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MDOT to host four public meetings in June on Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) study

WHAT: Public comment is needed on proposed locations for a new bridge or tunnel to cross the Detroit River, roads that would connect to the proposed border crossing facility, and related issues. The meetings will provide an opportunity for the public to get information about and provide comments on the preliminary roadways alignments for access to a possible new border crossing. Arabic and Spanish translators will be present. To request special accommodations, call 1-800-900-2649.

WHO: Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) staff, Border Transportation Partnership representatives, and members of the public

**WHEN/
WHERE:**

5 to 8:30 p.m., with a formal presentation at 6:30 p.m. each evening:

Monday, June 27, at Martin Luther King Jr. High School, 3200 E. Lafayette, Detroit

Tuesday, June 28, at Southwestern High School, 6921 Fort St., Detroit

Wednesday, June 29, at River Rouge High School, 1460 Coolidge Highway, River Rouge

Thursday, June 30, at Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate

BACKGROUND: MDOT is conducting a study in cooperation with the Border Transportation Partnership, a coalition of U.S. and Canadian governmental agencies. The partnership is working to provide for the safe, efficient and secure movement of people and goods across the border to support the U.S. and Canadian economies. The study will address such issues as jobs, economic impacts, air quality, traffic, and neighborhood concerns. MDOT is holding public meetings to keep citizens informed and to seek their input on the study. Photographs, maps and other reference materials will be available for review. Comments also can be submitted through the project Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdotstudies, using the online

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comment form, or they can be mailed to: Robert H. Parsons, Public Hearings Officer, Bureau of Transportation Planning, Michigan Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909; faxed to 517-373-9255; or e-mailed to:parsonsb@michigan.gov).

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