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NEWS RELEASE

The Mid-Minnesota Development Commission (MMDC) will hold its annual public informational meeting for the Area Transportation Partnership's 2011-2014 Area Transportation Improvement Program (ATIP) on Thursday, March 11, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be located at the Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building, 2200 23rd Street NE, Willmar. The meeting will be held in the building's lower level multi-purpose room.

The Southwest Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership makes decisions on how Federal dollars will be spent within a 12-county area of southwest Minnesota, which includes all four counties of Region Six-East (Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, and Renville). The ATIP lays out the four-year plan for Federally-funded transportation improvements. This plan is then sent on to the State to be included within the State Transportation Improvement Program. As this is an annual process, the main focus of decision making every year is on the fourth year of the program. Thus, this year the principal decision will be made on 2014 submitted projects. Eligible projects include road and bridge, safety, transit capital, railroad safety and enhancements for projects submitted by Mn/DOT, counties, and cities.

Approximately \$23 million will be programmed each year within this ATP district. This meeting gives all the opportunity to make comments on what projects are planned and what projects need to be placed on the Improvement Program now or in the future. The meeting will be part of the Mid-Minnesota Development Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

In case of bad weather please call the MMDC office at 320-235-8504, or check our website at www.mmrdc.org.

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