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PUBLIC INPUT MEETING NOTICE ***HORIZON YEAR 2035 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION*** ***PLAN AND FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2010-2013*** ***TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT***

The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will host a **public input meeting** to receive comments on an amendment to the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* (HY 2035 MTP) and to the *Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program* (FFY 2010-2013 TIP). The meeting starts at **6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 28, 2010, at Mercy Medical Center - Des Moines, 1111 6th Avenue, Des Moines, IA.** Mercy Medical Center is accessible via public transportation using the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority's #3 route.

The MPO received the following request from the City of Des Moines to amend the HY 2035 MTP and the FFY 2010-2013 TIP to add a new project as follows:

5th Avenue Extension: The 5th Avenue Extension (STP-U-1945()—70-77) is the connection of 5th Avenue from the north ramp of Interstate 235 northward to Laurel Street. The design is a three-lane cross-section; one lane each for northbound and southbound traffic with a center two-way left turn lane. The estimated total project cost is \$400,000. Please see map on reverse for the existing layout.

The MPO considers this a HY 2035 MTP amendment and the Iowa Department of Transportation considers this a FFY 2010-2013 TIP amendment due to the addition of a new project. The MPO updates the MTP at least every five years, while the TIP is updated annually and at the request of member governments and participating agencies. The TIP identifies regionally significant projects and contains four years of projects the MPO member governments and participating agencies anticipate implementing using federal transportation dollars.

The MPO's staff will host the public input meeting using an open forum format. The MPO's staff is using this format to encourage January 28, 2010, meeting attendees to express their views, share their opinions, and ask their questions regarding the proposed project.



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If you have questions, comments, concerns, or requests regarding any article found in this newsletter, please contact the staff at the information above.



One may share one's opinion with the MPO's staff in three ways: 1) orally at the meeting; 2) in writing via forms available at the meeting; or, 3) by submitting written comments to the MPO after the January 28, 2010, meeting but prior to the close of the comment period on February 18, 2010.

If anyone would like to request a copy of the HY 2035 MTP or the FFY 2010-2013 TIP, or has questions or comments, please contact the MPO's staff by telephone at (515)-334-0075 or by e-mail at bwilcoxon@dmampo.org.