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MDOT and Federal Highway Administration extend public comment period for DRIC study

May 1, 2008 -- The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have extended the public comment period by 30 days for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) Study. The comment period will now end on Thursday, May 29, 2008. The extension will give agencies, the public, and community groups more time to submit comments on the DEIS.

"We believe an additional 30 days of review will be beneficial to assure everyone has a chance to provide input," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Both MDOT and the FHWA appreciate the importance of this international border crossing to the economies of the United States and Canada."

Comments on the DEIS must be e-mailed, faxed, or postmarked on or before May 29. MDOT and FHWA staff will respond to comments in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. Copies of the DEIS and supporting materials, including a Spanish version of the Executive Summary, are available for review at the following locations:

MDOT Bureau of Transportation Planning, 425 W. Ottawa St., Lansing
MDOT Metro Region Office, 18101 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield
MDOT Detroit Transportation Service Center, 1400 Howard St., Detroit
MDOT Taylor Transportation Service Center, 25185 Goddard, Taylor
Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn
Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Bowen Branch of the Detroit Public Library, 3648 W. Vernor Highway,
Detroit

Library at Southwestern High School, 6921 W. Fort St., Detroit
Delray Recreation Center, 420 Leigh St., Detroit
Allen Park Library, 8100 Allen Road, Allen Park
Ecorse Library, 4184 W. Jefferson Ave., Ecorse
Melvindale Library, 18650 Allen Road, Melvindale

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River Rouge Library, 221 Burke St., River Rouge
Kemeny Recreation Center, 2260 S. Fort St., Detroit
Campbell Branch Library, 8733 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit
Neighborhood City Hall Central District, 2 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Neighborhood City Hall Northwestern District, 19180 Grand River Ave., Detroit
Neighborhood City Hall Northeastern District, 2328 E. Seven Mile Road, Detroit
Neighborhood City Hall Western District, 18100 Meyers Road, Detroit
Neighborhood City Hall Eastern District, 7737 Kercheval St., Detroit
Neighborhood City Hall Southwestern District, 7744 W. Vernor St., Detroit

A copy of the complete transcript, including all comments received, will be available for public review in June at these same locations. The DEIS, support materials, and Spanish version of the Executive Summary also can be viewed and commented on via the Internet at: http://www.partnershipborderstudy.com/reports_us.asp.

Every effort has been made to provide the DEIS and supporting materials in printed and electronic versions. For copies of the DEIS or to request alternative formats, such as large print or audio tape, please call 517-373-9534.

The DRIC Study is a bi-national effort to complete the environmental study processes for the United States, Michigan, Canada, and Ontario governments related to a new crossing. This study identifies solutions that support regional, state, provincial and national economies, while addressing the civil and national defense and homeland security needs of the busiest trade corridor in North America.

The DEIS examines the social, environmental and economic factors related to 10 alternatives (nine "build" alternatives and one "no-build" alternative) that would include a new border crossing (bridge) over the Detroit River, new customs and border protection facilities on both sides of the border, and direct connections to the freeway network in both the United States and Canada.

Comments regarding the DEIS may be e-mailed, faxed, or mailed to:

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