

MEETING MINUTES

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Executive Committee  
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 10, 2012  
Des Moines Area MPO Meeting Room  
Des Moines, Iowa

The MPO Executive Committee held a meeting at 11:30 a.m., on October 10, 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 3:00 p.m., on October 8 2012. The fiscal year-to-date publication cost of meeting minutes for the MPO: \$229.77. 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  
Angela Connolly, Polk County  
Robert Mahaffey, City of Des Moines  
Tom Armstrong, City of Grimes  
Ted Ohmart, City of West Des Moines  
Paula Dierenfeld, City of Johnston

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Mike Clayton, Iowa Department of Transportation\*  
Scott Dockstader, Iowa Department of  
Transportation\*

**Staff Present:**

Todd Ashby, Executive Director  
Jonathan Wilson, MPO General Counsel  
Stephanie Muller, Executive Administrator  
Dylan Mullenix, Principal Transportation Planner  
Luke Parris, Senior Transportation Planner  
Zach Young, Associate Transportation Planner  
Bethany Wilcoxon, Senior Transportation  
Jennifer Roberts, Intern Transportation Planner

\* Non-voting Representative

**1. Call to Order**

MPO Chair Coleman called the October 10, 2012, meeting to order at 11:38 a.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the October 10, 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 September 12, 2012, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request**

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Iowa Department of Transportation's request to amend three project descriptions in the *Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program*.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. The Tomorrow Plan Quantitative Survey**

MOTION: A motion was made to approve quantitative survey to supplement The Tomorrow Plan.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. City of West Des Moines Request to Update Termini**

MOTION: A motion was made to approve request from the City of West Des Moines to update the eastern termini of the Southwest Connector.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. Rail Grant Award**

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the award given to the MPO through the Iowa Department of Transportation's Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8. US 65/Iowa 5 Interstate Designation Update**

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 8.

**9. Morningstar Drive Bridge Over Interstate 35/80**

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 9.

**10. Long-Range Transportation Plan Growth Scenario Process Update**

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 10.

**11. Priority Project Solicitation Process**

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 11.

- 12. MAP-21 Funding Update**  
MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 12.
- 13. Polk County Request for Surface Transportation Program Funds**  
MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 13.
- 14. Ames-Des Moines Corridor Transit Study**  
MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 14.
- 15. The Tomorrow Plan Update**  
MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 15.
- 16. Combat Hunger Initiative**  
MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 16.
- 17. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
- 18. Approval of the August 16, 2012, MPO Agenda**
- 19. Next Meeting Date**  
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 20, 2012; in the MPO Mead Conference Room.
- 20. Adjournment**  
Chair Coleman adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.