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## Last Chance to Weigh In on Transportation Priorities

### *Draft Transportation Plan Hits the Streets*

THE DRAFT Connections 2040 PLAN, the Regional Transportation Plan for the Cedar Rapids region, hits the streets this month. How will the plan address your transportation priorities? You're invited to learn and comment on the plan at three open houses on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> as follows:

- Two Mid-Day Open Houses on May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 1:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 350 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE in Cedar Rapids. Presentations on the Draft Plan will be conducted at 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on both days.
- One Evening Open House on May 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Hiawatha Community Center, 101 Emmons Street in Hiawatha. Presentations on the Draft Plan will be conducted at 4:45 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Who should participate? Anyone who travels within the metropolitan area by car, transit, bike or on foot. Whether you're concerned about future job opportunities, a senior wondering how easy it will be to get around in the future, or a young parent concerned about safe routes to schools, this draft plan can and will affect you. Why? Connections 2040 charts priorities for transportation improvements now and in the future. It will have a long-lasting impact on the vitality and character of the region, including Cedar Rapids, Ely, Hiawatha, Fairfax, Marion, Robins, and portions of Linn County. It's all about priorities! We simply don't have the resources to make all the improvements we need or want. We've sharpened our pencils and now we need to hear from the community about which priorities will head us in the right direction."

Comments from the open houses will be studied in refining Connections 2040 before review and approval by the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board in June 2010.

For more information, please call Adam Lindenlaub at the Corridor MPO at 319-286-5064 or visit the plan website at [www.Connections2040.com](http://www.Connections2040.com).

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The Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization, [www.corridormpo.com](http://www.corridormpo.com), is a partnership of metro area governments that enables funding for growing and improved regional transportation needs. It promotes community input and sustainability when planning for future needs. In a collaborative effort with residents and businesses, it works to fund smarter transportation and trails that lead to a better community.