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Scope of Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) study to be discussed Aug. 31 in Detroit

What: A meeting is being held to initiate the scoping process for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) study. The meeting will provide an opportunity for the DRIC Local Advisory Council, comprised of representatives of community groups and local elected officials, and federal, state and local agencies, to review and comment on the scoping document that is being prepared to help guide the study process. The public is welcome to observe the session and hear issues raised by participants. Comments received throughout the scoping process will lead to a thorough environmental analysis, including all reasonable alternatives and mitigation measures.

Who: MDOT study officials DRIC Local Advisory Council members Federal, state and local agency representatives Elected officials

When: Wednesday, Aug. 31 - -4 to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Cobo Hall and Conference Center (Ambassador Room) One Washington Boulevard, Detroit

Background: The DRIC is a binational effort to identify solutions that support the regional, state, provincial and national economies while addressing civil and national defense, and homeland security needs of the busiest trade corridor between Canada and the United States. The Border Transportation Partnership, which provides high-level sponsorship for this study, includes the Federal Highway Administration, MDOT, Transport Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation.

The scoping process is ongoing and continuous throughout the study phase of the project.

Copies of the scoping document are available at more than 80 public libraries in southeast Michigan. For additional information or to view the scoping document and work plan, visit the project Web site at: www.partnershipborderstudy.com Special accommodations: 517-780-7540

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