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NOTICE OF MEETING

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

9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 2, 2013

Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call To Order
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 - 9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 6, 2013, Des Moines Area MPO Office.
- 18. **Adjournment**

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May 2013
Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the April 4, 2013, MPO Transportation Technical Committee meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the April 4, 2013, MPO Transportation Technical Committee meeting are enclosed on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the April 4, 2013, MPO Transportation Technical Committee meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

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(515) 334-0075.

MEETING MINUTES

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) 9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 4, 2013 Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

The MPO TTC held a meeting at 9:30 a.m., on April 4, 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 2:00 p.m., March 29, 2013.

Representatives Present:

Vern Willey, City of Altoona
John Shaw, City of Altoona
Paul Moritz, City of Ankeny
Eric Jensen, City of Ankeny
John Peterson, City of Ankeny
Lori Dunham, City of Bondurant
Jeff Schug, City of Carlisle
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
Bryan Belt, Des Moines International Airport
Jim Tishim, Des Moines Regional Transit Authority
Julia Castillo, Heart of Iowa Regional Transit
Mike Clayton, Iowa Department of Transportation*
John Gade, City of Grimes
Dave Cubit, 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
Bret VandeLune, Polk County
Kurt Bailey, Polk County
Annika Schilke, City of Urbandale
John Larson, City of Urbandale
McKinlee Gibson, City of Waukee
Brad Deets, City of Waukee
Joe Cory, City of West Des Moines
Kara Tragesser, City of West Des Moines

Representatives Absent:

Anthony Bellizzi, City of Cumming**
Chuck Burgin, City of Indianola**
David Wilwerding, City of Johnston
Doyle Scott, Madison County**
Paul Dekker, City of Urbandale
Matt Thomas, Warren County
Duane Wittstock, City of West Des Moines
Jason VanAusdall, City of Windsor Heights
Julia Castillo, Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency
Tracy Troutner, Federal Highway Administration*
Mark Bechtel, Federal Transit Administration*

* Non-Voting, Advisory Representative

** Non-Voting, Associate Representative

Others Present:

Glenn Lyons, Transportation Management Association
Tony Boes, Snyder & Associates

Staff Present:

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

1. Call to Order

MPO TTC Chair Ben Champ recognized a quorum and called the April 4, 2013, meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the MPO TTC’s April 4, 2013, meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the MPO TTC’s March 7 2013, meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Dennis Dietz arrived at 9:32 am)

4. Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Iowa Department of Transportation staff presented; discussion only on item 4.

(Paul Moritz arrived at 9:33 am)

(Lori Dunham arrived at 9:34 am)

(Jennifer Bohac arrived at 9:34 am)

(Jeb Brewer arrived at 9:34 am)

(Bret VandeLune arrived at 9:35 am)

(Murray McConnell arrived at 9:35 am)

(John Shaw arrived at 9:37 am)

(Timothy Brandt exits at 9:42 am)

(Timothy Brandt returns at 9:46 am)

5. MPO Performance Measure Report

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the draft *MPO Performance Measure Report* document.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Passenger Transportation Plan – Fiscal Year 2014 Update

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2014 update to the *Passenger Transportation Plan*, which identifies opportunities to improve transportation for transportation-disadvantaged populations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the request from the Iowa Department of Transportation to amend a project in the *Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program*.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program Project Scores

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 8.

9. Federal Fiscal Years 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Development Schedule

MPO staff presented; no discussion on item 9.

10. Polk County Conservation Board Request to Consolidate Transportation Alternative Program Funds

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 10.

11. Quick Clearance Documentation Update

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 11.

12. Central Iowa Trail Signage Grant Participation

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 12.

13. The Tomorrow Plan Update

MPO staff presented; no discussion on item 13.

14. Transportation Management Association Update

MPO staff presented; no discussion on item 14.

15. Next Meeting Date

9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 2, 2013, Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Room.

16. Adjournment

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the MPO TTC's April 4, 2013, meeting; Chair Champ adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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May 2013
Item No. 4

ISSUE: *Fiscal Year 2014 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget*

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the final *Fiscal Year 2014 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget*.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO staff has developed the *Fiscal Year 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (FY 2014 UPWP)* and Budget, which documents all transportation-planning activities the MPO, will perform using federal funds from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014. The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) requires that the UPWP 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 MPO submitted the draft UPWP to the Iowa DOT, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration in March 2013, and has incorporated recommended changes. The Iowa DOT requires the MPO to submit the final UPWP by June 1, 2013.

The final FY 2014 UPWP and Budget is included as a supplemental item to this agenda packet.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the MPO approve the final FY 2014 UPWP and Budget for submission to the Iowa DOT.

STAFF CONTACTS:

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MPO Transportation Technical Committee

May 2013
Item No. 5

ISSUE: *Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program Revision Requests*

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

BACKGROUND:

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

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; and,
Revision Type: Amendment.

The MPO staff notes the amendment is subject to MPO approval and a public comment period. The MPO staff held a public input meeting on May 1, 2013, and received no negative comments.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the MPO approve the City of Bondurant's TIP amendment request.

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MPO Transportation Technical Committee

May 2013
Item No. 6

ISSUE: Polk County Conservation Board Request to Consolidate Transportation Alternative Program Funds

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of 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.

BACKGROUND:

The Polk County Conservation Board is requesting that Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds awarded to the City of Des Moines for the Ewing Park/Easter Lake Trail be consolidated with TAP funding awarded to Polk County for the Easter Lake Trail, in order to ensure efficient development of the trail project. A history of TAP awards is as follows:

SPONSOR	LOCATION	Year	Award
Des Moines	Ewing Park: Easter Lake Park Trail connection following north side of Yeader Creek and splitting to follow around Easter Lake	2015	\$ 250,000
Polk CCB	Easter Lake Trail: Sections A and F	2015 & 2016	\$ 358,000
Des Moines	EASTER LAKE TRAIL SYSTEM-BACKBONE TRAIL: From Indianola Avenue and Highway 69 to Southeast Corner of Easter Lake at Easter Lake Drive	2015	\$ 100,000
Des Moines	Ewing Park Trail: Across western edge of Easter Lake, including 3 bridges	2014	\$ 190,000

Staff from the Polk County Conservation Board approached City of Des Moines staff with the consolidation request in March 2013. The Polk County Conservation Board indicated they would be responsible for development of the project and would cover the associated local match. City of Des Moines staff was in favor of the consolidation. The following table shows how the funds would be consolidated.

SPONSOR	LOCATION	Year	Award
Polk CCB	Easter Lake Trail – Phase 2	2014	\$ 560,000
Polk CCB	Easter Lake Trail – Phase 3	2016	\$ 338,000

The MPO staff notes that the consolidation of funds also includes the movement of funds from FFY 2015 into FFY 2014. MPO staff has reviewed the MPO's fiscal capacity in FFY 2014, and the movement of funds is fiscally possible. If the MPO approves the consolidation of funding, the projects would be reprogrammed during the development of the *Federal Fiscal Year 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program*.

Included, immediately following, is the letter of request from the Polk County Conservation Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the MPO approve the proposed funding consolidation request.

STAFF CONTACTS:

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March 20, 2013

Luke D. Parris, AICP
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RE: EASTER LAKE TRAIL GRANTS

Dear Mr. Parris:

Polk County Conservation is beginning a phased (3 phases) construction schedule for the Easter Lake Trail. This project will begin in the spring of this year and continue through 2016. The project is in both Easter Lake and Ewing Parks. Both Polk County Conservation and Des Moines Parks and Recreation have applied for and received grants for the project both individually and jointly. Our departments have concluded that it is more efficient for one entity to construct the trail regardless of jurisdiction. The trail is primarily within Easter Lake Park and therefore Polk County Conservation will assume responsibility for the design, construction, and maintenance of the entire trail.

Phase 1 will be constructed this summer using local funding. Phase 2 will be bid this fall and construction is scheduled for the summer of 2014. Phase 3 will be delayed until 2016 to allow for dredging of the lake and bridge and sewer construction to progress in the areas where phase 3 will be constructed.

The City of Des Moines has agreed to transfer the grants they have received for the project to Polk County for construction of the trail.

There are five STP-TE grants outstanding for the Easter Lake Trail – 3 for Des Moines, 1 for Polk County, and one joint grant. They are as follows:

Des Moines 2014 for \$190,000

Des Moines 2015 for \$250,000

Polk County 2015 for \$208,000

Des Moines 2015 for \$99,665 (identified as Easter Lake Spine Trail)

DsM/PC 2016 for \$150,000

We request that the 2014 grant of \$190,000 be combined with \$370,000 from the Des Moines 2015 grant of \$250,000 and a portion of the Polk County 2015 grant of \$208,000 to equal a single grant of \$560,000 to apply to Phase 2 of the trail to be built in 2014.

We also request that the balance of those grants or \$88,000 be combined with the joint 2016 grant of \$150,000 and the 2015 grant of \$99,665 to equal \$337,665 to be used in 2016 for the construction of Phase 3.

We have requested that Des Moines Park and Recreation supply written confirmation to you of their willingness and intent to transfer their grants to Polk County Conservation for the purpose of construction the Easter Lake Trail.

Sincerely,



Loren Lown
Natural Resources Specialist
Polk County Conservation

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ISSUE: MPO Certification Review

REPORT: Update on initial findings from the MPO's quadrennial certification review, which took place April 29 – May 1, 2013.

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 took place from April 29 through May 1, 2013, at the MPO office. The purpose of the review was to highlight good planning practices and share information among the organizations, as well as to ensure that the MPO's transportation planning process meets federal regulatory requirements.

The MPO staff will share initial feedback from the federal review team with the MPO TTC at the May 2, 2013, meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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May 2013
Item No. 8

ISSUE: Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Project Update

REPORT: Update on the status of the Rail Port Grant that the MPO received from the Iowa Department of Transportation.

BACKGROUND:

In September 2012, the MPO was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) to conduct a rail study. The grant requires a \$20,000 local match, which the Greater Des Moines Partnership has committed to providing, for a total of a \$120,000 study.

MPO staff met with the Iowa DOT on April 24, 2013, to discuss the scope of the project. It was determined that modifications to the submitted scope of work would be required to satisfy the requirements of the DOT. Submittal and approval of these modifications will occur in early May, with the selection of a steering committee and an RFP process to follow shortly thereafter. Once underway, the study will have approximately an 18-month timeline for completion.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 9

ISSUE: *Federal Fiscal Years 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Development Schedule*

REPORT: Report on the process to develop the *Federal Fiscal Years 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program*.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires the MPO to annually develop a four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that details the use of federal funds for transportation projects in the Metropolitan Planning Area. The MPO staff begins work on the *Federal Fiscal Years 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program* (FFY 2014-2017 TIP) by providing each MPO member government and participating agency a listing of their current TIP projects and associated information from the Iowa Department of Transportation's Transportation Program Management System for review and update.

The MPO staff requested that member governments and agencies determine if projects currently programmed for FFY 2013 will receive FHWA authorization to proceed with development before September 30, 2013. If a project does not receive FHWA authorization before September 30, 2013, then the project will need to "roll-over" to a future year in the TIP.

The MPO staff is currently reviewing the submitted status reports and updating the FFY 2014-2017 TIP to reflect changes to member government projects. Staff will present a draft of the FFY 2014-2017 TIP at the June MPO meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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May 2013
Item No. 10

ISSUE: Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Recommendation

REPORT: Report on the Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee funding recommendation for Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Surface Transportation Program Transportation Alternatives Program projects.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee annually recommends a funding allocation for STP and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project applications utilizing a previously recommended funding program option. The STP Funding Subcommittee heard presentations from eligible STP and TAP project sponsors on April 11, 2013.

The MPO staff notes that the FFY 2017 STP funding target is \$11,762,000, and the FFY 2017 TAP funding target is \$1,185,000.

The STP Funding Subcommittee's funding allocation recommendation will be provided prior to the MPO Transportation Technical Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

STAFF CONTACT:

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May 2013
Item No. 11

ISSUE: Federal Fiscal Years 2013 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program

REPORT: Report on the FFY 2013 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program application requirements and deadline.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Appropriations Act has appropriated \$473.8 million to award to national infrastructure investments by the Department of Transportation (DOT). Projects applying for TIGER funds go through a competitive process, and awards are based on projects that demonstrate the ability to have a significant impact on the transportation system for a metropolitan region.

The primary selection criteria include state of good repair, economic competitiveness, livability, safety, and project readiness. Secondary selection criteria include innovation and collaboration.

The application process opened on April 29, 2013. Applicants must be registered through the Grants.gov website. This process usually takes two to four weeks, and full registration is required before applicants can submit for TIGER funds. Additional instructions for filing an application are located on the TIGER website: www.dot.gov/TIGER.

Included, as a supplemental item, is a summary of the US DOT notice for the FFY 2013 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program, which provides additional details on eligibility, selection process, and submittal requirements.

Applications for TIGER Discretionary Grants are due to the US DOT by 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2013.

At its November 2012 meeting, the MPO Executive Committee discussed an approach to establish the MPO's support for TIGER grant applications. The process discussed includes the MPO's Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee identifying regional priorities, which would then be scored using a modified STP scoring system to measure the technical merits of projects. MPO staff notes this process was discussed only with the MPO Executive committee and no action was taken; however, the MPO staff will revisit the process with the Executive Committee at the Executive Committee's May meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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MPO Transportation Technical Committee

May 2013
Item No. 12

ISSUE: City of Clive Surface Transportation Program Funding Request

REPORT: Discussion on the City of Clive request to shift Surface Transportation Program funds between projects.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2013, the City of Clive requested the ability to shift funding from their Northwest 86th Street project in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 to their University Avenue project in FFY 2016. The request involves the following projects:

SPONSOR	LOCATION	TIP Year	STP Funds
Clive	86 th Street Phase 3 – Hickman Rd. to University Ave. – Pavement Rehabilitation	2013	\$ 288,000
Clive	University Ave. – NW 86 th St. to NW 114 th St. – Pavement Rehabilitation	2016	\$ 566,000

The City of Clive requests the \$288,000 in STP funding for the 86th Street project be added to the federal funds for the University Avenue project. The resulting project and funding would be:

SPONSOR	LOCATION	TIP Year	STP Funds
Clive	University Ave. – NW 86 th St. to NW 114 th St. – Pavement Rehabilitation	2016	\$ 854,000

MPO staff reviewed the request and notes that the transfer of funding could occur while maintaining fiscal constraint within the Transportation Improvement Program. Staff also notes that the addition of funds increases the federal share of the project from 22% to 35%.

The MPO STP Funding Subcommittee considered the request at their April 29, 2013, meeting. Staff will provide an update on the STP Funding Subcommittee's recommendation at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

STAFF CONTACT:

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May 2013
Item No. 13

ISSUE: Iowa Department of Transportation's Special Traffic Count Study

REPORT: Report on the Iowa Department of Transportation's special traffic count study.

BACKGROUND:

At the March meeting of the Midwest Travel Model User Group, the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) staff presented on a special traffic count study to validate and potentially correct data included in the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual. The ITE Trip Generation Manual includes data on trip generation for specific land use types. The Iowa DOT staff indicated that the data in the ITE Trip Generation Manual was outdated and not representative of the Midwest. In order to correct or validate data in the ITE Trip Generation Manual, the Iowa DOT is requesting the assistance of the MPO in conducting special traffic counts at specific land use types within the region. This data would be compiled with counts from other MPOs in Iowa for use in validating the ITE Trip Generation Manual.

Included, as a supplemental item, is a copy of the locations identified within the metropolitan area for special traffic counts.

The Iowa DOT staff indicated that they would provide traffic counting equipment, if needed, to conduct the counts.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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MPO Transportation Technical Committee

May 2013
Item No. 14

ISSUE: The Tomorrow Plan Update

REPORT: Update on activities related to The Tomorrow Plan.

BACKGROUND:

MPO staff distributed the second draft of The Tomorrow Plan to the technical committee on Wednesday, April 10, 2013. Staff is working to incorporate comments received on this draft from the technical committee into the report. More information will be provided at the May 2, 2013, meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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May 2013
Item No. 15

ISSUE: Transportation Management Association Update

INFORMATION: Report of the Transportation Management Association's (TMA) program for March 2013.

BACKGROUND:

The TMA staff notes the following activities for March 2013:

- 3/1 – Attended Public Transportation Roundtable at DART Central Station
- 3/5 – Attended DART Commission meeting
- 3/7 – Attended Transportation Technical Committee meeting
- 3/13 – Attended Walnut Street Preliminary Plan presentation at Des Moines Central Library
- 3/14 – Attended Transportation Advisory Group meeting
- 3/19 – Attended Bicycle-Pedestrian Roundtable
- 3/23 – Presented in Omaha, NE to ProRail NE general members meeting on economic development aspects of high speed passenger- rail, especially Chicago-to-Council Bluffs/Omaha
- 3/27 – Met with MPO regarding TMA advertising plan
- 3/28 – Attended MPO Policy meeting.

Ongoing activities:

- Posted articles and links on high speed passenger rail Iowa and Midwest events and news tabs on All Aboard for Iowa website
- Posted video and PowerPoints of January 31, 2013 Des Moines & Council Bluffs talks by Patricia Quinn and Geoff Fruin on All Aboard for Iowa and emailed allies to alert them to these
- Posted Construction Alerts on Downtown Community Alliance (DCA) website
- DCA transportation pages - continued to post articles on alternative transportation
- Maintained Commuter Club customer service by answering member questions (emails and phone calls), answering Preferred Parking requests, and other administrative duties
- Planned April public information tables with DART and Des Moines Bicycle Collective/B-Cycle

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

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