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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COMMISSION ANNOUNCES TOWN HALL FORUMS ON REGIONAL 2035 TRANSPORTATION PLAN OPTIONS.

If you had the opportunity to help local officials determine how to best invest over \$2.8 billion dollars on the region's transportation system between now and 2035, what goals and priorities should be established for use of those funds?

That's the essence of an important series of public town hall forums slated for Tuesday, June 9 for residents of Delta Township or Eaton and Clinton Counties and Thursday, June 11 for residents of Lansing, East Lansing and Ingham County as the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) continues to update the region's transportation plan to 2035.

When finalized, the Regional 2035 Transportation Plan must include all regionally significant transportation projects to be completed through 2035.

TCRPC Executive Director, Jon W. Coleman states:

"While 2.8 billion dollars sounds like a lot of money, the current Regional 2030 Transportation Plan shows it is well short of the investment needed for operations, maintenance and improvements over the next 30 years, so public input on priorities are extremely important to guide choices about these local investment decisions as we update that plan to 2035."

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Content of the forums will vary by place of residence and the schedule for the town hall forums is as follows:

- **Tuesday, June 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m.** (*for residents of Clinton and Eaton Counties and Delta Township*)
LCC West, 5708 Cornerstone Drive (Rooms M-119 to M-121),
Lansing, MI 48917

- **Thursday, June 11, 2009, 7:00 p.m.** (*for residents of Lansing, East Lansing and Ingham County*)
East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East
Lansing, MI 48823

Special public transit service has been arranged for the Tuesday, June 9 forum at LCC West. Residents of Eaton County needing public transportation can contact EATRAN at (517) 371-3312 or (517) 371-3313 in Grand Ledge or (517) 543-4089 in Charlotte by Monday, June 8 for reservations. Residents of Clinton County needing public transportation can contact Clinton Transit at (989) 224-8147 by Monday, June 8 for reservations.

Pre-registration is encouraged (but not required) to better assure that participants' votes and voices can be counted as part of this process.

To register for one of these town hall forums, contact the Commission at (517) 393-0342. Non-local callers may dial toll free at 1-800-619-6676.

Additional information and registration materials may also be found on the Commission's website at www.mitrpc.org.

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