PRINCIPAL PLANNER (TRANSPORTATION)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is high-level technical-professional planning work of a complex nature involving responsibility for the development and implementation of transportation planning policies, procedures and programs, and also involves administrative responsibilities in the absence of the Commissioner of Planning and Public Transportation. The work is performed under the general direction of the Deputy Commissioner for Administration, and supervision is provided to professional and technical staff. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:
Develops and implements transportation planning policies, procedures and programs (e.g. Rockland County’s federally-mandated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) process);
Oversees and participates in transportation planning studies;
Conducts Rockland County’s annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP);
Develops Rockland County’s portion of the Regional Transportation Plan;
Secures federal funding for County transportation studies as well as other County transportation projects;
Manages the County’s Transportation Demand Management program;
Addresses community groups, town/village boards and County, State and Federal agencies on transportation issues;
Attends and participates in transportation and transit-related conferences.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:
Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of transportation planning and management, including travel demand forecasting and transportation planning processes; thorough knowledge of federal regulations with respect to transportation planning and transit issues and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) process; good knowledge of Rockland County’s transportation system *; ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; ability to establish cooperative relations with others; ability to supervise the work of others; ability to develop and implement transportation planning programs.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A Master’s degree in Planning, Transportation Planning, Transportation Management, Urban Planning, or comparable curriculum, and four (4) years of post-degree planning experience, two (2) years of which must have been in transportation or transit analysis and planning, one (1) year of which must have included the supervision of professional planners on a regular basis.

*To be demonstrated during the probationary period.

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