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PLANNING TOMORROW'S TRANSPORTATION TODAY

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

will meet

Thursday, September 25, 2008

1:30 P.M.

**Multi-Purpose Room
Hiawatha City Hall
101 Emmons Street
Hiawatha, Iowa**

Public Comment

Action/Discussion Items

1. Approve Minutes from August 21st meeting.

Requested action: Approve meeting minutes.

2. Safe Routes to School and Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program grant support (handout).

Requests have been made by the City of Cedar Rapids for resolutions of support from Corridor MPO for grant applications that are to be sent to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). The City of Cedar Rapids is submitting the following four applications to IDOT for the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP):

- a. Mt. Vernon Rd. & 19th St. SE Intersection
- b. 6th St. & 60th Ave. SW Intersection and 6th St. SW Traffic Signal Interconnect Upgrade
- c. C Ave. NE Traffic Signal Interconnect Upgrade
- d. 16th Ave. SW Traffic Signal Interconnect Upgrade

Cedar Rapids is submitting seven applications to IDOT for the Safe Routes to School program (SRTS) at the following schools:

- a. Polk Elementary School
- b. Franklin Middle School
- c. Kenwood Elementary School
- d. Harrison Elementary School
- e. Van Buren Elementary School
- f. Wilson School
- g. Grant Wood Elementary School

Requested action: Pass resolutions of support for Cedar Rapids' grant applications.

3. **CSDS/Complete Streets Discussion with PB.** Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB), who is addressing transportation issues as part of Cedar Rapids' River Corridor Redevelopment Plan, will lead a brief discussion on Context Sensitive Design Solutions (CSDS) and Complete Streets.
4. **Outreach & Communications Plan Discussion (presentation).** Presentation on Outreach and Communications Plan (OCP) followed by brief discussion. Copies of the document will be given to each policy board member to review and provide comments to staff prior to the next Corridor MPO meeting.
5. **Corridor MPO Organizational Development Workshop.** Staff will provide the policy board with a range of options for a fall organizational development workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to define the mission and goals of Corridor MPO. This is the first step in development of the next long-range plan, which is due in July of 2010. Additional information on the development of the long-range plan will be presented at the October 23rd Corridor MPO meeting.

Informational Items

6. **Palo Amendment to Cedar Rapids Metro-Area Hazard Mitigation Plan.** The Linn County Emergency Management Agency has offered to prepare Palo's hazard mitigation plan at no cost to the City of Palo and they have agreed. As such, the Cedar Rapids Metro-Area Hazard Mitigation Plan will no longer need to be amended.
7. **CSDS Policy Group Update.** The CSDS Policy Group met last week to discuss the draft CSS Policy for the MPO. Staff presented the current STP and TE project development processes. Following the presentation, the Policy Group discussed the process and compared it to the Anchorage, AK MPO's Context Sensitive Solutions policy (available on-line at www.corridormpo.org). The Policy Group will begin drafting an editorial piece and the draft policy at its Oct. 1st meeting. Staff will be conducting at least two focus groups regarding quality of life issues in the Metro-area, with particular focus on the transportation system and planning process.

Old/New Business

Next Meetings

- October 23rd, 2008 (NOT THIRD THURSDAY)
- November 20th, 2008

Agenda Item Requests