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Public Information Meeting on Statewide Urban Design and Specifications on Feb. 5

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque Engineering Department will host a free informational meeting focused on Iowa Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) from 10 a.m.-noon on Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the Aigler Auditorium at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library, 360 W. 11th St. Local contractors, consultants, and developers are encouraged to attend.

City staff will provide information on the upcoming changes to the City's engineering standards with the adoption and implementation of the SUDAS program, which will fully replace the existing 1995 edition of City of Dubuque Standards. The City will also adopt the development of a supplemental specification that will allow for flexibility in topography and construction preferences specific to Dubuque.

The Statewide Urban Design and Specifications Program has been a work in progress since 1995, when Governor Terry Branstad assembled a task force to investigate ways to use Iowa's Road Use Tax Fund more efficiently. The task force recommended agencies adopt common standards for construction specifications, with the Central Iowa Committee publishing their design standards and specification to a growing amount of Iowa cities. In 2005, the Central Iowa Committee officially transferred ownership of its manuals to the Iowa SUDAS Corporation, making them the statewide standards for urban public works improvements.

Under the SUDAS program, Dubuque will benefit from uniformity of specifications, up-to-date methods, and reduced costs through uniformity, understanding, and acceptance. SUDAS standards will be applicable to most projects released from City departments, with the exception of the Water Department, which has its own standards.

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