

NEWS RELEASE

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CIRTPA Public Information Meetings for roadway safety are under way

The Central Iowa Regional Transportation Alliance (CIRTPA) will hold a series of public information meetings across Central Iowa regarding the regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The Plan is being developed as part of the Safe Streets for All program, which aims to prevent deaths and serious injuries for all users on the nation's roadways. Meetings began this week and will continue through July 23rd. The meetings will be held in an open house format with no formal presentation.

• Tuesday July 9, 12 – 2pm: Winterset

Winterset Public Library – Main Meeting Room, 123 N. Second Street

Tuesday July 9, 4 – 6pm: Indianola

Wellness Center, 306 E. Scenic Valley Avenue

• Wednesday, July 10, 12-2pm: Prairie City

Prairie City Community Park Building, 503 S. State Street

Wednesday, July 10, 4-6pm: Newton

Newton City Council Chambers

• Thursday, July 11, 11:30am-1:30pm: Knoxville

Knoxville Public Library (Weiler Room), 213 E Montgomery Street

• Thursday, July 11, 3:30-5:30pm: Pella

Pella Public Library, 603 Main Street

• Tuesday, July 16, 12-2pm: Huxley

Nord Kalsem Community Center, 204 W. 5th Street

• Tuesday, July 16, 4-6pm: Nevada

Nevada City Hall, 1209 6th Street

• Wednesday, July 17, 12-2pm: Story City

Story City Bertha Bartlett Public Library, 503 Broad St.

• Wednesday, July 17, 4-6pm: Boone

City Hall Auditorium (2nd Floor), 923 8th Street

• Thursday, July 18, 12-2pm: Adel

Adel Public Library, 303 10th Street

• Thursday, July 18, 4-7pm: Perry

Perry Farmer's Market – Josh Davis Plaza, 1115 2nd Street

• Tuesday, July 23, 12-2pm: Earlham

Council Chambers, 140 S. Chestnut Avenue

The goal of the regional Safety Action Plan is to enhance safety on local streets. The Plan will identify solutions and strategies for all people using city streets, including drivers, passengers, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and people with disabilities. Some of the strategies to be considered include bicycle lanes, roundabouts, and pedestrian hybrid beacons. The Plan is being developed for the incorporated cities within Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Story and Warren Counties. The unincorporated portions of the counties are part of a separate project. The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Ames Area MPO regions are not included in the study area (see map below).

The project is funded by a competitive Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant provided through the US-Department of Transportation. Potential projects included in the plan may be eligible for implementation funding through the SS4A program.

The public is invited to respond to a public survey that can be accessed online at https://cirtpa.org/cirtpa-ss4a-safety-action-plan/ or using the QR code at the bottom of this release. The survey solicits the experiences, concerns and ideas from the public that will be used to develop an actionable plan to improve safety. The public may respond to a series of questions or place comments on an interactive map. Meeting materials will also be placed on the website for those unable to attend. Feedback on the project can be submitted now through August 31.



Study Area

The CIRTPA Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Region includes all of the incorporated cities within the eight counties shown below (only larger cities are shown, but smaller cities are also included). Unincorporated portions of the counties are part of a separate study. The Des Moines area MPO and the Ames Area MPO regions (grayed out below) are not included in this study.

