



Meeting Scheduled to Discuss Proposed Improvements at I-35/80 and Highway 141

The Iowa Department of Transportation has scheduled a Public Information Meeting for Tuesday, May 5 from 5:00 – 6:30 PM at the Giovannetti Shelter in Walker Johnston Park at 8900 Douglas Avenue in Urbandale. At the meeting, Iowa Department of Transportation staff will be present to informally discuss the proposed improvements. The [Iowa D.O.T. website](#) provides more information on the proposed improvements, including alternatives and a Public Information Meeting document containing the purpose, need and potential timeline for portions of the proposed improvements.

Managers, HR Professionals Invited to Attend Tuesday Briefing on Funds for Workforce Training

The City, Chamber, and Des Moines Area Community College have partnered to provide a three-part series to connect local businesses with resources for workforce development. The first session is focused on DMACC Business Resources and two flexible Iowa workforce programs ([260E](#) and [260F](#)) that help fund training for new and existing employees. This 90-minute briefing is ideal for managers and HR professionals at companies that have or are considering training programs for current or future employees.

Attendees will be welcomed by the DMACC President and City Manager, receive information from DMACC professionals, and local companies will discuss their experience and success using the programs. **The first session is May 5 from 8:00 – 9:30AM and will be held at the Urbandale Public Library (3520 86th Street) in Meeting Room B.** [RSVP's are preferred](#), walk-ins are welcome. Please visit the [Economic Development Department website](#) for more information.

Mercer to Expand Urbandale Workforce by 300+ Jobs

[Mercer](#), a global consulting firm in talent, health, retirement and investments, announced on April 21 an expansion of their Urbandale operation by more than 300 new employees. Mercer and Marsh, both operating companies of Marsh & McLennan Companies, currently employ more than 1,000 people in Urbandale. The new positions include a variety of roles in sales, customer service and operations. Employees hired into positions that require active insurance licenses will receive paid training to help them earn

licensure. Reinforcing Urbandale as a great place to build a career, it is notable that Mercer was named to the Forbes 2015 America's Best Employers List. Please visit their website for [more information about job opportunities](#).

Approved, Issued, Opened in Urbandale

Urbandale provides many opportunities for commercial and residential investment. Below are some recent projects:

- Leased: Bentley's Bakery leased 1600 SF at 11101 Plum Drive, opening early May.
 - Leased: Hospice of the Midwest leased 3500 SF of office space at Offices at Northpark.
 - Leased: Lindsey Opp Yoga leased 1500 SF at 3975 100th Street.
 - Approved: site plan for parking lot to access the Jackaline and Paul Dunlap Arboretum. The Arboretum is part of a 12-acre gift to the City of Urbandale, donated by Paul and Jackaline Baldwin Dunlap. The parking lot will be located west of the termination point of Sherry Lane and is expected to be complete by Fall 2015.
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