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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Iowa Highway 32 (Southwest Arterial) Public Informational Meeting on Tuesday, March 11**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – A public informational meeting on the Iowa Highway 32 (Southwest Arterial) will be held on **Tuesday, March 11, from 5 – 7 p.m.** at the Dubuque County Fire Fighters Association Emergency Responder Training Center at 14928 Public Safety Way off of Seippel Road in Dubuque.

All interested parties are invited to attend to learn more about the project. A short presentation on the progress of the project and future plans will begin at 5:30 p.m. Visual concepts will be displayed and handouts will also be available. The project's technical committee members will be available to answer questions.

The City of Dubuque, in partnership with Dubuque County, the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS), and the Iowa Department of Transportation continue to move forward with the development of the Iowa Highway 32 (Southwest Arterial). This project will be a 6.1-mile, four-lane, divided, hard-surface freeway facility between Highway 61/151 and Highway 20. It will provide an alternate, direct and efficient route for traffic through southwestern Dubuque, thereby reducing traffic congestions and improving safety on the local street system. Specifically, driving conditions on Central Avenue through the downtown, Kelly Lane through a residential neighborhood, and Highways 61/151 and 20 will improve.

The Iowa Highway 32 (Southwest Arterial) preliminary engineering design phase is complete and property acquisition limits have been identified. The City now has the information necessary to start the property acquisition process, which is expected to take approximately two years. The City intends to hire a consultant to begin the final engineering design phase this year, which is also expected to take two years. The environmental and cultural mitigation phase is also expected to commence this year.

Cost scenarios and construction alternatives for completing components of the projects with the federal, state and local funding currently available are being prepared. An alternate Phase I could include all grading work for the four-lane highway and interchanges. If additional funding becomes available, Phase II would provide for the construction of an interim two-lane highway between Highway 61/151 and Highway 20, with partial interchanges at both highway intersections and a temporary intersection at North Cascade Road. This interim option would function until future additional funding is available to complete Phase III, which would build the remaining two lanes and construct full interchanges and fully complete the freeway.

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