



Press Release

Federal Fiscal Years 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

DES MOINES, Iowa – June 10, 2008 - The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMAMPO) will be hosting a **public input meeting** on an amendment to the *Federal Fiscal Years 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program* (FFY 2009-2012 TIP). The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, 2008, in the DMAMPO's Meeting Room, Merle Hay Centre, 6200 Aurora Avenue, Suite 300W, Urbandale, IA.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority requests an amendment to the FFY 2008-2011 TIP, Section 3, Federal Transit Administration Projects, to add two (2) Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program projects in FFY 2008:

1. Local Route Extension Services: Project is for operating, marketing, and capital funds for one Heavy-Duty 40' vehicle to City of Ankeny and Oliver Plaza. Federal-aid: \$525,857
2. Upgrade Bus to Hybrid-Electric: Project is to upgrade for the heavy-duty bus from diesel to electric-hybrid. Federal-aid: \$160,000.

The DMAMPO updates the TIP annually and at member governments' request. The TIP contains four years of projects our member governments anticipate implementing, using federal transportation dollars. We need to inform the public of what our member governments' and our participating agencies intentions are regarding these projects and using those federal dollars.

The DMAMPO will host the public input meeting using the open forum format. We are using this format to encourage June 17 meeting attendees to express their views, to share their opinions, and to ask their questions regarding the proposed projects. One may share one's opinion with the DMAMPO staff in three ways: 1) orally at the meeting; 2) in writing via forms available at the meeting; 3) by submitting written comments to the DMAMPO after the June 17 meeting but prior to the close of the comment period on June 24, 2008.

If anyone would like to request a copy of the FFY 2008-2011 TIP, or has questions or comments, please contact staff by telephone at 515.334.0075 or by email at zbitting@dmampo.org.