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NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)

9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 7, 2013
Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call To Order
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 - Vote to approve the January 3, 2013, meeting minutes.
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- 17. **Next Meeting Date**
 - 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2013, Des Moines Area MPO Office.
- 18. **Adjournment**

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MPO Transportation Technical Committee

February 2013
Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the January 3, 2013, MPO Transportation Technical Committee meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the January 3, 2013, MPO Transportation Technical Committee meeting are enclosed on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the January 3, 2013, MPO Transportation Technical Committee meeting.

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MEETING MINUTES

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)**

9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 3, 2013

Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

The MPO TTC held a meeting at 9:30 a.m., on January 3, 2013, at the Des Moines Area MPO Conference Room. Before the meeting, the MPO staff sent agenda packets to the MPO TTC representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office at 12:00 p.m., December 22, 2012.

Representatives Present:

Vern Willey, City of Altoona
John Shaw, City of Altoona
Paul Moritz, City of Ankeny
Eric Jensen, City of Ankeny
Lori Dunham, City of Bondurant
Matt McQuillen, City of Clive
Jim Hagelie, City of Clive
Murray McConnell, Dallas County
Jennifer Bohac, City of Des Moines
Jeb Brewer, City of Des Moines
Michael Ludwig, City of Des Moines
Mike Clayton, Iowa Department of Transportation*
John Gade, City of Grimes
Dave Cubit, City of Johnston
David Wilwerding, City of Johnston
Timothy Brandt, City of Mitchellville
Mike Johnson, City of Norwalk
Ben Champ, City of Pleasant Hill
Dennis Dietz, City of Polk City
Kurt Bailey, Polk County
Dave McKay, City of Urbandale
Paul Dekker, City of Urbandale
John Larson, City of Urbandale
Matt Thomas, Warren County
McKinlee Gibson, City of Waukee
Brad Deets, City of Waukee
Joe Cory, City of West Des Moines
Kara Tragesser, City of West Des Moines
Duane Wittstock, City of West Des Moines
Jason VanAusdall, City of Windsor Heights

Representatives Absent:

John Peterson, City of Ankeny
Jeff Schug, City of Carlisle
Anthony Bellizzi, City of Cumming**
Chuck Burgin, City of Indianola**
Doyle Scott, Madison County**
Bret VandeLune, Polk County
Julia Castillo, Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency
Bryan Belt, Des Moines International Airport
Jim Tishim, Des Moines Regional Transit Authority
Tracy Troutner, Federal Highway Administration*
Mark Bechtel, Federal Transit Administration*

* Non-Voting, Advisory Representative
** Non-Voting, Associate Representative

Others Present:

Barb Andersen, TMA
Glenn Lyons, TMA
Dean Yordi, Warren County

Staff Present:

Todd Ashby, Executive Director
Stephanie Muller, Executive Administrator
Jennifer Ratcliff, Executive Assistant
Nathan Goldberg, Senior Transportation Planner
Luke Parris, Senior Transportation Planner
Bethany Wilcoxon, Senior Transportation Planner
Zach Young, Associate Transportation Planner

1. **Call to Order**
MPO TTC Chair Kurt Bailey recognized a quorum and called the January 3, 2013, meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the MPO TTC's January 3, 2013, meeting agenda; with amendment to item VII.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the MPO TTC's December 6, 2012, meeting minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
4. **Election of Calendar Year 2013 Officers**
MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Calendar Year 2013 Nominating Committee's recommendation for the Transportation Technical Committee's Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

2013 Officers
Ben Champ – Chair
Jennifer Bohac – Vice Chair
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
5. **Appointment to the Statewide Urban Design and Specifications Board of Directors**
MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the of re-appointing Duane Wittstock, City of West Des Moines, as the MPO's representative to the Statewide Urban Design and Specifications Board of Directors.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
6. **Federal Highway Administration Weather Vulnerability Adaptation Options Analysis**
MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the MPO's application for a Federal Highway Administration grant to conduct an adaptation options analysis of selected areas within the MPO boundary prone to flooding.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
7. **Information not available for agenda.**
MPO staff did not present; no discussion on item 7.
8. **Southwest Connector Facility Classification**
MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 8.
9. **Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Surface Transportation Program Projects**
MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 9.
10. **The Tomorrow Plan Update**
MPO staff presented; no discussion on item 10.
11. **Executive Director Annual Review**
MPO staff presented; no discussion on item 11.
12. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**

13. Next Meeting Date

9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 7, 2013, Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Room.

14. Adjournment

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the MPO TTC's January 3, 2013, meeting; Chair Bailey adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Item No. 4

ISSUE: *Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request*

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of a request from the Iowa Department of Transportation to amend a project in the *Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program*.

BACKGROUND:

The Iowa Department of Transportation requested the following revision to the *Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program* (FFY 2013-2016 TIP):

Sponsor: Iowa Department of Transportation
Project: IA 28: 0.5 Mi S. of IA 5
Project Number: HSIP-()—2H-91
Work Type: Guardrail
Funding: \$238,000 in Highway Safety Improvement Program funds, \$265,000 total cost.
Change: Add project to FFY 2013
Revision Type: Amendment

The MPO staff notes the amendment is subject to MPO approval and a public comment period. The MPO staff will hold a public input meeting to hear comments on the amendment request prior to MPO approval.

Included, immediately following, is a map showing the project location.

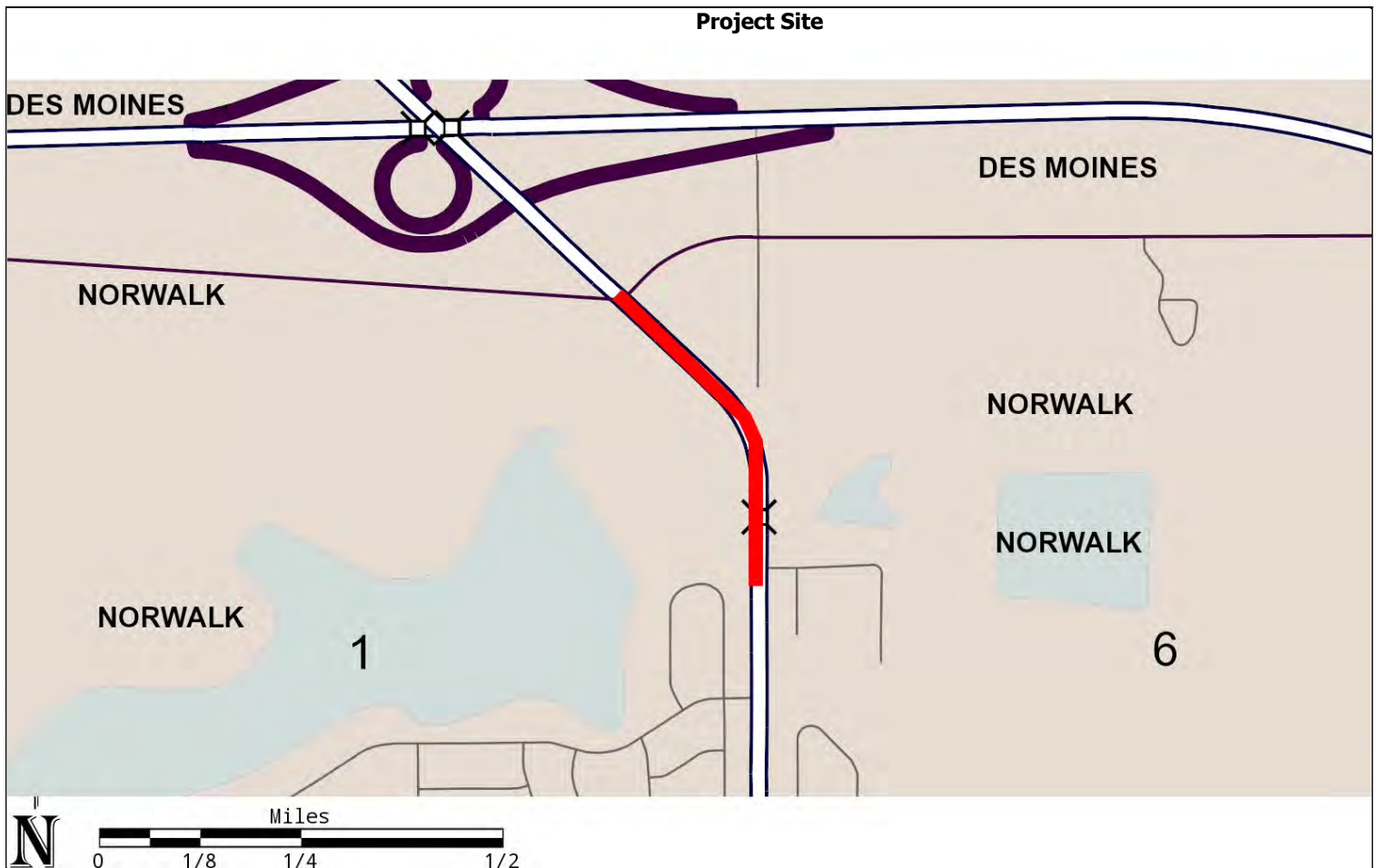
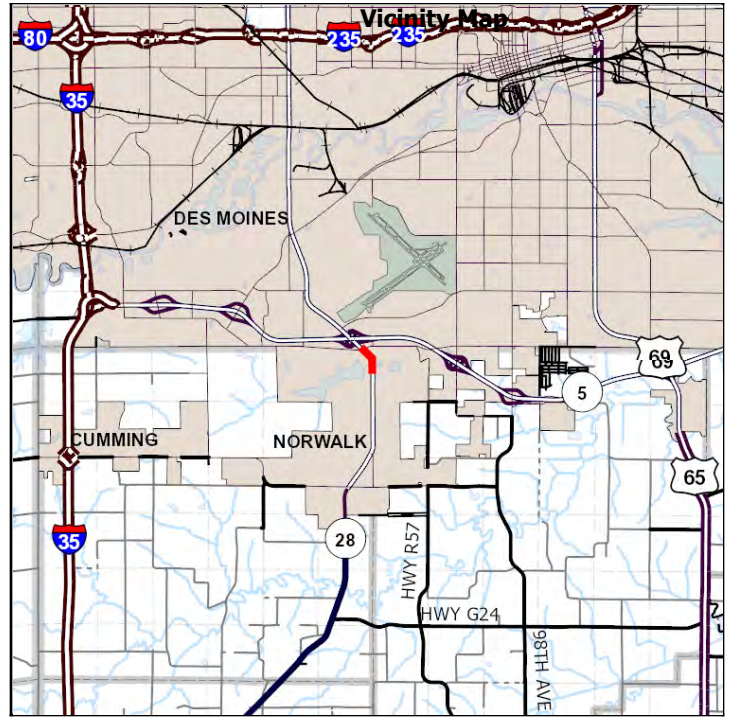
RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the MPO approve the amended project in the FFY 2013-2016 TIP.

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Sponsor	DOT-D05-MPO26
Identity	HSIP-()--2H-91 TPMS# 22274 TIP# --
Location	IA 28: 0.5 Mi S. of IA 5
Characteristics	Other Principal Arterial / 0.41 / 14400 - 14400
Type of Work	Guardrail



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ISSUE: *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment*

REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: Consider amending the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* to incorporate the latest Planning Area Boundary update.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO staff recently received a request from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to amend the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* (HY 2035 MTP) to reflect the changes made to the MPO's Planning Area Boundary.

Plan amendments require the MPO to provide a 45-day comment period and to hold a public input meeting on the amendment. The MPO staff has scheduled a public meeting for Thursday, February 7, 2013, at the MPO office.

Staff will provide a summary of comments received regarding the amendment following the meeting and comment period at the February meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the amendment to the HY 2035 MTP to include the latest Planning Area Boundary Update.

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Item No. 6

ISSUE: Travel Demand Modeling Overview

PRESENTATION: Presentation by Phil Mescher, Iowa Department of Transportation, regarding the practice of regional travel demand modeling.

BACKGROUND:

Metropolitan planning organizations routinely use regional travel demand models as a tool in the transportation planning process. The MPO currently is undertaking a peer review of its regional travel demand model with assistance from the consulting firm HNTB and the Iowa Department of Transportation's (DOT) Forecasting and Modeling Team. Phil Mescher, Team Leader for the Iowa DOT's Forecasting and Modeling Team, will provide a presentation at the February 7, 2013, meeting that will focus on the importance of the travel demand model, how the model impacts transportation projects, and the role the technical committee representatives play in ensuring the model inputs are practical.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Presentation and discussion only.

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Item No. 7

ISSUE: Priority Project Solicitation Process

REPORT: Update on priority projects identified for inclusion in the Greater Des Moines Partnership's Policy Book for the annual trip to Washington, D.C.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO staff annually works with MPO member governments and participating agencies to develop a list of priority transportation projects to discuss with congressional members during the Greater Des Moines Partnership's annual trip to Washington, D.C. The MPO staff presented a list of projects submitted for consideration at the November meeting.

On January 10, 2013, the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee met to identify priority projects from the assembled listing. The STP Funding Subcommittee recommended that the following projects be selected as priorities:

- SE Connector – City of Des Moines
- NW 66th Avenue/Kempton Bridge – Polk County
- I-80/US-65 Interchange – Iowa DOT
- Gay Lea Wilson/Chichaqua Valley Trail Extension – Cities of Altoona, Bondurant, and Polk County
- University/Ingersoll Loop - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) – DART

A table depicting all of the submitted projects is included on the following page.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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MPO/Greater Des Moines Partnership Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Transportation Appropriations Requests

Government/Agency	Project Name	Project Type	Priority Surface Transportation Projects	Total Project Cost	FFY 2014 Funding Requested	Federal Funds Programmed
City of Des Moines	Southeast Connector	Surface Transportation Project	Four-lane complete street connecting Downtown Des Moines to US-65	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 28,218,000
Polk County	NW 66th Avenue Reconstruction and Kempton Bridge Replacement	Surface Transportation Project	Reconstruction of NW 66th Avenue and the Des Moines River Bridge from NW 26th Street to NW Beaver Drive	\$ 24,748,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 9,433,000
Iowa Department of Transportation	I-80 Interchange at US-65 and side roads in Altoona	Surface Transportation Project	Reconstruction of mainline pavement and ramps at I-80/US-65 interchange and side roads	\$ 37,348,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 9,450,000
City of Altoona, City of Bondurant, and Polk County	Gay Lea Wilson/Chichaqua Valley Trail Extension	Trail Project	Construction of a 12' wide, 5 mile long extension to the Gay Lea Wilson Trail to connect the Chichaqua Valley Trail from Altoona to Bondurant.	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -
DART	University/Ingersoll Loop	Transit Project	Very Small Starts application for Bus Rapid Transit on the Ingersoll/University Loop Route.	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,800,000
Total Priority Projects				\$ 144,096,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 48,901,000

The projects listed below were submitted to the MPO for consideration as priority projects for the region. After review it was determined that they are not currently among the top priorities for the region, but are still considered important.

City of Johnston	Northwest 70th Avenue Reconstruction	Surface Transportation Project	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	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,600,000
City of Urbandale	100th Street Bridge at I-80/35	Surface Transportation Project	Construction of a bridge at 100th Street over I-80/35.	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,100,000
City of Waukee	Alice's Road/105th Street Interchange and Connecting Roads	Surface Transportation Project	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	\$ 15,700,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -
City of West Des Moines	Grand Avenue - Phase Five	Surface Transportation Project	Reconstruction and widening of Grand Avenue from South 50th Street to the Raccoon River Park entrance	\$ 10,500,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 3,900,000
City of Bondurant	Chichaqua Valley Trail Paving	Trail Project	Finish the paving of the Chichaqua Valley Trail in Bondurant.	\$ 1,125,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 160,000
City of Polk City	Polk City Trail Connector	Trail Project	Construction of a 3.4 mile trail to connect the Neal Smith Trail to the High Trestle Trail.	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -
City of Johnston	Northwest Beaver Drive Trail	Trail Project	Construction of a multiuse trail along NW Beaver Drive from NW 66th Avenue to Eagle Crest Drive.	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -
Total Additional Projects				\$ 52,025,000	\$ 11,500,000	\$ 6,760,000
Grand Total				\$ 196,121,000	\$ 21,500,000	\$ 55,661,000

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ISSUE: *Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request*

REPORT: Report on revisions to the *Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program*.

BACKGROUND:

In January, the MPO approved funding three projects with Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. As part of the FFY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process, the following revisions need to occur:

Sponsor: City of Bondurant
Project: U.S. Highway 65 intersection with NE 64th/SW 32nd St.
STP Award Amount: \$144,500 in FFY 2016
Total Cost: \$716,000
Change: Add project to FFY 2013
Revision Type: Amendment

Sponsor: City of Urbandale
Project: NW 100th St. intersection at NW 54th Ave.
STP Award Amount: \$255,000 in FFY 2013
Total Cost: \$4,500,000
Change: Add funds to FFY 2013
Revision Type: Administrative Modification

Sponsor: Polk County
Project: NW 66th Ave./Kempton Bridge
STP Award Amount: \$244,000 in FFY 2013
Total Cost: \$24,748,000
Change: Add funds to FFY 2013
Revision Type: Administrative Modification

The MPO staff notes the amendment is subject to MPO approval and a public comment period, while the administrative modifications do not require any additional input from the MPO or the public. The MPO staff will hold a public input meeting to hear comments on the amendment request prior to MPO approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 9

ISSUE: Transportation Alternative Program Funding Update

REPORT: Update on potential funding changes due to MAP-21 to the Transportation Alternatives Program.

BACKGROUND:

At its September meeting, the MPO approved a recommendation to the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding how funds should be distributed to MPOs and Regional Planning Affiliations (RPAs) under the new transportation bill, MAP-21. The Iowa DOT is working with MPOs and RPAs, as well as other stakeholders, to develop funding scenarios for the allocation of federal funds. MPO staff will provide an update of the process the Iowa DOT is taking on to address potential changes.

Additionally, the MPO staff worked with the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee to review the Iowa DOT's proposal for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Staff notes that under the Iowa DOT proposal, total funds for the TAP would be higher than targets previously identified under the STP Transportation Enhancement set aside. However, the \$3.4 million in statewide TAP funds would be available for any other eligible activities (roads, bridges, trails, etc.).

On January 10, 2013, the STP Funding Subcommittee met to discuss how TAP funds should be distributed. The subcommittee recommended that the statewide TAP fund allocation be utilized by the MPO for projects that meet the TAP criteria. The subcommittee also discussed the project categories for the TAP and recommended that percentage set-asides be dropped from each category. Finally, the subcommittee recommended the creation of a Safe Routes to School category and a Trail Major Reconstruction category.

The following page includes a breakdown of the estimated targets for the TAP funding. An overview of eligible TAP activities is included as a supplemental item.

RECOMMENDATION:

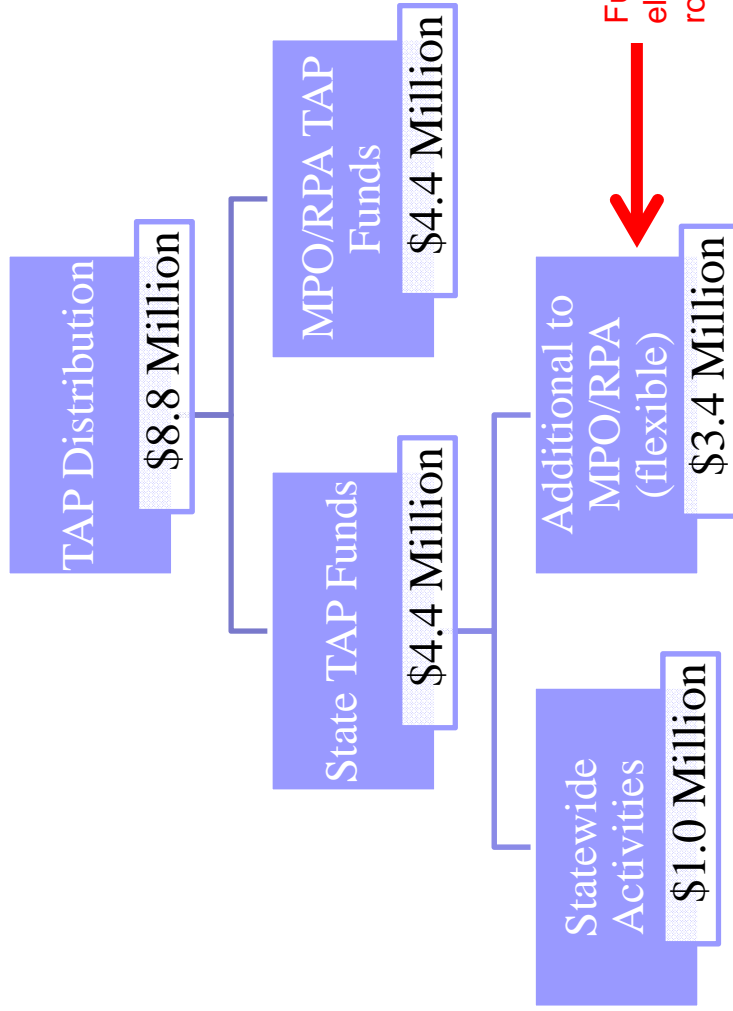
None. Report and discussion only.

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MAP-21 Funding Update - TA Program

DOT Proposal



Current Funding

Local TAP= \$7.5 million
 DMAMPO Share ~ \$813,300

Proposed Funding

Local TAP= \$4.4 million
 DMAMPO Share ~ \$659,000
 State TAP= \$4.4 million
 State Share ~\$1,000,000
 DMAMPO Share ~ \$543,000

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ISSUE: Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Surface Transportation Program Update

REPORT: Update on the Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Surface Transportation Program project selection process.

BACKGROUND:

The deadline for submission of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 Surface Transportation Program (STP) applications was Friday, December 7, 2012. The MPO staff received 24 applications.

The MPO staff is currently developing preliminary scores for the FFY 2017 STP projects. After the scores are developed, the MPO staff will schedule a meeting of the MPO TTC Engineering Subcommittee to review the preliminary scores. Projects that score 50 points or higher will be considered eligible to receive FFY 2017 STP funding.

After the scoring process is complete, the STP Funding Subcommittee will meet during the spring to hear presentations from sponsors with projects that scored 50 points or higher. This workshop 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 to develop a funding recommendation for consideration by the MPO Executive Committee and the MPO Policy Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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February 2013
Item No. 11

ISSUE: Iowa Department of Transportation Funding Programs Update

REPORT: Update on Iowa Department of Transportation funding program deadlines.

BACKGROUND:

On January 15, 2013, the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) staff presented their recommendation for implementing the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality; and, Surface Transportation Program funding. The Transportation Commission approved the recommendation presented by DOT staff.

Due to this final decision, the Iowa DOT is now accepting applications for the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP), Federal Recreational Trails Program, and Safe Routes to School Program. Even though the Safe Routes to School program was eliminated in MAP-21, it is included in this round of applications because there is funding still available from previous years' appropriations.

Applications for the Federal Recreational Trails Program and Safe Routes to School Program are due to the Iowa DOT by March 1, 2013.

ICAAP applications are due to the MPO office by 4:30 p.m., on Friday, February 22, 2013.
The MPO staff will review all the ICAAP applications and submit the applications to the Iowa DOT before the March 1, 2013, deadline.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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February 2013
Item No. 12

ISSUE: US 65/Iowa 5 Interstate Designation Update

REPORT: Report on efforts to re-designate the US 65/Iowa 5 corridor to an interstate.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO, on behalf of the Purple Heart Highway Coalition, requested the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) consider designating the US 65/Iowa 5 corridor (i.e., the Purple Heart Highway) as an interstate. The Iowa DOT released a draft report analyzing the feasibility of interstate designation in June 2012. A final version of the study was provided to the MPO in August 2012.

On August 8, 2012, representatives from the MPO, the Des Moines International Airport, the Purple Heart Highway Coalition, and the Greater Des Moines Partnership met with the Iowa DOT, including Director Paul Trombino III, to discuss the study and to identify steps to move forward. Director Trombino noted three primary issues to address before moving forward, including determining impacts to local farmers; analyzing any potential impacts to permitting of heavy vehicles; and, determining the proper decision making authority with the Iowa DOT and the Iowa Transportation Commission.

On November 27, 2012, MPO staff and the Purple Heart Highway Collaborative held a public meeting with local property owners and farmers to discuss how these parties may be affected by the interstate designation. Following the November 27, 2012, public meeting, MPO staff has worked to identify and review potential alternative routes for agriculture-related traffic, and has researched other concerns raised by local farmers to determine whether any solutions are available.

Included on the following pages, is a summary of alternative routes under review.

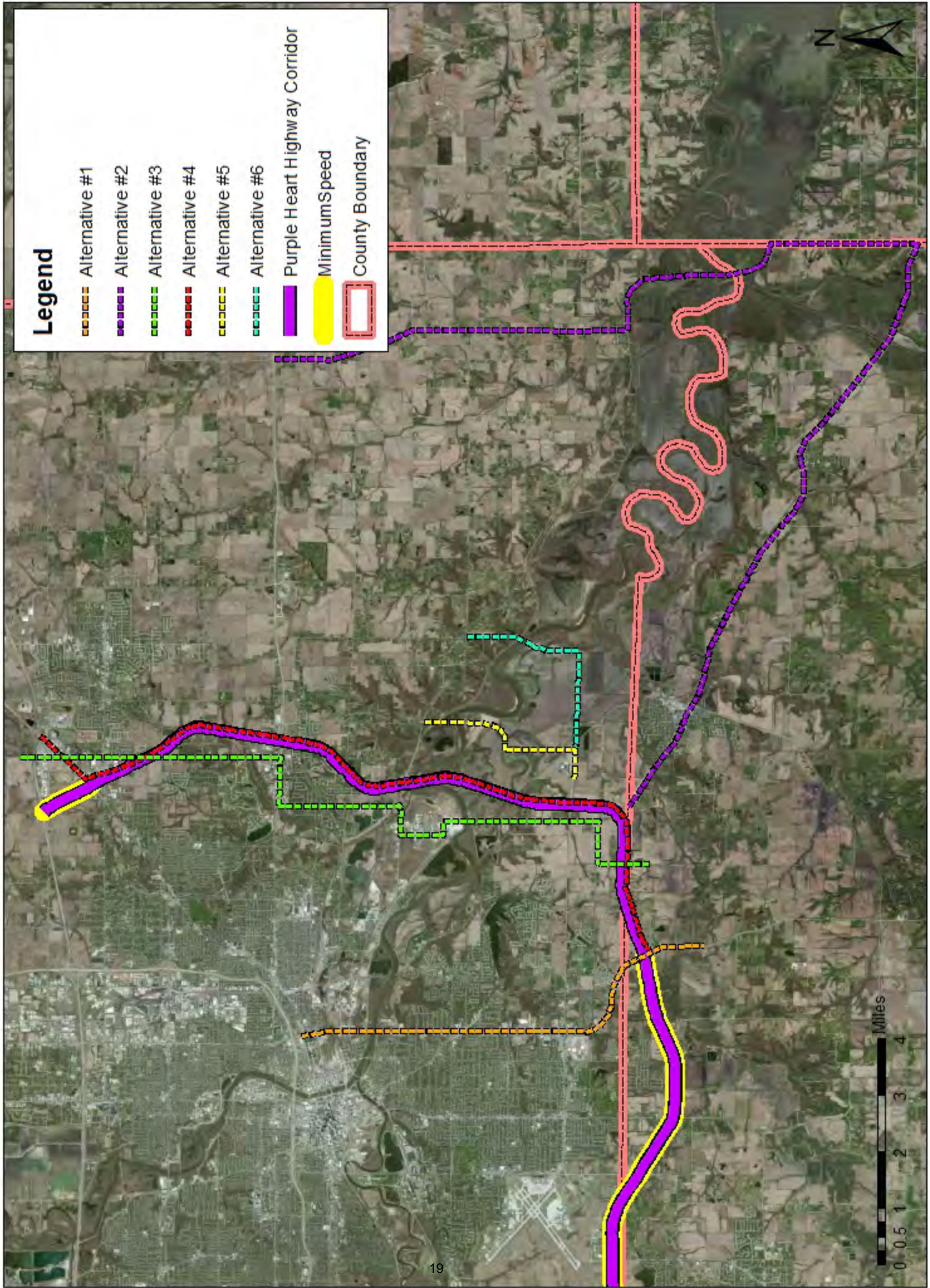
RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Farm Equipment Alternative Routes



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Item No. 13

ISSUE: Certification Review

REPORT: Update on the MPO's upcoming 2013 Certification Review.

BACKGROUND:

Metropolitan planning organizations are certified by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) every four years. The MPO's quadrennial review will take place from April 29 through May 1, 2013, at the MPO office. The purpose of the review is to highlight good planning practices and share information among the organizations, as well as to ensure that Federal regulatory requirements for transportation planning are being met.

The review will be carried out by FHWA and FTA staff. In addition to FHWA, FTA, and MPO staff, participation is also anticipated by staff from the Iowa Department of Transportation, the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority, and any other local officials who wish to participate. A public input meeting will also be held as part of the review process to accept comments from the community about the MPO's transportation planning process.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 14

ISSUE: The Tomorrow Plan Update

REPORT: Update on activities related to The Tomorrow Plan.

BACKGROUND:

The Here Comes Tomorrow open houses were held around the region over the last two weeks. At these events, the draft plan was discussed with the public. The goals, strategies, and regional initiatives were the focus of the open houses. The planning team sought feedback on what residents like best about the plan, what they like least about it, and how they would like to be involved in moving it forward in the implementation phase. More information on the events will be provided at the February 7, 2013, meeting.

The comments received from the public at the Here Comes Tomorrow events will be reviewed and appropriately incorporated into the plan along with comments from the communities and from experts from around the region.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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February 2013
Item No. 15

ISSUE: Transportation Management Association Update

INFORMATION: Report of the Transportation Management Association's (TMA) Commuter Club program performance for Calendar Year 2012 and other recent activities.

BACKGROUND:

The TMA's Commuter Club program, formerly known as Rest Your Car, is a volunteer-based program that allows commuters to track trips made using alternatives to single-occupant vehicles.

Commuter Club Performance through Calendar Year 2012

	June 2012	July 2012	Aug 2012	Sept 2012	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	Year to Date 2012
Total Miles Reported	298,004	260,567	290,165	240,218	281,407	255,707	159,056	3,546,784
Total Reports Made	15,746	13,916	15,552	12,772	14,818	13,582	8,204	192,490
Total Unique Persons Reporting	585	553	530	514	496	509	436	1,205
Average Miles/Report	38	37	37	38	38	38	39	43
New Members	17	13	9	14	10	11	2	203

Source: Transportation Management Association, 2012.

Note: January 2012 and Year to Date 2012 numbers were reconciled using numbers reported under a previous reporting system. The new Commuter Club website started February 13, 2012.

The TMA staff also has been involved with the following activities:

- Met with parking committee (city and garage/lot managers);
- Staffed alternative transportation tables at the Nationwide Health Fair, at the Lucas State Office Building, and at the Des Moines Marathon Expo;
- Attended the Iowa Environmental Council's annual conference;
- Participated in Des Moines bicycle/pedestrian tour planning meeting;
- Presented passenger rail public information progress at the Passenger Rail Advisory Council meeting;
- Attended the American Planning Association Iowa Chapter conference;
- Attended meetings to discuss restarting LEED-ND certification work; and,
- Maintained the All Aboard for Iowa website.

The TMA has discussed making the following changes to the Commuter Club program:

- Prizes may be discontinued 12/31/12; and,
- Advertising could be implemented instead.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

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