This session will focus on comprehensive safety planning and how to benefit from public-private partnerships to pinpoint safety needs in your community.

### Breakout B: Illinois Tomorrow Success Stories

Recipients of past Illinois Tomorrow Corridor Grants will share their stories about using a small amount of planning funds to make a big impact on their local corridors.

Noon *(Adjourn)*

## IDOT FALL PLANNING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

*Pre-Registration is required by September 7, 2007.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**\$70.00 – if registration is received by Sept. 7, 2007**                      **\$85.00 – after Sept. 7, 2007**

**OPTIONAL UPS TOUR** (please check this box if you plan to attend the behind the scenes tour of the UPS Hub Chicago/Rockford International Airport on Thursday, September 13, 2007).

Payment enclosed for \_\_\_\_\_ registrant(s) @ \_\_\_\_\_ per person (includes meals)

Yes, I plan to attend the dinner on September 13th                       No, I will not attend the dinner

**Special Needs:**     Wheel chair access                       Dietary \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to ILARC and mail with registration form to:**

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