

NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Funding Subcommittee
3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2016
Des Moines Area MPO Mead Conference Room

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. **Call To Order**
2. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
3. **VOTE: Approval of Meeting Minutes**..... Page 2
 - Approve the February 23, 2016, meeting minutes.
4. **REPORT and VOTE: TAP- Flex Funding Recommendation**..... Page 5
 - Report and discussion regarding returning TAP-Flex funding to the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program; consider approval.
5. **REPORT: 2017 State and Federal Legislative Agendas**..... Page 6
 - Report and discussion on the projects and policies submitted for the federal legislative agenda to be part of Greater Des Moines Partnership’s annual trip to Washington D.C., as well as the state legislative agenda.
6. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
7. **Next Meeting Date – TBD**
8. **Adjournment**

The established protocol for minutes of this meeting will be to list all attendees, and with each item on which a vote is conducted in the ordinary course in order to take formal action, those voting nay or abstaining will be identified by name. Any member who is absent from the meeting for any period of time during which a vote of the body is taken, is expected to notify the recording secretary at the conclusion of the meeting so that the absence can be duly noted in the minutes. Roll Call votes will be taken as required by law or upon the request of any member that is approved by the chair, and the vote of each member for or against the proposition, or abstention, will be incorporated in the minutes or recorded on a separate sheet attached to the minutes.

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December 2016
Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the February 23, 2016, Funding Subcommittee meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the February 23, 2016, Funding Subcommittee meeting are included on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016, Funding Subcommittee meeting.

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MEETING MINUTES

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Funding Subcommittee
3:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 23, 2016
MPO Office - Burnham Room
Des Moines, Iowa**

The MPO Funding Subcommittee held a meeting at 3:00 p.m., on February 23, 2016, in the MPO Burnham Room.

Members Present:

Ruth Randleman, City of Carlisle
John Edwards, City of Clive
Scott Sanders, City of Des Moines
Brian Laurenzo, City of Johnston, Chair
Bob Andeweg, City of Urbandale
Tom Hadden, City of West Des Moines
Mark Wandro, Polk County
Dean Yordi, Warren County

Members Absent:

Kyle Mertz, City of Altoona

Others Present:

Staff Present:

Todd Ashby, Executive Director
Zach Young, Principal Planner

1. Call to Order

Funding Subcommittee Chair Brian Laurenzo called the February 23, 2016, meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 23, 2016, Funding Subcommittee meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 10, 2016, Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. REPORT and VOTE: Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Recommendation

The Funding Subcommittee discussed the submitted projects and developed a funding recommendation.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the FFY 2020 Surface Transportation Program Funding Recommendation and forward the recommendation to the MPO Executive Committee

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. REPORT and VOTE: 2016 Draft D.C. Trip Priority Project List

Staff presented the list of submitted priority projects for the 2016 Greater Des Moines Washington D.C. trip. The committee discussed and agreed to a list of priority projects.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the priority project list for the annual Greater Des Moines Partnership trip to Washington D.C.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

7. Next Meeting Date – TBD.

8. Adjournment

Chair Lorenzo adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

December 2016
Item No. 4

ISSUE: TAP-Flex Funding Recommendation

REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: Consider approval of returning TAP-Flex funding to the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.

BACKGROUND:

With the adoption of the FAST Act, the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) needs to meet new Federal requirements affecting suballocation of funds and project selection for Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds. Federal law requires direct allocation of TA Set-Aside funds to urbanized areas with a population greater than 200,000; for Iowa, these areas are Davenport, Des Moines, and Omaha. Therefore, the Des Moines Area MPO will continue to receive approximately \$686,000 annually in TA funds and retain the usual application and project selection process. What has changed is the allocation of the “TAP-Flex” funds.

Under MAP-21, the IDOT had the option to distribute a portion of TAP funds to local MPOs and they choose to do so starting in 2013. At the Des Moines Area MPO Funding Subcommittee meeting in January of 2013 and the Policy Committee meeting in March of 2013, it was discussed and became practice that the additional “TAP-Flex” funds would be folded into the TAP pool of funds and used to fund TAP projects. Since 2013, this has accounted for around \$529,000 in annual TAP funds. With the FAST Act, the “TAP Flex” funds need to be consolidated with the STP funds and follow the STP funding allocation process.

As has always been the case, STBG Program funds can be used to fund TA eligible projects. Staff recommends to preserve the funding for TA eligible projects and set a minimum threshold at the TAP-Flex target amount provided by the DOT to go towards TA eligible projects.

Staff will present the Funding Subcommittee’s recommendation at the December 7, 2016, Executive Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the recommendation regarding returning TAP-Flex funding to the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.

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December 2016
Item No. 5

ISSUE: Federal and State Legislative Agendas

REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: Report and discussion on the projects and policies submitted for the federal legislative agenda to be part of Greater Des Moines Partnership's annual trip to Washington D.C., as well as the state legislative agenda. Consider approval of the state legislative agenda.

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 (GDMP) annual trip to Washington, D.C.

In the past, there has been some discussion regarding the purpose of developing the priority projects list in light of the elimination of earmarks. At their September 7, 2016, meeting, the Executive Committee discussed how to approach the development of the Priority Project List for the May 2017 Greater Des Moines Partnership trip to Washington D.C. The Executive Committee agreed that continuing the process used the past few years is important and should continue. They also determined that in addition to providing a list of priority projects the list should include policy priorities to form a more holistic federal legislative agenda. MPO staff also solicited feedback on state legislative issues to help develop a state legislative agenda for the 2017 session. Staff requested that member governments submit their projects and policies by November 18, 2016.

[The draft 2017 State Legislative Agenda is available on the MPO website \(click to access\).](#)
[The draft 2017 Federal Legislative Agenda is available on the MPO website \(click to access\).](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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