

MEETING MINUTES

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 6, 2011
Des Moines Botanical Center Willow Room**

The MPO TTC held a meeting at 9:30 a.m., on January 6, 2011, at the Des Moines Botanical Center Willow Room. Before the meeting, the MPO staff sent agenda packets to the MPO TTC representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office at 1:30 p.m., on December 30, 2010.

Representatives Present:

Vern Willey, City of Altoona
John Shaw, City of Altoona
Paul Moritz, City of Ankeny
Eric Jensen, City of Ankeny
Matt McQuillen, City of Ankeny
Lori Dunham, City of Bondurant
Doug Ollendike, City of Clive
Jim Hagelie, City of Clive
Murray McConnell, Dallas County
Gary Fox, City of Des Moines
Pam Cooksey, City of Des Moines
Michael Ludwig, City of Des Moines
Ken McCoy, Des Moines International Airport
Elizabeth Presutti, Des Moines Regional Transit Authority
Mike Clayton, Iowa Department of Transportation*
Tracy Troutner, Federal Highway Administration*
Mark Bechtel, Federal Transit Administration*
John Gade, City of Grimes
Dave Cubit, City of Johnston
David Wilwerding, City of Johnston
Kris May, City of Mitchellville
Chris Nosbisch, City of Norwalk
Ben Champ, City of Pleasant Hill
Dennis Dietz, City of Polk City
Kurt Bailey, Polk County
Bret VandeLune, Polk County
Steve Franklin, City of Urbandale
Dave McKay, City of Urbandale
John Larson, City of Urbandale
Mark Lee, Warren County
Brad Deets, City of Waukee
Joe Cory, City of West Des Moines
Duane Wittstock, City of West Des Moines
Kara Tragesser, City of West Des Moines
Josh Heggen, City of Windsor Heights

Representatives Absent:

Mark Crawford, City of Carlisle
Anthony Bellizzi, City of Cumming**
Chuck Burgin, City of Indianola**
Doyle Scott, Madison County*
Julia Castillo, Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency

* Non-Voting, Advisory Representative

** Non-Voting, Associate Representative

Others Present:

Glenn Lyons, Transportation Management Association

Staff Present:

Stephanie Ripperger, Executive Administrator
Jennifer Zelle, Administrative Assistant
Adam Noelting, Interim Executive Director
Dylan Mullenix, Senior Transportation Planner
Luke Parris, Associate Transportation Planner
Bethany Wilcoxon, Associate Transportation Planner
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I. Call to Order

MPO TTC Chair Kara Tragesser recognized a quorum and called the January 6, 2011, meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

(Joe Corey arrived at 9:29)

II. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the MPO TTC's January 6, 2011, meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the MPO TTC's December 2, 2010, meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. Calendar Year 2011 Election of Officers

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve Kurt Bailey as MPO TTC Chair and Ben Champ as MPO TTC Vice-chair for Calendar Year 2011.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V.(A.) Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Surface Transportation Program and Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Project Priority Ranking Scores

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Organization receive and accept the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Surface Transportation Program and Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement project scores, and forward the following projects, scoring 50 points or more, to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee for consideration for Federal Fiscal Year 2015 funding:

Surface Transportation Program

Major Construction – Existing Category

- City of Ankeny - Northeast 36th Street - Interstate Highway 35 to U.S. Highway 69 (North Ankeny Boulevard) – 57 points;

- City of Grimes - Southeast 19th Street - Iowa Highway 141 to 2600' east of Iowa Highway 141 – 80 points;
- City of Grimes - Southeast 37th Avenue - Iowa Highway 141 to South James Street – 79 points;
- City of Grimes - Southeast 37th Avenue - Iowa Highway 141 to 700' west of Northwest 100th Street – 74 points;
- City of Johnston - Northwest 70th Avenue - Northwest 86th Street to Northwest 100th Street – 64 points;
- City of Urbandale - 100th Street - over Interstate Highways 35/80 – 53 points;
- City of Urbandale - 142nd Street - Hickman Road (U.S. Highway 6) to Walnut Creek – 65 points;
- City of Urbandale (Grimes) - Meredith Drive - Northwest 128th Street to Northwest 142nd Street – 59 points;
- City of Waukee - Alice's Road - Hickman Road (U.S. Highway 6) to University Avenue – 66 points;
- City of Waukee - Waco Place - University Avenue to Ashworth Road – 50 points;
- City of West Des Moines - Grand Avenue - Raccoon River Park to Interstate Highway 35 – 67 points;
- Polk County - Beaver Drive - Interstate Highways 35/80 to Aurora Avenue – 60 points; and,
- Polk County - Northwest 66th Avenue (Kempton Bridge) - Northwest Beaver Drive to Northwest 26th Street – 72 points;

Major Construction – New Category

- City of Des Moines - Southeast Connector - Southeast 14th Street to Southeast 30th Street – 52 points;
- City of Grimes - Southeast 50th Street - Iowa Highway 141 to South James Street – 64 points; and,
- Polk County - Northeast Beltway - Interstate Highway 80 to U.S. Highway 69 – 55 points;

Minor Construction Category

City of Des Moines - Southwest 9th Street at Kenyon Avenue – 63 points;

Preservation

- City of Des Moines - Grand Avenue - over Des Moines River – 61 points;
- City of West Des Moines (Clive) - University Avenue - 22nd Street to 50th Street – 74 points;
- Iowa Department of Transportation - U.S. Highway 6 (Euclid Avenue) - U.S. Highway 69 (Northeast 14th Street) to Hubbell Avenue – 81 points;
- Polk County - Northwest/Northeast Aurora Avenue - Northwest Morningstar Drive to Dixon Street – 66 points; and,
- Polk County - Northeast 22nd Street - Northeast 66th Avenue to Des Moines Corporate Limits – 62 points;

Alternative Transportation Category

Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority
- Purchase of Three Buses – 61 points.

Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Category

- City of Ankeny - Gay Lea Wilson Trail Extension (Ankeny Segment) - Southeast 54th Street to Northeast 54th Avenue – 77 points;
- City of Des Moines - Ewing Park and Easter Lake Park Trail Connection - In Ewing Park, east of Indianola Avenue and leading into Easter Lake Park – 65 points;
- City of Des Moines - Neal Smith Trail Connection - In Des Moines, from Kiwanis Nature Island to trail bridge over Saylor Creek – 70 points;
- City of Johnston - Northwest Beaver Drive Trail - Northwest Beaver Drive from Northwest 66th Avenue to Eagle Crest Drive – 58 points;
- Polk County - Easter Lake Trail (Sections A and F) - Easter Lake Park Trail, west side of lake near Indianola Avenue – 65 points; and,
- City of Urbandale - Walnut Creek Trail (Meredith Drive to 156th Street) - Along Walnut Creek at Meredith Drive northwest to 156th Street – 64 points;

Scenic/Environmental Category

- City of Des Moines - Drake Area Streetscape - University Avenue and Forest Avenue from MLKing Jr Parkway to 31st Street – 79 points;
- City of Des Moines - Highland Park Streetscape (Phase 2) - Euclid Avenue from 6th Avenue to Cornell Street – 75 points;
- City of Des Moines - Ingersoll Avenue Streetscape (Phase 2) - Ingersoll Avenue from 31st Street to 35th Street – 78 points;
- City of Waukee - Key Intersection Improvements - Intersection of Alice's Road and Hickman Road (U.S. Highway 6) – 65 points; and,
- City of West Des Moines - Valley Junction Streetscape (Pedestrian/Roadway Lighting) - Locust Street to Railroad Avenue on 4th, 5th, and 6th Street – 65 points.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V.(B.) Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Transportation Appropriations Project List

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization receive and accept the Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Transportation Appropriations project list, as presented, and to forward the list to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee for prioritization.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI.(A.) Fiscal Year 2012 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget Draft

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item VI. (A).

VI.(B.) Federal Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modifications

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item VI. (B).

VI.(C.) Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Update

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item VI. (C).

VI.(D.) Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Surface Transportation Program and Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Schedule

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item VI. (D).

VI.(E.) 28E Agreement Amendment

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item VI. (E).

VI.(F.) Executive Director Replacement Update

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item VI. (F).

VII. Transportation Management Association Update

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

IX. Next Meeting Date

9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 3, 2011, Des Moines Botanical Center Willow Room.

X. Adjournment

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the MPO TTC's January 6, 2011, meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Tragesser adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.