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## Public asked for feedback on draft long-range transportation plan

Residents of Greater Des Moines are invited to give their feedback on a draft update to the region's long-range transportation plan, *Mobilizing Tomorrow*.

The long-range transportation plan is updated every five years by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to address the changing needs and priorities of the community, as well to adjust to evolving technologies and best practices in transportation. The *Mobilizing Tomorrow* update sets goals for the transportation system out to year 2050, and it outlines how the cities, counties and transit agencies of the metropolitan planning area will invest approximately \$600 million in transportation funding over the next 35 years.

"The transportation system is foundational to the quality of life and economic vitality in Greater Des Moines," said Steve Gaer, West Des Moines Mayor and Chair of the Des Moines Area MPO. "This plan sets the tone for future investment in the system, so it's important we hear from the residents to ensure our system meets their needs."

The public can find the document – including four chapters and eight appendixes – online at <http://www.dmampo.org/mobilizing-tomorrow-update/> and leave comments on the site now through Sunday, November 10. Comments can also be shared at a public meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at the MPO office, 420 Watson Powell, Jr. Way, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA 50309.

The MPO will review all public comments and revise the plan accordingly as needed. The plan will go before the MPO Policy Committee for final adoption Thursday, November 21, 2019.

For more information on *Mobilizing Tomorrow*, please call or email 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.