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NOTICE OF MEETING

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

9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 1, 2012
Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. **Call To Order**
2. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
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16. **Next Meeting Date**
 - 9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 6, 2012, Des Moines Area MPO Office.
17. **Adjournment**

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MPO Transportation Technical Committee

November 2012
Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the October 4, 2012, MPO Technical Committee meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the October 4, 2012, MPO Technical Committee meeting are enclosed on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the October 4, 2012, MPO Technical Committee meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

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MEETING MINUTES

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) 9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 4, 2012 Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

The MPO TTC held a meeting at 9:30 a.m., on October 4, 2012, 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 11:00 a.m., October 28, 2012.

Representatives Present:

Vern Willey, City of Altoona
John Shaw, City of Altoona
Paul Moritz, City of Ankeny
Jeff Schug, City of Carlisle
Matt McQuillen, City of Clive
Jim Hagelie, City of Clive
Michael Ludwig, City of Des Moines
Jennifer Bohac, City of Des Moines
Michael Ring, City of Des Moines
Mike Clayton, Iowa Department of Transportation*
John Gade, City of Grimes
Brian Wilson, 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
Steven Franklin, City of Urbandale
John Larson, City of Urbandale
McKinlee Gibson, City of Waukee
Brad Deets, City of Waukee
Duane Wittstock, City of West Des Moines
Jim Dickinson, City of West Des Moines
Kara Tragesser, City of West Des Moines
Josh Heggen, City of Windsor Heights

Representatives Absent:

John Peterson, City of Ankeny
Eric Jensen, City of Ankeny
Lori Dunham, City of Bondurant
Anthony Bellizzi, City of Cumming**
Murray McConnell, Dallas County
Chuck Burgin, City of Indianola**
Doyle Scott, Madison County**
Bret VandeLune, Polk County
Steve Struble, Warren County
Jim Tishim, Des Moines Regional Transit Authority
Julia Castillo, Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency
Bryan Belt, Des Moines International Airport
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*

Staff Present:

Stephanie Muller, Executive Administrator
Jennifer Ratcliff, Executive Assistant
Dylan Mullenix, Principal Transportation Planner
Nathan Goldberg, Senior Transportation Planner
Luke Parris, Senior Transportation Planner
Zach Young, Associate Transportation Planner
Jennifer Roberts, Transportation Planner Intern

1. Call to Order

MPO TTC Chair Kurt Bailey recognized a quorum and called the October 4, 2012, meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the MPO TTC's October 4, 2012, meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the MPO TTC's September 6, 2012, meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded 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. City of West Des Moines Request to Update Termini

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

NAY: **MICHAEL LUDWIG**
JENNIFER BOHAC
MICHAEL RING

(MIKE JOHNSON ARRIVED AT 9:37 A.M.)

(JEFF SCHUG ARRIVED AT 9:37 A.M.)

MOTION CARRIED

6. Small Member Surface Transportation Program

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the MPO's Small Member Surface Transportation Program application process and a review of project scores; consider a recommendation to the STP Funding Subcommittee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Rail Grant Award

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the MPO being awarded a grant through the Iowa Department of Transportation's Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. MAP-21 Recommendation to the Iowa Department of Transportation

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 8.

9. Polk County Request for Surface Transportation Program Funds

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 9.

10. Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Surface Transportation Program Schedule

MPO staff presented; no discussion on item 10.

- 11. Ames-Des Moines Corridor Transit Study**
MPO staff presented; no discussion on item 11.
- 12. MPO Planning Area Boundary Amendment**
MPO staff presented; no discussion on item 12.
- 13. DART Federal Funding Transfer Request**
MPO staff presented; no discussion on item 13.
- 14. Central Iowa Trail Counting Program Update**
MPO staff presented; no discussion on item 14.
- 15. *Congestion Management Status Report***
MPO staff presented; no discussion on item 15.
- 16. The Tomorrow Plan Update**
MPO staff presented; no discussion on item 16.
- 17. Transportation Management Association Update**
MPO staff presented; no discussion on item 17.
- 18. Combat Hunger Initiative**
MPO staff presented; no discussion on item 18.
- 19. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
- 20. Next Meeting Date**
9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 1, 2012, Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Room.
- 21. Adjournment**
 - MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the MPO TTC's October 4, 2012, meeting; Chair Bailey adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.
 - MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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November 2012
Item No. 4

ISSUE: DART Federal Funding Transfer Request

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority's request to transfer federal funding.

BACKGROUND:

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) annually submits a request to the MPO to transfer Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds from the Federal Highway Administration to the Federal Transit Administration and into DART's FTA grant.

Included, immediately following, is a copy of DART's letter requesting the transfer.

Following the MPO's approval staff will send a letter to the Iowa Department of Transportation's Office of Public Transit requesting that DART be allowed to expend \$700,000 in STP funds in Federal Fiscal Year 2013.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the MPO approve DART's request for the transfer of \$700,000 in STP funds to expend in Federal Fiscal Year 2013.

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September 24, 2012

Todd Ashby
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RE: Transfer of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Dear Mr. Ashby:

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) requests the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) concurrence to transfer the Committee's \$700,000 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The purpose of this transfer is for the purchase of three heavy-duty buses, which is incorporated into DART's capital plan for 2013 (FTA separates STP funds from formula fund grants).

Please place this item on the October MPO meeting agendas and if approved by the committees, request that the Iowa DOT in turn ask the FHWA to have these funds transferred to DART's FTA grant IA-95-X016. If you have questions, please contact me at (515) 283-5005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra Meyer", is written in a cursive style.

Debra Meyer
Capital Planning Manager, DART

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Item No. 5

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

REPORT: Report on the request from the Iowa Department of Transportation to amend a project description 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: I-35: G-14 to IA 5
Project Number: IM-()—13-91
Work Type: Grade and Pave, Bridge Replacement, Right of Way
Funding: \$13,595,000 in Interstate Maintenance funds with \$18,069,000 total cost.
Change: Update description to read “Approx. 1.6 Mi. S. of Co. Rd. G-14 to IA 5”
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 requests prior to MPO approval.

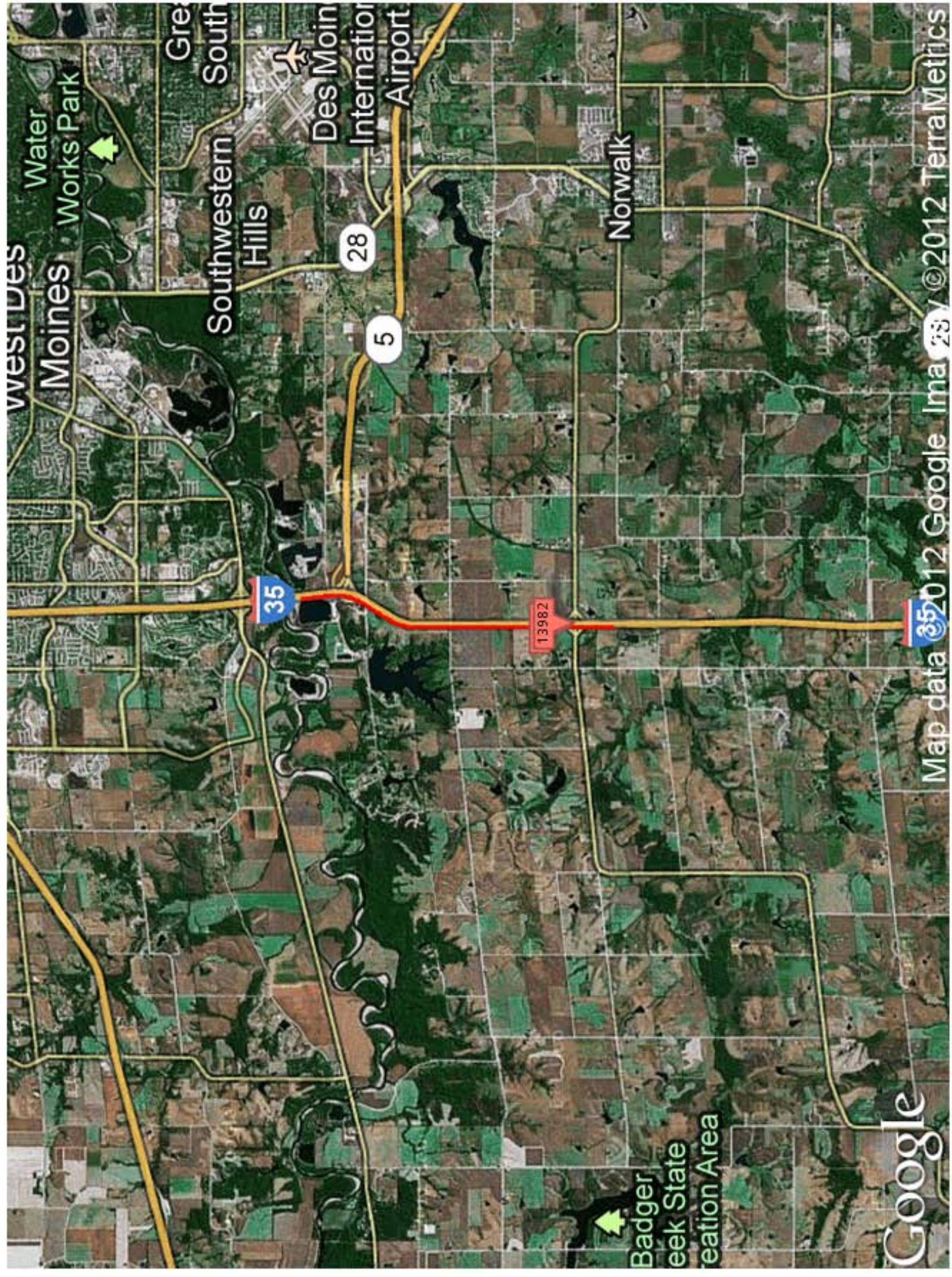
Included, immediately following, is a map showing the project location.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 6

ISSUE: Priority Project Solicitation Process

REPORT: Discussion regarding the process to develop a list of projects 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 traditional process for developing the list includes:

- October - The due date for applications from MPO member governments and participating agencies was October 31, 2012;
- November - draft project listing provided to MPO committees for discussion;
- December/January - Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee meets to identify priority projects from the assembled listing;
- January/February - MPO committees take action to approve the project listing and priority projects;
- February through April - deadlines to complete project applications for congressional offices; and,
- May - Greater Des Moines Partnership trip May 8-10, 2013;

The MPO staff will present a draft listing of submitted projects at the November 1, 2012, meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 7

ISSUE: Long-Range Transportation Plan Update

REPORT: Update on the development of the *2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan*.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO staff has begun the process to develop the *2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan* (LRTP) through the following efforts:

- Baseline population and employment data, future land use plans, and a regional transportation inventory have been collected and analyzed through *The Tomorrow Plan* process;
- On October 4, 2012, staff met with the MPO TTC's Planning Subcommittee to begin discussions regarding 2050 population and employment forecast subarea control totals and growth scenario methodology;
- In December 2012, the MPO will approve an updated Planning Area Boundary that will be used for the LRTP; and,
- The MPO has commenced an external review of the regional travel demand model to identify and correct any issues with the model prior to its use in the 2050 LRTP planning process.

In the coming months, MPO staff will continue focusing on the growth scenario process, as well as the development of goals and objectives for the plan and conducting a needs analysis of the current transportation system.

To ensure the 2050 LRTP is consistent with local community plans, the MPO staff asks for each member government to provide future street and transportation plans. MPO staff asks that these plans be submitted by November 30, 2012. Submission in GIS format is preferred.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2012
Item No. 8

ISSUE: Small Member Surface Transportation Program Application

REPORT: Brief report on the status of the MPO's Small Member Surface Transportation Program award process.

BACKGROUND:

In January 2012, the MPO approved revisions to the MPO's Surface Transportation Program (STP) guidelines. The MPO dedicated a set aside of STP funds for the MPO's members that receive one vote at the MPO, i.e., a population less than 11,500.

MPO staff received five applications from four member governments for the Small Member STP funds. The MPO staff scored the projects utilizing a modified version of the existing STP scoring criteria. Staff notes that the scores for the Small Member STP projects are for informational purposes only and do not determine project eligibility.

Included as a supplemental item to this agenda packet are the complete scoring sheets for the FFY 2016 Small Member Government STP projects.

In October 2012, the STP Funding Subcommittee heard presentations from the project sponsors. The STP Funding Subcommittee will meet in November 2012 to provide a recommendation for FFY 2016 Small Member Government STP awards.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 9

ISSUE: Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Surface Transportation Program Schedule

REPORT: Brief report on the Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Surface Transportation Program Schedule.

BACKGROUND:

Each year the MPO awards Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds to critical roadway projects throughout the region. The MPO will begin the process for selecting and awarding Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 STP funds in November 2012.

The MPO staff will hold a STP Workshop on **November 1, 2012**, following the MPO TTC meeting, to provide a brief overview of the funding programs, discuss STP Scoring and funding applications, and to answer any questions.

The MPO staff mailed applications to eligible project sponsors in October 2012. STP Applications are due to the MPO office by **4:30 p.m., on Friday, December 7, 2012**. The MPO staff will work with the MPO TTC Engineering and Planning Subcommittees to review and score projects.

Included, immediately following, is the schedule for FFY 2017 STP funding.

Additionally, the MPO staff will be sending status report updates for those projects currently programmed utilizing MPO STP funds. These status reports help the MPO ensure that projects stay on schedule for completion.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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SCHEDULE FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING

<u>November 1, 2012</u>	MPO Surface Transportation Program (STP) Workshop held to provide a brief overview of the funding programs, discuss STP Scoring, STP Applications, and to answer any questions.
<u>December 7, 2012</u>	STP – Project sponsors will submit a STP Applications by 4:30 p.m., to determine project eligibility and the appropriate funding category. STP Applications will be available and/or sent to eligible project sponsors in October. STP Pre-Applications may be obtained by mail or downloaded from MPO web site: www.dmampo.org .
December 2012	STP – Project evaluation and scoring by MPO staff and the MPO TTC Engineering and Planning Subcommittees used to determine which projects are eligible to receive STP funding.
February 2013	MPO STP Funding Subcommittee reviews STP project presentations.
March 2013	MPO STP Funding Subcommittee meets to develop STP funding recommendations before April's MPO Meeting.
April 2013	STP Recommendations to MPO TTC and MPO Policy for discussion.
May 2013	STP Recommendations to MPO TTC and MPO Policy for action.
May 2013	Draft <i>Federal Fiscal Years 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program</i> (FFY 2014-2017 TIP) to MPO TTC and MPO Policy for project review and comment. Public comment period and public meeting held.
June 2013	Draft FFY 2014-2017 TIP to MPO TTC and MPO Policy for action.
June 15, 2013	Draft FFY 2014-2017 TIP transmitted to Iowa DOT and Federal Highway Administration.
July 2013	Draft FFY 2014-2017 TIP to MPO TTC and MPO Policy for action.
July 15, 2013	Final FFY 2014-2017 TIP transmitted to Iowa DOT.

** All dates are tentative and subject to change.*

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ISSUE: MAP-21 Funding Update

REPORT: Update on potential funding changes under MAP-21.

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 to address potential changes, as well as funding options discussed by the Iowa DOT, at the November 1, 2012, Technical Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2012
Item No. 11

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) to 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. The MPO staff is working to identify and begin discussions with property owners that may be affected by the interstate designation.

Stakeholders present at the August 8, 2012, met again on October 4, 2012 to further discuss the issue. MPO staff will provide an update about the project at the November 1, 2012, Technical Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 12

ISSUE: The Tomorrow Plan Update

REPORT: Update on activities related to The Tomorrow Plan.

BACKGROUND:

General Update

The Tomorrow Plan Steering Committee participated in an in-depth workshop on October 4, 2012. This was designed to provide substantial input to the team about how to pull the plan together. Topics discussed included strengths, challenges, impacts, and ideas for implementation. The Steering Committee also discussed draft goals and implementation strategies at the meeting. The consultant team used the feedback from the meeting to develop and refine draft recommendations. The second workshop was held on October 31, 2012; more information will be provided at the November 1, 2012, meeting.

Regional Analysis of Impediments

As part of planning process for The Tomorrow Plan, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the development of a Regional Analysis of Impediments (AI) to assess fair housing issues in the metro area. The Regional AI has a broad scope that encompasses issues of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, and disability. In addition to developing the Regional AI, HUD requires that the findings be utilized by the Steering Committee to inform the recommendations of *The Tomorrow Plan*.

The MPO staff worked with the City of Des Moines and City of West Des Moines to develop a strategy for the completion of the Regional AI. As part of their in-kind contribution to The Tomorrow Plan, the City of Des Moines contracted with Iowa State University (ISU) to assist in the development of the Regional AI. Anuprit Minhas, Researcher with ISU, and Jane Rongerude, Assistant Professor for the Department of Community and Regional Planning, conducted the study.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 16

ISSUE: Transportation Management Association Update

INFORMATION: Report of the Transportation Management Association's (TMA) Commuter Club program performance through September 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 September 2012

	March 2012	April 2012	May 2012	June 2012	July 2012	Aug 2012	Sept 2012	Year to Date 2012
Total Miles Reported	365,764	321,366	316,618	298,004	260,567	290,165	240,218	2,922,035
Total Reports Made	18,896	16,692	16,462	15,746	13,916	15,552	12,772	150,310
Total Unique Persons Reporting	658	617	588	585	553	530	514	1,170
Average Miles/Report	38.71	38.51	38.47	37.85	37	37	38	44
New Members	30	18	18	17	13	9	14	180

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:

- Information tables at the Wednesday and Saturday farmer's markets for alternative transportation and the Chicago-Omaha rail study;
- Green City radio interview on alternative transportation on KFMG, Des Moines;
- Information table on alternative transportation at the ARAG Green Fair;
- LEED Neighborhood Design project meeting regarding the feasibility of restarting certification process for Western Gateway;
- Tomorrow Plan small group technical meetings; and,
- Development of the All Aboard for Iowa website, www.allaboardforiowa.com

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

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Item No. 18

ISSUE: Combat Hunger Initiative

INFORMATION: Report on the Combat Hunger Initiative.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO is proud to announce that it is once again supporting the Food Bank of Iowa in its Combat Hunger initiative. The Food Bank of Iowa serves 42 Iowa counties and partners with over 285 food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, non-profit care centers, domestic violence shelters, and youth and senior programs and rehabilitation centers. The drive will assist the Food Bank of Iowa to feed those struggling to eat during these tough economic times.

The MPO would like to do its part to make sure that no one in Iowa goes hungry this holiday season and invites all of its member representatives to participate in helping to support our community.

The MPO staff will be collecting donations through November 12, 2012, and will have a box available at the MPO Office during the following upcoming meetings for donations:

- (TTC) Thursday, November 1, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.;
- (Executive) Wednesday, November 7, 2012- 11:30 a.m.; and,
- (Policy) Thursday, November 15, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.

While any types of non-perishable food items are appreciated, the following items are particularly needed:

Protein Products

- Boxed Meals or Meals in a Can (Stews, Chili, Soups, etc.)
- Canned Meats (Tuna, Salmon, Chicken)
- Beans
- Peanut Butter

Grains

- Cold Cereal
- Rolled Oats or Instant Oatmeal
- Rice
- Pastas

Fruits/Vegetables

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits
- Prepared Pasta Sauces
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Dried Fruit

Dairy

- Dry, Evaporated, or Condensed Milk

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Paper Products & Miscellaneous Items

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers
- Seasonings
- Cooking Oils
- Condiments & Dressings

So, if your cupboards are full, please consider helping others less fortunate and help the MPO make this drive a success. No donation is too small and any help is appreciated. Thank you in advance for your participation!

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

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