



Public Meeting

THE CITY OF DES MOINES
will hold a
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
to discuss

The Indianola Avenue Corridor Study for the proposed widening of Indianola Avenue between SE 14th Street (U.S. 69) and E. Army Post Road, including construction through Ewing Park,

on
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
at
**ANDREW JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM,
3825 INDIANOLA AVENUE**

The meeting will be conducted utilizing an open forum format. Representatives from Snyder & Associates, Inc., along with City of Des Moines personnel, will be present to provide information and answer questions.

For additional Information, contact Mr. Richard Voelker, Snyder & Associates, Inc., 2727 SW Snyder Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa 50023, (515-964-2020); or Mr. Michael Ring, City of Des Moines, Traffic and Transportation Division, 602 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, (515-283-4070).

All persons interested in the project are invited to attend this meeting. The meeting room is accessible for persons with disabilities. However, If you require special accommodations at the meeting, please notify Mr. Michael Ring, Des Moines Traffic and Transportation Division, 515-283-4070, by February 16, 2007 so the necessary arrangements can be made.

East Indianola Avenue Improvements

Southeast Fourteenth (U.S. 69) to Army Post Road

Project Description:

The southeast quadrant of Des Moines has experienced significant growth in recent years with an average of over 100 residential permits per year between 1996 and 2000. The Easter Lake New Town Area, located generally south of Easter Lake Road and east of East Indianola Avenue, is the primary location of this growth and represents nearly 60% of the building permits that were issued for the southeast area during that same period of time. Approximately 1,600 single family and 1,400 multi-family units and townhouses are currently planned (platted) in the southeast quadrant of the City. It is expected that traffic volumes on Indianola may double over the next 20-year period.



East Indianola Avenue is vital to the transportation service to the southeast area. It provides a primary link in the transportation network that connects the southeast area to the downtown employment center, to neighborhood and regional commercial/retail along Army Post Road and SE 14th Street, and to the Iowa 5/65 Bypass.

East Indianola Avenue between SE 14th Street and Army Post Road is currently a 2-lane facility constructed to rural standards, with no curbing, and has overland drainage. As a result of increased traffic loads, the existing pavement condition has deteriorated over recent years, resulting in increased maintenance costs. The roadway currently carries approximately 8,900 vehicles per day.



The City Council has approved a corridor study to evaluate potential improvements to East Indianola between SE 14th Street and Army Post Road to accommodate future growth.

The proposed project schedule includes:

Fall 2005 – Summer 2006 – Corridor Study / Public Involvement / Environmental Documentation

2006 – Design

2007 – Design / Right-of-Way

2008 – Phase 1 Construction

Following phases of construction in future years.

While the purpose of the corridor study is to determine road improvements, it is anticipated that the proposed East Indianola Avenue Project, approximately 2.2 miles in length, would provide for reconstruction of the street to a 4-lane roadway between SE 14th Street and Army Post Road. The section north of Ewing Park would be either a 5-lane roadway, or a 4-lane roadway with left-turn lanes at major intersections. The section south of Ewing Park would be a 4-lane divided boulevard-type roadway. A separate multi-purpose trail may be included along the west side of the new roadway. State and Federal funding will be used for part of this project. The final lane configuration will be determined as part of the corridor study.

If you have questions or comments on this project, please email them to IndianolaProject@dmgov.org

