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## Public meeting set for proposed changes to long-range transportation plan

The public is invited to comment on proposed changes to two projects in the long-range transportation plan, Mobilizing Tomorrow, at an upcoming public meeting. Those projects include the reconfiguration of the Interstate Highway 35/80 interchange at Iowa Highway 141, also known as Rider's Corner, as well as adding capacity to the Southeast Oralabor Road corridor between southeast Delaware Avenue and Interstate Highway 35 in Ankeny.

**TIME:** 5 p.m.

**DATE:** Thursday, Sept. 24

**LOCATION:** Des Moines Area MPO office, 420 Watson Powell Jr. Way, Suite 200, Des Moines

The long-range transportation plan, Mobilizing Tomorrow, includes a list of all federally funded transportation projects that are expected to occur in the Greater Des Moines region over the next 40 years. Projects are required to be in the long-range transportation plan in order to receive federal funding. Two changes to the long-range transportation plan are being proposed at this time.

### I-35/80 interchange at IA 141

**SPONSORS:** City of Urbandale and the Iowa Department of Transportation

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Reconfigure I-35/80 interchange at IA 141 to include ½ diamond at Meredith and ramps at 100<sup>th</sup> St.

**PROPOSED CHANGE:** Remove collector-distributor system from the project description, and increase project cost from \$21.9 million to \$33.3 million.

**TOTAL COST:** \$33.3 million

### Oralabor/Delaware intersection

**SPONSORS:** City of Ankeny and the Iowa Department of Transportation

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Operational and capacity improvements throughout the SE Oralabor Road corridor and at both I-35 exit ramp terminals; reconfigure intersection at SE Oralabor Road and SE Delaware Avenue to include additional turn lanes; and traffic signal improvements.

**PROPOSED CHANGE:** Add project into the long-range transportation plan.

**TOTAL COST:** \$3.2 million

More information about the long-range transportation plan, Mobilizing Tomorrow, is available online at [dmampo.org/mobilizing-tomorrow](http://dmampo.org/mobilizing-tomorrow). For additional information, call or email the MPO staff at 515-334-0075 or [info@dmampo.org](mailto:info@dmampo.org).

**The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** acts as a regional forum to ensure coordination between the public and local, state, and federal agencies in regard to planning issues and to prepare transportation plans and programs. The MPO develops both long- and short-range multimodal transportation plans, selects and approves projects for federal funding based upon regional priorities, and develops methods to reduce traffic congestion.