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NOTICE OF MEETING

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 Executive Committee**

**11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 10, 2013
 Des Moines Area MPO - Mead Conference Room**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

The established protocol for minutes of this meeting will be to list all attendees, and with each item on which a vote is conducted in the ordinary course in order to take formal action, those voting nay or abstaining will be identified by name. Any member who is absent from the meeting for any period of time during which a vote of the body is taken, is expected to notify the recording secretary at the conclusion of the meeting so that the absence can be duly noted in the minutes. Roll Call votes will be taken as required by law or upon the request of any member that is approved by the chair, and the vote of each member for or against the proposition, or abstention, will be incorporated in the minutes or recorded on a separate sheet attached to the minutes.

1. **Call To Order**
2. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
3. **VOTE: Approval of Meeting Minutes**.....Page 3
 - Approve the March 13, 2013, meeting minutes.
4. **REPORT and VOTE: MPO Performance Measure Report**.....Page 8
 - Update on the draft *MPO Performance Measure Report* document; consider approval.
5. **REPORT and VOTE: Passenger Transportation Plan – Fiscal Year 2014 Update**.....Page 9
 - Report on the 2014 update to the *Passenger Transportation Plan*; consider approval.
6. **REPORT and VOTE: Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request**Page 10
 - Report on a request from the Iowa Department of Transportation to amend a project in the *Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program*; consider approval.
- REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: Iowa Department of Transportation Letter of Concurrence Request**
 - Report on a request from the Iowa Department of Transportation for a letter of concurrence regarding the G14 and I-35 interchange project; consider approval.
7. **REPORT: Fiscal Year 2012 Audit**.....Page 10
 - Report on the draft *Fiscal Year 2012 Audit*.
8. **REPORT: Polk County Conservation Board Request to Consolidate Transportation Alternative Program Funds**.....Page 14
 - Report on a request from the Polk County Conservation Board to consolidate Transportation Alternative Program funds awarded to Polk County and the City of Des Moines for the Easter Lake Trail.
9. **REPORT: Central Iowa Trail Signage Grant Participation**Page 18
 - Update on an effort by the Iowa Heartland Resource Conservation and Development Board to acquire grant funds to assist communities implement the Central Iowa Trail Signage.
10. **REPORT: The Tomorrow Plan Update**.....Page 19
 - Update on The Tomorrow Plan development.
11. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**

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12. **VOTE: Approval of the April 19, 2012, MPO Agenda**
13. **Next Meeting Date**
 - 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2013, Des Moines Area MPO Office.
14. **Adjournment**

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Agenda Addendum

ISSUE: Iowa Department of Transportation Letter of Concurrence Request

REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: Consider approval of the letter of concurrence regarding the G14 and I-35 interchange projects status in the MPO's *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*.

BACKGROUND:

On April 5, 2013, the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) staff contacted the MPO staff requesting that the MPO approve a letter of concurrence that acknowledges that the Iowa DOT's G14 and I-35 interchange project is consistent with the MPO's *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* (MTP).

In beginning phases of project development, the Iowa DOT recognized that the G14 and I-35 interchange project was not specifically identified in the MPO's MTP. Initial discussion with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) indicated that a formal amendment to the MTP would be required. The Iowa DOT requested that FHWA review the requirement for an amendment. After reviewing, the FHWA decided that a letter of concurrence stating that the interchange project was consistent with existing projects in the MTP from the MPO would suffice.

The MPO staff reviewed the MTP and determined the Iowa DOT's I-35 reconstruction project related closely to the G14 and I-35 interchange project. Upon further discussion, the Iowa DOT staff noted that work completed for the G14 and I-35 interchange project was necessary before the I-35 reconstruction project could begin.

Included, on the following page, is the MTP project listing identifying the I-35 reconstruction project.

After reviewing the MTP, the MPO staff prepared a draft letter stating the G14 and I-35 interchange project was consistent with the MTP.

A draft letter of concurrence for the G14 and I-35 Interchange project is included on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the MPO approve the G14 and I-35 Interchange letter of concurrence and forward the letter to the Iowa DOT.

STAFF CONTACTS:

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TABLE 6.5 Street and Highway Capital Improvements: 2026 to 2035 (continued)

ID	Sponsor	Street	From	To	Description	FFCS	Cost (\$000s)	Miles
283	Des Moines/ Iowa DOT	SE 14th Street	E 15th Extension	E Park Avenue	Widen 4 lanes to 6 lanes	Principal Arterial	1,400	0.7
284	Des Moines/ Iowa DOT	SE 14th Street	E Army Post Road	US 65	Widen 4 lanes to 6 lanes	Principal Arterial	3,600	1.8
285	Des Moines/ Iowa DOT	SE 14th Street	E Watrous Avenue	E Army Post Road	Widen 4 lanes to 6 lanes	Principal Arterial	3,010	1.5
286	Des Moines/ Norwalk	Fleur Drive	Blue Street	G-14	Add 4 lanes	Not Classified	10,600	1.3
287	Des Moines/ Pleasant Hill	Des Moines River Bridge	SE 45th Street	SE 43rd Street	Add 3 lanes	Not Classified	2,140	0.4
288	Des Moines/ Pleasant Hill	SE 43rd Street	Vandalia Road	Des Moines River	Widen 2 lanes to 3 lanes	Not Classified	2,160	1.3
289	Des Moines/ Pleasant Hill	SE 43rd Street	Vandalia Road	SE Connector	Add 3 lanes	Not Classified	1,370	0.3
290	Des Moines/ Pleasant Hill	SE 45th Street	E Army Post Road	Des Moines River	Widen 2 lanes to 3 lanes	Not Classified	2,580	1.5
291	Des Moines/ Pleasant Hill	Vandalia Road	SE 30th Street	US 65	Widen 2 lanes to 3 lanes	Minor Arterial	4,520	2.7
292	Grimes	142nd Street	Mereditth Drive	NW 54th Avenue	Pave 2 gravel to 2 lanes	Not Classified	5,000	1.0
293	Grimes	Beaverbrook Boulevard	NW 128th Street	NW 142nd Street	Add 2 lanes	Not Classified	6,000	1.1
294	Grimes	S 19th Street	NW 128th Street	NW 142nd Street	Pave 2 gravel to 3 lanes	Not Classified	6,000	1.0
295	Grimes	S James Street	S 19th Street	Grimes SCL	Widen 2 lanes to 4 lanes	Minor Arterial	6,000	1.5
296	Grimes/Iowa DOT	Iowa 141	I-35/80	Iowa 44	Widen 4 lanes to 6 lanes	Principal Arterial	6,150	3.1
297	Iowa DOT	I-35	Iowa 5	SUAB	Widen 4 lanes to 6 lanes	Interstate	9,400	4.7
298	Iowa DOT	I-35	NE 35th Street	NUAB	Widen 4 lanes to 6 lanes	Interstate	6,240	3.1
299	Iowa DOT	I-35	NE Mixmaster	NE 1st Street	Widen 6 lanes to 8 lanes	Interstate	11,060	5.5
300	Iowa DOT	I-35/80/235	NE Mixmaster Interchange	-	Reconfigure Interchange	Interstate	100,000	4.0
301	Iowa DOT	I-35/80/235	West Mixmaster Interchange	-	Reconfigure Interchange	Interstate	100,000	4.0
302	Iowa DOT	I-80	NE Mixmaster	EUAB	Widen 6 lanes to 8 lanes	Interstate	24,020	12.0

April 18, 2013

Mr. Mike Clayton
District 1 Planner
Iowa Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Clayton:

SUBJECT: COUNTY ROAD G14 AND INTERSTATE 35 INTERCHANGE – EXIT 65

The MPO was recently informed that the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* (MTP) does not specifically address the Iowa Department of Transportation's (DOT) interchange project planned at County Road G14 and Interstate 35. The MPO staff reviewed the projects included in the MTP and notes that a project related to the rebuilding of Interstate 35, from Iowa Highway 5 to the southern edge of the Des Moines metropolitan area, was included in Chapter 6 on page 6-35 of the MTP.

Upon further review and discussion with Iowa DOT staff, the MPO concurs that the County Road G14 and Interstate 35 interchange project is consistent with the MTP and is considered a component of the project to rebuild Interstate 35.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Coleman
MPO Chair

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