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NOTICE OF MEETING

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

**11:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2012
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 January 11, 2012, meeting minutes.
4. **REPORT and VOTE: DART Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment Request** Page 7
 - Report on DART’s request to amend the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* to identify the University/Ingersoll Corridor Alternatives Analysis’ locally preferred alternative; consider approval.
5. **REPORT and VOTE: Recommended Priority Projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Appropriations** Page 9
 - Report on projects submitted for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 appropriations and the recommended priority projects for the 2012 Greater Des Moines Partnership trip to Washington, D.C; consider approval.
6. **REPORT and VOTE: Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Project Scores** Page 13
 - Report on the project scores for Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement funding; consider approval.
7. **REPORT: Fiscal Year 2013 Unified Planning Work Program** Page 16
 - Discussion of potential planning activities to include in the *Fiscal Year 2013 Unified Planning Work Program* and budget.
8. **REPORT: American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act**..... Page 20
 - Report on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee’s proposed five-year, \$260 billion transportation bill.
9. **REPORT: Road Use Tax Fund Efficiency Report** Page 22
 - Report on the Governor’s *Road Use Tax Fund Efficiency Report* and the report’s proposal to swap Surface Transportation Planning funds with the state’s Primary Highway System funds.

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10. **REPORT: Passenger Rail Update** Page 23
 - Report on efforts by MPO staff and the Transportation Management Association to engage the Omaha/Council Bluffs metropolitan area in the proposed Chicago-Omaha passenger rail initiative.
11. **REPORT: *The Tomorrow Plan* Update** Page 24
 - Update on activities related to *The Tomorrow Plan*.
12. **INFORMATIONAL: Subcommittee Meeting Summaries** Page 25
13. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
14. **VOTE: Approval of the February 16, 2012, MPO Agenda**
15. **Next Meeting Date**
 - Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 11:30 a.m., MPO Office – Mead Conference Room.
16. **Adjournment**

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Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Notes

VOTE: Consider approval of the January 11, 2012, MPO Executive Committee meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the January 11, 2012, MPO Executive Committee meeting are enclosed on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the January 11, 2012, MPO Executive Committee meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

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MEETING MINUTES

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Executive Committee
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 11, 2012
Des Moines Area MPO Meeting Room
Des Moines, Iowa**

The MPO Executive Committee held a meeting at 11:30 a.m., on January 11, 2012, in the MPO Meeting Room. Before the meeting, the MPO staff sent agenda packets to the MPO Executive Committee's representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office at 5:45 p.m., on January 6, 2012. **The fiscal year-to-date publication cost of meeting minutes for the MPO: \$715.47. In addition to these published tentative minutes, there also may be additional meeting notes on file with the MPO staff that are public records and available upon request as provided by law. These tentative minutes reflect all action taken at the meeting.**

Members Present:

Chris Coleman, City of Des Moines
Robert Mahaffey, City of Des Moines
Tom Armstrong, City of Grimes
Angela Connolly, Polk County
Tom Hockensmith, Polk County
Paula Dierenfeld, City of Johnston
Ted Ohmart, City of West Des Moines

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Mike Clayton, Iowa Department of
Transportation

Staff Present:

Todd Ashby, Executive Director
Stephanie Ripperger, Executive Administrator
Jonathan Wilson, MPO General Counsel
Dylan Mullenix, Principal Transportation
Planner
Nathan Goldberg, Senior Transportation Planner
Luke Parris, Associate Transportation Planner
Zach Young, Associate Transportation Planner

1. Call to Order

MPO Chair Chris Coleman called the January 11, 2012, meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the January 11, 2012, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the December 14, 2011, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. *Federal Fiscal Years 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Requests*

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Federal Fiscal Years 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Requests.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Surface Transportation Program Project Scores

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Surface Transportation Program Project Scores.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Surface Transportation Program Policy Review Update

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Surface Transportation Program Policy Review Update.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Consideration of a Letter to Governor Branstad Regarding Traffic Camera Revenue

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Consideration of a Letter to Governor Branstad Regarding Traffic Camera Revenue.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Consider a Resolution in Support of Renaming the US Highway 65/Iowa Highway 5 Bypass to an Interstate

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Consider a Resolution in Support of Renaming the US Highway 65/Iowa Highway 5 Bypass to an Interstate.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Upcoming Meeting Dates

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Upcoming Meeting Dates.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Fiscal Year 2013 Unified Planning Work Program

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 10.

11. Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 11.

12. The Tomorrow Plan Update

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 12.

13. Transportation Day 2012 Announcement

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 13.

14. 2011 Road Use Tax Fund Study

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 14.

15. Approval of the January 19, 2012, MPO Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the January 19, 2012, MPO Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee

17. Next Meeting Date

11:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2012, in the MPO Mead Conference Room.

18. Adjournment

Chair Coleman adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

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Item No. 4

ISSUE: DART *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* Amendment Request

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority's request to amend the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*.

BACKGROUND:

DART is in the process of finalizing the Alternatives Analysis (AA) study on the University Avenue/Ingersoll Avenue Loop for additional transit investment as part of the *DART Forward 2035 Plan*, including the identification of a Locally Preferred Alternative. DART has requested that the MPO amend the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* (HY 2035 MTP) to recognize this corridor and the Locally Preferred Alternative. Amending the MTP to include the corridor and Locally Preferred Alternative will help demonstrate to the Federal Transit Administration the MPO's support for the project.

Plan amendments require the MPO staff to provide a 45-day comment period and to hold a public input meeting on the amendment. The MPO staff held public meetings for this amendment in conjunction with public meetings that DART held on January 26, 2012. MPO staff will provide a summary of comments received regarding the amendment following the meeting and comment period.

Amended text for the HY 2035 MTP is included on the following page.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the MPO approve DART's request to amend the HY 2035 MTP to recognize the AA study's Locally Preferred Alternative of bus rapid transit.

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Rapid Transit

DART ~~currently is administering~~ has administered an Alternatives Analysis that complies with the FTA's requirement for New Starts funding. An Alternatives Analysis is the first step in the planning process needed to be able to use Federal funds for a transit project's construction.

The Alternatives Analysis examines a number of modal alternatives, including a no-build alternative, enhanced express bus service, and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in the University/Ingersoll Corridor, as illustrated in Figure 6.28. Based on the results of the study, BRT is the locally preferred alternative.

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Item No. 5

ISSUE: Priority Projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Appropriations

REPORT and VOTE: Review projects submitted for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 appropriations and the Greater Des Moines Partnership's 2012 trip to Washington, D.C.; consider approval of projects recommended as priorities.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO staff worked with MPO member governments and participating agencies to develop a list of priority transportation projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 appropriations to discuss with congressional members during the Greater Des Moines Partnership's 2012 trip to Washington, D.C.

Letters of intent for projects to be included in the listing were due on October 21, 2011.

Included, immediately following, is the listing of projects received.

The Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee met in January 2012 to recommend priority projects from the list for the MPO's consideration. The STP Funding Subcommittee recommended the following projects:

Roadway (in order of priority):

1. Southeast Connector – City of Des Moines;
2. Northwest 66th Avenue/Kempton Bridge – Polk County; and,
3. Interstate 80 Interchange at US 65 near Altoona – Iowa Department of Transportation.

Trails:

1. Polk County Trail Connections – Polk County; and,
2. Principal Riverwalk – City of Des Moines.

Transit:

1. University/Ingersoll Loop Bus Rapid Transit – Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the full project listing and the recommended priority projects for the Greater Des Moines Partnership 2012 Trip to Washington, D.C.

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**Table 1: MPO/Greater Des Moines Partnership Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Appropriations Requests
Surface Transportation Projects**

Map ID	Government/Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Total Project Cost	FFY 2013 Funding Requested
1	City of Des Moines	Southeast Connector	Four-lane complete street connecting Downtown Des Moines to US-65	\$ 65,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
9	Polk County	NW 66th Avenue Reconstruction and Kempton Bridge Replacement	Reconstruction of NW 66th Avenue and the Des Moines River Bridge from NW 26th Street to NW Beaver Drive	\$ 24,748,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
8	Iowa Department of Transportation	I-80 Interchange at US-65 and side roads in Altoona	Reconstruction of mainline pavement and ramps at I-80/US-65 interchange and side roads	\$ 27,700,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
2	City of Johnston	Northwest 70th Avenue Reconstruction	Reconstruction of NW 70th Avenue from NW 86th Street to NW 107th Street from a rural two-lane roadway to an urban four-lane divided roadway.	\$ 12,200,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
3	City of Waukee	Alice's Road/105th Street Interchange and Connecting Roads	Construction of an interchange on I-80 from the recently completed Alice's Road/105th Street overpass as well as paving six-lane connecting roads north to Ashworth Road in Waukee and south to Wendover Road in West Des Moines	\$ 16,600,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
4	City of Waukee	Alice's Road Extension - Ashworth Road to University Avenue	Construction of a six-lane arterial boulevard with additional left and right turn lanes, storm sewer improvements and water main construction	\$ 14,500,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
5	City of West Des Moines	Grand Avenue - Phase Five	Reconstruction and siding of Grand Avenue from South 50th Street to the Raccoon River Park entrance	\$ 10,500,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
Surface Total				\$ 171,248,000.00	\$ 14,000,000.00

* *Highlighted text represents selected priority projects in priority order.*

**Table 2: MPO/Greater Des Moines Partnership Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Appropriations Requests
Trail Projects**

Map ID	Government/Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Total Project Cost	FFY 2013 Funding Requested
10	Polk County	Polk County Trail Connections	<i>Construction of a 10' wide 2.4 mile trail project to extend the Gay Lea Wilson Trail between the City of Ankeny to the City of Des Moines</i>	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 1,120,000.00
15	City of Des Moines	Principal River Walk	Construct trails, walkways, promenades, and other recreational enhancements along the Des Moines River.	\$ 60,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
12	Polk County	Polk County Trail Connections	Construction of a 10' wide 8.3 mile trail to connect the City of Des Moines to the Chichaqua Valley Trail with a connection in the City of Bondurant.	\$ 3,560,750.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
13	Polk County	Polk County Trail Connections	Construction of a 10' wide 4.6 mile trail constructed around Easter Lake creating a connection between Easter Lake Park and Ewing Park.	\$ 3,149,100.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
14	City of Bondurant	Bondurant Regional Trail Head	Construction of a trailhead in downtown Bondurant to provides access to the Chichaqua Valley Trail, the Gay Lea Wilson Trail, and the Future Mud Creek Trail to Altoona.	\$ 910,000.00	\$ 910,000.00
16	City of Johnston	Northwest Beaver Drive Trail	Construction of a multiuse trail along NW Beaver Drive from NW 66th Avenue to Eagle Crest Drive.	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
17	City of Polk City	Polk City Trail Connector	Construction of a 3.4 mile trail to connect the Neal Smith Trail to the High Trestle Trail.	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
Trails Total				\$ 6,410,000.00	\$ 3,910,000.00

* Highlighted text represents selected priority projects.

**Table 3: MPO/Greater Des Moines Partnership Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Appropriations Requests
Transit Projects**

6	DART	University/Ingersoll Loop	Very Small Starts application for Bus Rapid Transit on the Ingersoll/University Loop Route	\$ 20,000,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00
7	DART	Advanced Card Readers	Advanced smart card reader and fare payment system to replace DART's current farebox system	\$ 2,400,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
<i>* Highlighted text represents selected priority projects.</i>					
Transit Total				\$ 22,400,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
Surface Total				\$ 171,248,000.00	\$ 14,000,000.00
Trails Total				\$ 6,410,000.00	\$ 3,910,000.00
Grand Total				\$ 200,058,000.00	\$ 19,910,000.00

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ISSUE: Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Surface Transportation Program Project Scores

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of project scores for Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement funding.

BACKGROUND:

The deadline for submission of Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement (STP TE) applications was November 18, 2011. The MPO staff received 13 STP TE applications. On January 11, 2012, the MPO staff held workshops for the Trails Planning Subcommittee to score the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities applications and for the MPO TTC Planning Subcommittee to score the Scenic and Environmental Resources applications. These workshops provided project sponsors with an opportunity to present information regarding project applications to the subcommittees. MPO staff summarized and averaged the scores submitted by subcommittee members. Those projects scoring 50 points or higher will be considered for STP TE funding.

Included, immediately following, is a map showing the location of each STP TE project and a copy of the FFY 2016 STP TE project scores.

The STP Funding Subcommittee will meet in late February to hear presentations from sponsors with projects that scored 50 points or higher. This provides project sponsors the opportunity to discuss their projects and to answer specific questions from the STP Funding Subcommittee. Following this workshop, the STP Funding Subcommittee will meet in March to develop a funding recommendation for consideration by the MPO Executive Committee and the MPO Policy Committee.

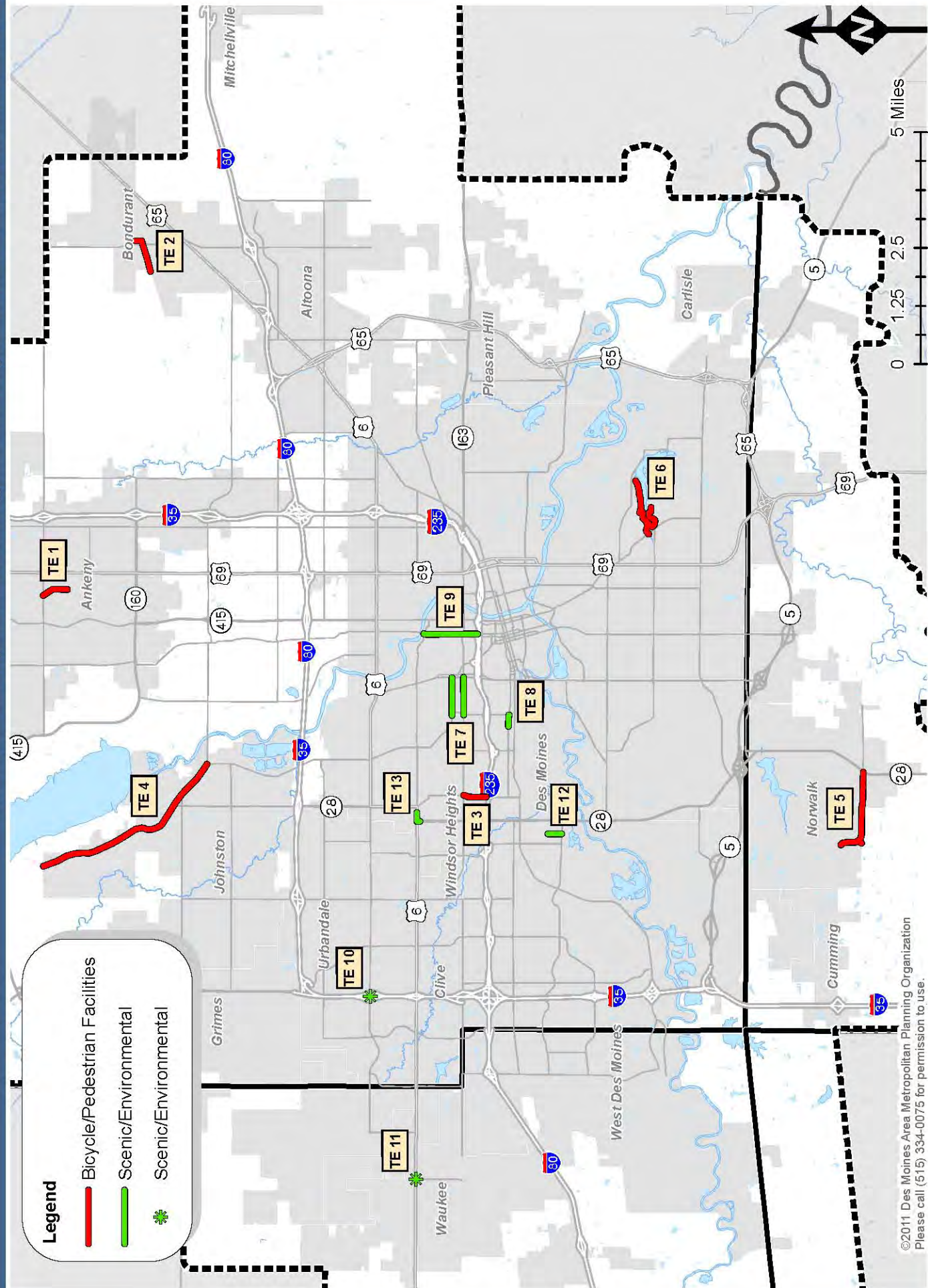
RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the MPO receive and file the FFY 2016 STP TE project scores, as presented.

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Map 3: Projects Applying for Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Funds



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Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities

Project ID	Sponsor	Project Name	Termini	STP TE Request	Total Cost	Score
TE 1	Ankeny	High Trestle Trail - Southwest Cherry Street Connection	West 1st Street southbound to the intersection of Southwest Cherry Street and Ordinance Road	\$ 150,000	\$ 300,000	72
TE 2	Bondurant	Chichaqua Valley Trail - Bondurant to Des Moines Connection	Chichaqua Valley Trail east of Bondurant to Gay Lea Wilson Trail	\$ 327,275	\$ 552,275	75
TE 3	Des Moines	Waveland Trail	Interstate 235 to University Avenue	\$ 250,000	\$ 400,000	64
TE 4	Johnston	Northwest Beaver Drive Trail	Northwest 66th Avenue to Eagle Crest Drive	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,781,464	63
TE 5	Norwalk	Norwalk Great Western Connection Trail - Phase 1	Adjacent to North Avenue from Sunset Avenue to intersection of North Avenue and 50th Avenue	\$ 450,000	\$ 1,292,688	60
TE 6	Polk County/Des Moines	Easter Lake Circumferential Trail	Connecting Ewing Park and Easter Lake Park and around Easter Lake	\$ 400,000	\$ 1,384,400	77
Total				\$ 2,577,275	\$ 6,710,827	

Scenic/Environmental

Project ID	Sponsor	Project Name	Termini	STP TE Request	Total Cost	Score
TE 7	Des Moines	Drake Area Streetscape	University Avenue and Forest Avenue between Martin Luther King, Junior Parkway and 31st Street	\$ 120,000	\$ 2,000,000	73
TE 8	Des Moines	Ingersoll Streetscape - Phase 2	Ingersoll Avenue from 31st Street to 35th Street, excluding the north side of the 3400 block	\$ 425,000	\$ 2,100,000	73
TE 9	Des Moines	6th Avenue Streetscape	Hickman Road to Interstate 235	\$ 250,000	\$ 3,700,000	77
TE 10	Urbandale	Douglas Avenue Beautification	Interchange with Interstate 35/80	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,240,000	70
TE 11	Waukee	Key Intersection Improvements	Intersection of Alice's Road and Hickman Road	\$ 165,000	\$ 550,000	63
TE 12	West Des Moines	Valley Junction Streetscape - Pedestrian/Roadway Lighting	100, 200, and 300 blocks of 5th Street	\$ 481,698	\$ 642,265	66
TE 13	Windsor Heights	Hickman Road (US HWY 6) Streetscaping Phase 1	South on 63rd Street from Hickman Road about 1 block (west side only) and three block west (south side only)	\$ 255,432	\$ 521,290	68
Total				\$ 1,897,130	\$ 10,753,555	

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Item No. 7

ISSUE: *Fiscal Year 2013 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget*

REPORT: Discussion of potential planning activities to include in the *Fiscal Year 2013 Unified Planning Work Program* and budget.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO staff is developing the *Fiscal Year 2013 Unified Planning Work Program* (FY 2013 UPWP) and budget, which will document all transportation planning activities the MPO will perform using federal funds from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) requires the UPWP to describe the MPO's proposed planning activities – including task objectives, previous work, project descriptions, and work products – as well as the budget and funding sources to carry out the planning activities. The Iowa DOT requires the MPO to submit a draft UPWP by April 1, 2012, and a final UPWP by June 1, 2012.

The MPO staff asks for input from member governments and participating agencies on planning tasks for Fiscal Year 2013 throughout the development of the UPWP. Staff has included, immediately following, a list of planning activities currently undertaken for reference. The MPO staff will provide additional information regarding the UPWP and budget at the February 8, 2012, Executive Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Fiscal Year 2012 Work Elements and Work Products

Work Element	Description (work product)	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
1.0	<i>Long-Range Transportation Planning</i>				
	Annual HY 2035 MTP update report;	X			
	Complete mode choice/split model;	X			
	Annual crash summary/profile;		X		
	Annual pavement summary/profile;		X		
	GIS database and spatial data inventories library;	X			
	Updated Sidewalks and Bicycle Facilities data;	X			
	Updated FFCS map;			X	
	Annual Census summary/profile;		X		
	Annual building permits and employment data summary/profile;		X		
2.0	<i>Transportation Systems Planning</i>				
	Updated bicycle and pedestrian facilities inventory map;	X			
	Updated sidewalks map;	X			
	Updated skywalks map;	X			
	Summary of intermodal freight survey results;		X		
	Updated Port Des Moines Website;	X	X	X	X
	Updated goods movement study report;				X
	Updated freight impedances map;				X
	Inventory of commercial truck parking availability;		X		
	Quick Clearance Policy;				X
	Incident Management Plan;				X
	Updated diversion route maps;			X	
	Quarterly TMC data summary/profile;	X	X	X	X
	Updated congestion management process report;	X			
	2011 travel time report;		X		
	2011 vehicle occupancy count report;		X		
	2011 TMA data report;		X		
	2011 DART ridership report;		X		
	TMA mode choice survey report;	X			
	Updated air quality analysis report;				X
	EJ equity analysis report;				X
	Annual Title VI documentation report;			X	
3.0	<i>Public Involvement</i>				
	Annual public participation process summary/profile;			X	
	Annual self-certification summary/profile;			X	
	Updated MPO contact database;		X		
	MPO newsletters;	X	X	X	X
	Fiscal year 2011 annual report;	X			
	MPO brochure/pamphlet;	X			
4.0	<i>Interagency Coordination</i>				
	June 2012 D.C. trip materials;			X	
	DART MOU;	X			
	Updated land use maps;			X	
	Land use scenario analysis report;			X	

5.0	Transportation Improvement Program				
	FFY 2016 STP applications;	X			
	Update STP project prioritization process;	X			
	Update STP funding guidelines;	X			
	FFY 2016 STP TE applications;	X			
	Update STP TE project prioritization process;	X			
	Update STP TE funding guidelines;	X			
	FFY 2012-2015 TIP;			X	
	Quarterly project status updates;	X	X	X	X
	Annual element report;			X	
	FFY 2012-2015 TCIP;	X			
	Quarterly project status updates;	X	X	X	X
	Application letters of support;		X		
6.0	Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance				
	FY 2013 UPWP and Budget;			X	
	Quarterly progress reports and reimbursement requests;	X	X	X	X
	FFY 2012-2015 TIP;	X			
	FFY 2013-2016 TIP draft;				X
	Quarterly STP Status Reports;	X	X	X	X
	Various chapters of the <i>Horizon Year 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan</i> ;	X	X	X	X
	Public input notices;	X	X	X	X
	Newsletters;	X	X	X	X
	<i>Fiscal Year 2013 Passenger Transportation Plan Update</i> (jointly with the MPO plan);			X	
	FY 2011 Audit;			X	
7.0	Unified Planning Work Program				
	FY 2012 UPWP;			X	
	Monthly progress reports;	X	X	X	X
	Monthly reimbursement requests;	X	X	X	X
8.0	Transit Planning				
	Fiscal Year 2013 Passenger Transportation Plan Update (jointly with the CIRTPA plan);			X	
	Ames to Des Moines corridor analysis;		X		
9.0	Committee Support				
	Monthly meeting agendas and supporting materials;	X	X	X	X
	Resolutions, letters, and other documents for Chair's signature;	X	X	X	X
	Attendance reports and corresponding letters;	X	X	X	X
	Monthly Financial Statement and Expense Report;	X	X	X	X
	Monthly Progress Reports;	X	X	X	X
10.0	Administration				
	Project status worksheets;	X	X	X	X
	Updated employee handbook;				X
	Reconciliation Reports for checking and IPAIT accounts;	X	X	X	X
	Cashflow and Budget reports;	X	X	X	X
	Project status reports;	X	X	X	X
	Purchase Orders, Invoices, A/R, A/P and other financial reports;	X	X	X	X
	Biweekly, quarterly and annual payroll and tax reports;	X	X	X	X
	Benefits administration and renewals;	X	X	X	X

Publication notices to Des Moines Register;	X	X	X	X
Lobbyist reports;	X	X	X	X
Property insurance renewal report;	X	X	X	X
Inventory maintenance reports;	X	X	X	X
IPERS reports and contributions;	X	X	X	X
Personnel reviews and maintenance of personnel files;	X	X	X	X
Mandatory E-Verify and Iowa Workforce Development reports;	X	X	X	X
Execution and monitoring of funding agreements;	X	X	X	X
Maintenance and monitoring of all contracts, leases, equipment and hardware/software licenses and warranties;	X	X	X	X
28E Agreement and Bylaws updates, as necessary;	X	X	X	X
FY 2011 audit;			X	

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Item No. 8

ISSUE: *American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act*

REPORT: Report on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's proposed five-year \$260 billion transportation bill.

BACKGROUND:

On January 31, 2012, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee introduced HR 7, the *American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act*. This five-year, \$260 billion bill would fund highway, transit, and safety programs. Additional highlights of the bill, courtesy of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), are provided on the following page:

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Introduces HR 7, the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act.

General

- The House bill is a five-year, \$260B bill that would fund highway, transit, and safety programs;
- Planning funds – 1.15 percent of funds apportioned for National Highway System and Surface Transportation Program (STP) programs;
- There are no earmarks in the bill; and,
- The bill would consolidate or eliminate over 70 programs.

Surface Transportation Program

- Eliminates the 10% set-aside for Transportation Enhancements;
- 50 percent of STP funds shall be obligated to urban areas over 200,000 and other areas of the state by population (*current law is 62.5 percent*);
- 50 percent of STP may be obligated in any area of the states. (*Current law is 37.5 percent*); and,
- Rural Planning Organizations shall be consulted before obligation in areas with population greater than 5,000 and less than 200,000.

Metropolitan Planning

- Creates a new chapter 52 in Title 49USC and consolidates all planning under Title 49. (*Metro planning is in both Title 23USC and Title 49USC currently.*);
- Raises the population threshold for newly designated MPOs to 100,000 from 50,000;
- Long range plans shall consider the role intercity buses play in reducing congestion, pollution, and energy consumption and strategies and investments that preserve and enhance such systems;
- Included, on page 380 of the bill, is a **new** provision that would permit the Governor of a state to modify a MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) when the MPO and the State fail to agree on programming a project of statewide significance on the Interstate. The Governor may modify the TIP to add the project without approval or endorsement of the MPO. The MPO would be required to amend the long-range plan to be consistent with the TIP. (*AMPO has met with Congressional staff and made clear its concern and will continue to work with the Committee and its Members.*); and,
- The bill provides a special rule for existing MPOs under the new population threshold (100,000). These MPOs *shall* continue to be designated as an MPO.

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program

- Funds may be obligated to projects that will result in the construction of new capacity for single occupant vehicles only if the project reduces congestion or improves air quality.

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ISSUE: *Road Use Tax Fund Efficiency Report*

REPORT: Report on the Governor's *Road Use Tax Fund Efficiency Report* and the report's proposal to swap Surface Transportation Program funds with the state's Primary Highway System funds for the purpose of reducing the need for projects to meet federal requirements.

BACKGROUND:

On January 24, 2012, Governor Branstad presented the *Road Use Tax Fund Efficiency Report* at Transportation Day 2012. The report outlines a number of measures to enable the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) to save \$50 million in efficiency savings from the \$1.2 billion of Road Use Tax Funds provided to the Iowa DOT, cities, and counties to administer, maintain, and improve the state's public roadway system.

One measure identified calls for the development of a process, in conjunction with the state's regional planning affiliations and metropolitan planning organizations, a process to exchange federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds with state Primary Highway System funds. The purpose of this exchange is to reduce the number of small projects that have to meet onerous federal requirements.

The Iowa DOT has noted many issues left to be addressed with this proposal, such as how to allocate funds, project eligibility, exchange rates, match requirements, and so forth, and anticipates discussions to begin within the next month.

Included, as a supplemental item to this agenda, is a copy of the *Road Use Tax Fund Efficiency Report*.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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ISSUE: Passenger Rail Update

REPORT: Report on efforts by MPO staff and the Transportation Management Association to engage the Omaha/Council Bluffs metropolitan area in the proposed Chicago-Omaha passenger rail initiative.

BACKGROUND:

On January 26, 2012, Todd Ashby and Glenn Lyons traveled to the Omaha/Council Bluffs metropolitan area to meet with local chambers of commerce regarding passenger rail efforts. The group also presented about passenger rail to the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency – the Omaha/Council Bluffs area’s MPO. Staff will provide more information about this trip at the February 8, 2012, Executive Committee meeting.

In addition, the Iowa Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC) will meet on February 9, 2012, in Ames. The MPO staff, Glenn Lyons, the Iowa DOT’s office of rail, and the Iowa DOT’s Chicago-Omaha planning study’s consultant, will be meeting on February 7, 2012, to discuss the Chicago-Omaha planning study.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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ISSUE: *The Tomorrow Plan* Update

REPORT: Update on activities related to *The Tomorrow Plan*.

BACKGROUND:

Outreach series #2 was held January 31, February 1, and February 2. The meetings were held around the Greater Des Moines region and focused on four goals:

- Explaining the baseline model (general concept and key outcomes of “business as usual”);
- Discussing a vision for a sustainable future;
- Gathering and recording ideas to inform the development of the possible future scenarios; and,
- Introducing the *Sustainability Scan*, including governance.

A summary of the outreach meetings and other upcoming activities will be provided at the February 8, 2012, meeting.

“BUSINESS AS USUAL??”

Please join us at an upcoming public meeting for **The Tomorrow Plan**. Each meeting will begin with a presentation about the baseline model—a “business as usual” projection of what Greater Des Moines might look like in 2050. The majority of each meeting will be spent discussing the “business as usual” scenario and your vision for a more sustainable future.

Jan 31	•	Feb 1	•	Feb 2
6 - 7:30pm		11:30 am - 1 pm		7:30 - 9 am
Eastside Senior Center 1231 E 26th St Des Moines		Des Moines Public Library Central Branch 1000 Grand Avenue Des Moines		Urbandale City Hall 3600 86th St Urbandale

To learn more about urban growth modeling before the public meetings, visit our website for the Growth Modeling 101 mini-tutorial webinar.

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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ISSUE: Subcommittee Meeting Summaries

INFORMATIONAL: Summary of subcommittee, working group, and roundtable meetings held since the last Executive Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Executive Committee has asked to be updated regularly on discussion and activities of the MPO's various subcommittees, working groups, and roundtables. A summary of meetings held since the last Executive Committee meeting are included as a supplemental item to this agenda packet.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Informational only.

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