

## NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Funding Subcommittee

11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

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## TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. **Call To Order**
2. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
3. **VOTE: Approval of Meeting Minutes**..... Page 2
  - Approve the February 9, 2017, meeting minutes.
4. **REPORT and VOTE: Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Funding Recommendation**..... Page 5
  - Report and discussion on the award recommendation for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds; consider approval.
5. **REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: 2017 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.; consider approval.
6. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
7. **Next Meeting Date – TBD**
8. **Adjournment**

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March 2016  
Item No. 3

**ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes**

VOTE: Consider approval of the February 9, 2017, Funding Subcommittee meeting minutes.

**BACKGROUND:**

The minutes of the February 9, 2017, Funding Subcommittee meeting are included on the following pages.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the minutes of the February 9, 2017, Funding Subcommittee meeting.

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Funding Subcommittee  
1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 9, 2017  
MPO Office - Burnham Room  
Des Moines, Iowa**

The MPO Funding Subcommittee held a meeting at 1:30 p.m., on February 9, 2017, in the MPO Burnham Room.

**Members Present:**

Kyle Mertz, City of Altoona  
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:**

**Others Present:**

**Staff Present:**

Todd Ashby, Executive Director  
Zach Young, Principal Planner

**1. Call to Order**

Funding Subcommittee Chair Brian Laurenzo called the February 9, 2017, meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 9, 2017, Funding Subcommittee meeting agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 6, 2016, Funding Subcommittee meeting minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. PRESENTATIONS: Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Applicant Presentations**

The Funding Subcommittee received presentations on the eighteen submitted projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funding.

**5. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**

**6. Next Meeting Date – March 22, 2017.**

**7. Adjournment**

Chair Lorenzo adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

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Item No. 4

**ISSUE: Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Surface Transportation Program Block Grant Program Funding Recommendation**

REPORT AND VOTE: Report and discussion on the award recommendation for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Surface Transportation Program Block Grant Program funds; consider approval.

**BACKGROUND:**

The MPO Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee annually determines a funding recommendation for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program project applications utilizing a previously approved fund programming option. The Funding Subcommittee heard presentations from eligible project sponsors on February 9, 2017.

The MPO staff notes that the FFY 2021 STBG funding target is \$13,094,000 and the Flexible Set-Aside Funding for the Bicycle and Pedestrian category is \$530,000.

Mobilizing Tomorrow identified funding percentages for roadway, maintenance, bridge, and transit categories for STBG funding. The table below shows the funding amounts for each category based on the FFY 2021 funding target:

Category	Minimum Target %	Maximum Target %	Minimum Target Allocation	Maximum Target Allocation
Roadway	0%	60%	\$0	\$7,856,400
Bridge	15%	75%	\$1,964,100	\$9,820,500
Maintenance/System Optimization	10%	70%	\$1,309,400	\$9,165,800
Transit	10%	70%	\$1,309,400	\$9,165,800
Flex	0%	5%	\$0	\$654,700
Bicycle/Pedestrian	100% of Flexible Set-Aside Funding		\$530,000	

[A list of the Surface Transportation Program projects is located on the MPO website \(click to access\).](#)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approval of funding amounts for FFY 2021 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program projects, and forward the recommendation to the MPO Executive Committee.

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Item No. 5

**ISSUE: Federal 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.; consider approval.

**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. Staff requested that member governments submit their projects and policies by November 18, 2016.

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

Staff requests that the committee review the submitted projects and policies in advance of the March 22, 2017, meeting at which time the committee will develop a recommendation regarding the prioritization of the submitted projects.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend a prioritized list of projects, and forward the recommendation to the MPO Executive Committee.

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