Laws made in St. Paul have a profound effect on the practice of planning throughout Minnesota. APA MN, the primary professional planning organization in Minnesota with over 800 members, has been listening to how these issues impact the practice of planning throughout Greater Minnesota over the past year. A White Paper was drafted which explains the divergences in municipal (462) and county (394) state planning laws. Statewide listening session focus groups were also held over the past year. Beyond enabling laws, other related statutes affect how planning decisions are made by professionals and local officials. Attend and learn how the law-making process works.

A key issue of interest to planners this year at the capitol is **Transportation Funding & Policy**. The program presentation will focus on this topic. Also be prepared to engage in the launch of a new legislative-platform process to identify and develop APA MN policy statements. They will be drafted, reviewed and adopted by the APA MN Board this fall following a dedicated fall conference session and survey. We as an organization want to have a dialogue about important planning challenges and opportunities facing Minnesotans for future generations!

Please register by April 1st 2015. A $20 non-refundable on-line registration fee is required. Registration includes lunch and social gathering appetizers.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/apa-mn-planners-day-at-the-capitol-tickets-15950143308

**Program Schedule**

10:30 am  Welcome & Overview – Kick off 2015 APA MN Policy Platform
Andrew Mack, AICP and Paul Mogush, AICP APA-MN Legislative and Law Committee Co-Chairs
State Office Building – Room 300 South
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul

10:45 pm  Transportation Policy Initiative
Barb Thoman, Executive Director Transit for Livable Communities & Move Minnesota
Move Minnesota’s plan proposing to fix Minnesota’s most urgent transportation needs

11:30 am  Lunch Provided & Open Dialog with Minnesota Legislators
Live 2015 Bill Information to Be Provided & Discussed
Accepted Invites To: Senator Susan Kent and Rep. Tina Liebling (several others pending)

12:45 pm  Adjourn To Attend: Floor Session, Transportation Policy Finance Committee Hearing, or Meet with Your Legislators
Information on where to go, etc. will be provided at the program

3:00 am  Chapter Social Gathering
Public Kitchen + Bar, 229 East 6th Street, Lowertown
Downtown St. Paul (2 Blocks from Union Depot LRT Station)

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