

MEETING MINUTES

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Executive Committee

11:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 18, 2012
Des Moines Area MPO Meeting Room
Des Moines, Iowa

The MPO Executive Committee held a meeting at 11:30 a.m., on July 18, 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 4:10 p.m., on June 8, 2012. The fiscal year-to-date publication cost of meeting minutes for the MPO: \$0.0. 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
Tom Hockensmith, Polk County
Tom Armstrong, City of Grimes
Paula Dierenfeld, City of Johnston
Robert Mahaffey, City of Des Moines
Ted Ohmart, City of West Des Moines

Members Absent:

Angela Connolly, Polk County

Others Present:

Mike Clayton, Iowa Department of
Transportation*

Staff Present:

Stephanie Muller, Executive Administrator
Jonathan Wilson, MPO General Counsel
Dylan Mullenix, Principal Transportation
Planner
Luke Parris, Senior Transportation Planner
Zach Young, Associate Transportation Planner
Bethany Wilcoxon, Senior Transportation
Planner

* Non-voting Representative

1. Call to Order

MPO Chair Coleman called the July 18, 2012, meeting to order at 11:39 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the July 18, 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 June 7, 2012, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment*

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Iowa Department of Transportation's request to amend the *Horizon Year 2035 Transportation Plan* to add an auxiliary lane to Interstate 235 between 63rd and 73rd Streets.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. *Federal Fiscal Year 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program Final Draft*

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the final draft of the *Federal Fiscal Year 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program*.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(TOM ARMSTRONG ARRIVED AT 11:48 AM)

6. *Federal Fiscal Years 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modification Request*

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the City of Des Moines' request to increase FFY 2014 and FFY 2015 Surface Transportation Program funding for their Southeast Connector project and City of Ankeny's request to increase FFY 2012 Surface Transportation Program funding for their Northeast 36th Street project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Travel Demand Model Review Contract

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the travel demand model review contract; subject to General Council's approval.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. *Transportation Reauthorization Update*

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 8.

9. Local Option Sale Tax Information

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 9.

10. TIGER Grant Process

MPO staff presented; The MPO Executive Committee discussed the current TIGER grant process and the MPO's role in support applications for TIGER grants. The need to support only regionally significant projects was discussed with the potential to alternate between projects each year if the region had multiple high priorities. The need to alternate comes from the fact that the Greater Des Moines region will likely only receive one award at a time. In the past, the MPO has provided letters of support to any project that meets the criteria. The committee discussed the fact that they cannot control how many projects will apply for TIGER grants, but they can control which projects we provide letters of support. Supporting one project could result in higher funding amounts awarded to the priority project. Providing a strong endorsement to one regional priority would be provide the most benefit to the region.

11. Transportation Improvement Program Development

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 11.

12. *The Tomorrow Plan* Update

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 12.

13. Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Carryover Balance

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 13.

14. US 65/Iowa 5 Interstate Designation

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 14.

15. Trail Counting Update

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 15.

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

17. Approval of the July 26, 2012, MPO Agenda

18. Next Meeting Date

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

19. Adjournment

Chair Coleman adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.