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Press Release

Federal Fiscal Years 2010 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program Project Applications

DES MOINES, Iowa – September 4, 2008 - The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMAMPO) will be hosting a **public input meeting** to receive input and comments on the Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) project applications submitted by DMAMPO member governments. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 11, 2008, in the DMAMPO's Meeting Room, Merle Hay Centre, 6200 Aurora Avenue, Suite 300W, Urbandale, IA.

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) created the ICCAP in 1994 corresponding to the Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program established by the *Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991*. The Iowa DOT administers the ICAAP on a statewide competitive application basis and awards federal funds to those proposals with the highest potential for reducing transportation-related air pollution and congestion.

The DMAMPO needs to inform the public of what our member governments' and our participating agencies intentions are regarding these proposals. The DMAMPO is reviewing the following ten projects to send to the Iowa DOT:

City of Ankeny – Traffic Signal Optimization Study;
City of Clive – University Boulevard Improvements;
Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) - Continue Local Transit Services to DOT Facilities at Corporate Woods and Oliver Plaza;
DART – Expansion Rideshare Vans;
DART – Transit Trip Planner;
DART – Hybrid/Electric Bus Upgrade;
DART – Design and Construction of a Park & Ride Lot in Western Communities;
City of Des Moines – Southwest 9th Street Traffic Signal Interconnect Upgrade;
City of Des Moines – East Euclid/Hubbell Avenue Traffic Signal Interconnect Upgrade; and,
City of Windsor Heights – 73rd Street Improvements from Wilshire Boulevard to Hickman Road.

The DMAMPO will host the public input meeting using the open forum format. We are using this format to encourage September 11 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 September 11 meeting but prior to the close of the comment period on September 18, 2008.

If anyone would like to request a copy of an FFY 2010 ICAAP project application, or has questions or comments, please contact staff by telephone at 515.334.0075 or by email at zbitting@dmampo.org.