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Public Meeting on March 28 for U.S. 52/61/151 Project

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- The Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) will hold a public information meeting on its U.S. 52/61/151 project on **Thurs., March 28**. The meeting will be held from 4 – 6 p.m. in the Table Mound Elementary School gymnasium at 100 Tower Drive in Dubuque. The public is invited to stop by this open house to ask questions and learn more about the project from Iowa DOT staff.

The project construction corridor includes the area extending from the U.S. 52 intersection with U.S. 61/151 in the Key West area to the Grandview Avenue overpass located near Murphy Park. The project includes reconstruction of U.S. 52/61/151 from the Grandview interchange to the U.S. 52 intersection, the replacement of both existing bridges spanning Catfish Creek, installation of a median barrier, and improvements at the U.S. 52 intersection with U.S. 61/151.

The project will be conducted in phases with the first phase scheduled to begin on April 1, 2013. Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes when possible. In the first phase, improvements will first be made to the 52/61/151 intersection. Next, the southbound lanes will be closed first (*around May 1, 2013*) and traffic will be limited to one lane in each direction (head-to-head) on the opposite side. During this phase, the on-ramp from Grandview Avenue for southbound traffic will be closed. However, all ramps will be open and the highway will be open to four lanes (two lanes in each direction) during winter months between Phase I and Phase II.

Phase II is scheduled for the 2014 construction season. The northbound lanes will be closed while head-to-head traffic is moved to the southbound lanes that were constructed the previous year. During this phase the off-ramp for northbound traffic exiting to Grandview will

be closed. The Iowa DOT hopes to complete pavement construction in 2014, but some items (lighting, erosion control, etc.) may carry over into the following year.

For information on this and other Iowa DOT projects, visit the Iowa 511 website at www.511ia.org. The Iowa DOT will be creating a public information web page specific to this project at www.iowadot.gov/ole/otherprojectinfo.html.

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