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MDOT to host public hearings on I-94 Modernization Project in Detroit

WHAT:

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will hold two public hearings regarding a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) and section 4(f) Evaluation for proposed improvements on I-94. The hearings will allow interested parties the opportunity to view displays, speak with project team members, and make formal documented comments. The project, located in the city of Detroit, extends from east of the I-94/I-96 interchange to east of Conner Avenue, along M-10 from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Seward Avenue, and along I-75 from Warren Avenue to Custer Street.

WHO:

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) officials Interested residents and business owners

WHEN:

9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019

WHERE:

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(Formal public hearing begins at 11:30 a.m. with an open microphone session following.) **Detroit Historical Museum** 5401Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48202

4 - 8 p.m.

(Formal public hearing begins at 6:30 p.m. with an open microphone session following.) Wayne County Community College District - Eastern Campus, Cooper Community Room 5901 Conner Ave.

Detroit, MI 48213

Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and limited English-speaking ability. Spanish and Arabic interpreters, readers and signing will be available at the public hearing. Large print materials and auxiliary aids are available upon request. Please call

517-335-4381 to request at least seven days before meeting date.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the project is to improve safety, capacity, local connectivity and condition of the I-94 roadway, service drives, bridges, and interchanges between I-96 and Conner Avenue. This project is needed to address structural and operational deficiencies on I-94 in Detroit.

- Pending approval of the final SEIS and Record of Decision, major roadwork is expected to start in 2023.
- Additional project information is available on the project website at https://I94Detroit.org/.

<u>The DSEIS</u> describes and analyzes construction alternatives and the measures taken to minimize harm to social, economic and environmental resources in the project area.

As of Aug. 30, 2019, copies of the DSEIS are available at the following community locations for public review:

Chandler Park Public Library 12800 Harper Ave. Detroit, MI 48213

Divie B. Duffield Public Library 2507 West Grand Blvd. Detroit, MI 48208

Douglass Detroit Public Library 3666 Grand River Ave. Detroit, MI 48208

The Matrix Center 13560 E. McNichols Road Detroit, MI 48205

Alkebu-lan Village Community Center 7701 Harper Ave. Detroit, MI 48213

Wayne County Community College District - Eastern Campus 5901 Conner Ave.
Detroit, MI 48213

I-94 Project Office 3031 W. Grand Blvd. Suite 236 Detroit, MI 48202

MDOT Detroit Transportation Service Center 1060 W. Fort St. Detroit, MI 48226

MDOT Lansing Office 425 West Ottawa St. Lansing, MI 48909 The document can be viewed online at the following Detroit Public Library locations:

Detroit Public Library, Main Branch 5201 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48202

Monteith Public Library 14100 Kercheval St. Detroit, MI 48215

Franklin Public Library 13651 E. McNichols Road Detroit, MI 48205

MDOT will be taking public comments during the 45-day comment period on the DSEIS starting Saturday, Sept. 14, and ending Monday, Oct. 28, 2019. Written comments may be submitted via:

- Public comment form:

Provided at the public hearings on Thursday, Oct. 10.

- US Mail (postmarked no later than Oct. 28, 2019): Terry Stepanski, P.E. Senior Project Manager Michigan Department of Transportation P.O. Box 30050 Mail Code B220 Lansing, MI 48909

- E-mail (must be received by Oct. 28, 2019): MDOT-I94Comments@Michigan.gov

For information, please call the I-94 Modernization Project Office at 313-230-1014 during normal business hours.

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