

Press Release

Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

DES MOINES, Iowa – December 3, 2009 - The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be hosting a **public input meeting** to receive comments on an amendment to the *Federal Fiscal Year 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program* (FFY 2010-2013). The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 10, 2009, in the North Side Library, 3516 5th Avenue, Des Moines, IA.

The MPO received the following request from the City of West Des Moines to amend the FFY 2010-2013 TIP:

Grand Avenue - Phase 3 - Transfer \$1,000,000 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) federal funding from the “Grand Avenue - Phase 4” project (STP-U-8260()-70-77) to the “Grand Avenue - Phase 3” project (STP-U-8260(622)-70-77). Grand Avenue - Phase 4 is the reconstruction of Grand Avenue from Raccoon River Park Entrance to Interstate 35 and has a total project cost of \$12,000,000. The Grand Avenue - Phase 3 project is the reconstruction of Grand Avenue from Fuller Road to Raccoon River Park Entrance and has a total project cost of \$4,187,000.

The FHWA considers a major change in to a project scope to be an amendment, including federal funding being spent on new project termini and an increase in federal funding by more than 30% of the original funding amount on Grand Avenue – Phase 4. The MPO updates the TIP annually and at member government’s 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 MPO needs to inform the public of what our member governments’ and our participating agencies intentions are regarding these proposals. The MPO will host the public input meeting using the open forum format. We are using this format to encourage December 10 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 MPO 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 MPO after the September 24 meeting but prior to the close of the comment period on December 16, 2009.

If anyone would like to request a copy of an FFY 2010-2013 TIP, or has questions or comments, please

contact staff by telephone at 515.334.0075 or by email at zbitting@dmampo.org.