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**More than \$3 Million for road construction and improvement projects
in the metro area approved**

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA – June 11, 2009 – Each year, the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) funds approximately \$3 million worth of metro-area transportation projects. This year area member communities submitted 10 transportation project applications requesting more than \$22 million. Projects submitted include intersection improvements, roadway extensions, and a hybrid bus. On June 11th, 2009, the Corridor MPO selected the following projects for funding in 2013:

1. \$30,000 towards the purchase of a hybrid bus for CR Transit
2. \$689,600 for the 42nd Street NE at I-380 Improvements project
3. \$1,787,117 for the County Home Road Improvements project
4. \$528,629 for the Edgewood Rd. NW Improvements – from Crestwood Drive to O Avenue project

The Corridor MPO invites all metro area residents to review this funding decision, as well as the project applications, and provide feedback to online at www.corridormpo.com. How might these projects affect you? What benefits might the metro-area receive from these projects?

The Corridor MPO will host an open house to formally present the Corridor MPO Board's funding decision on June 26, 2009 at the Hiawatha Community Center from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Corridor MPO staff will provide a brief presentation at 5:45 pm. The remainder of the meeting will be an open house format with project information and comments sheets. The project information will provide information related to the purpose & need, project description, cost, and applicant contact information.