



City of
URBANDALE
Department of Economic Development

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This Week: Learn More About Proposed Urbandale Interchanges at IDOT Meeting

The Iowa Department of Transportation will hold a [public information meeting](#) on Thursday, March 9, to discuss the proposed improvements at the Interstate 35/80 and Iowa Highway 141 interchange in Urbandale. There will be displays and Iowa DOT staff will be present to discuss the proposed improvements.

The meeting is from 5:00 – 6:30 P.M. at the Giovannetti Community Shelter at Walker Johnston Park (8900 Douglas Avenue). If you're unable to attend the public meeting and would like to submit a comment, please do so [at this link](#) by March 20.

City Council Awards Contract for 100th Street Interchange Ramp Grading Work

The Urbandale City Council awarded a contract to McAninch Corporation to grade the interchange ramps at 100th Street and I-35/80. This work, set to begin immediately, will set the stage for paving of the interchange ramps in 2018. The full interchange will be open by the end of 2018.

Grading of the ramps will cause partial lane closures on 100th Street between Plum Drive and Northpark Drive. For the duration of the project, one lane will operate north and southbound on 100th Street. The project will be complete by December 2017. Check out the [City's website for regular updates](#) and please be in touch with any questions.

Energy Control Technologies Investing in Space; Growing Employment

Urbandale-based [Energy Control Technologies](#) (ECT) engineers high value control solutions for compressors, steam and gas turbines and centrifuges. The Urbandale-based company was founded in 2008 and plans to lease a building to accommodate increases in shipment size and expanded testing. The company also plans to create 10 new jobs. The City and Greater Des Moines Partnership worked with ECT on a financial assistance application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority. The application was approved and ECT was awarded direct financial assistance through the High Quality Jobs program.

Save the Date! Workforce Development Session 2: Corporate Citizenship

Mark your calendar for April 27 at 8 A.M. for session 2 in the 2017 Workforce Development Series focused on Excellence, Ethics & Corporate Citizenship. Strategic corporate responsibility is used by employers to increase employee engagement, retention and enhance leadership skills while improving the community in which the business operates. In Session 2, Lisa Cushatt will teach business leaders about determining their company's focus and developing a plan to impact their organization and community. The event is Thursday, April 27 from 8 – 9:30 A.M. at Urbandale City Hall. [RSVP](#) today or find [more info at this link](#).

MPO Purchases Freight Container Data; Pilot Website to Launch Soon

The [Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization](#) purchased freight container data from the company Datamyne for a pilot website called Container Locator. Starting later this month, companies shipping goods will be able to use this website to find freight containers entering the state – which imports more than it exports – that would likely leave empty. By connecting companies with otherwise empty freight containers, the website stands to lower shipping costs for companies, generate more revenue for shippers, and lower costs for consumers.

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