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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee**

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**1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 5, 2015  
Des Moines Area MPO Office**

**Burnham Room**

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**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

1. **Call To Order**
2. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
3. **VOTE: Approval of the Meeting Minutes** .....Page 2
  - Review the February 24, 2015, meeting minutes; consider approval.
4. **REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: Priority Projects List Solicitation** .....Page 5
  - Summary of projects submitted by member communities for the annual priority project list for the Greater Moines Partnership trip; consider approval.
5. **REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: Morningstar Bridge Funding**.....Page 6
  - Report on using Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Surface Transportation Program funding for the Morningstar Bridge project; consider approval.
6. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
7. **Next Meeting Date – To be determined.**
8. **Adjournment**

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Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee

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March 2015  
Item No. 3

**ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes**

VOTE: Review and approve minutes of the February 24, 2015, Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee meetings.

**BACKGROUND:**

The minutes of the February 24, 2015, STP Funding Subcommittee meetings are included on the following pages.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the minutes of the February 24, 2015, STP Funding Subcommittee meetings.

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## MEETING MINUTES

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee  
1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 12, 2015  
MPO Office - Burnham Room  
Des Moines, Iowa**

The MPO Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee held a meeting at 3:30 p.m., on February 24, 2015, in the MPO Burnham Room.

### Members Present:

John Edwards, City of Clive  
Scott Sanders, City of Des Moines  
Brian Laurenzo, City of Johnston, Chair  
Bob Andeweg, City of Urbandale  
Russ Trimble, City of West Des Moines (via phone)  
Mark Wandro, Polk County  
Dean Yordi, Warren County

### Members Absent:

Kyle Mertz, City of Altoona  
Ruth Randleman, City of Carlisle

### Others Present:

Mark Arentsen, City of Bondurant  
David Jones, City of Ankeny

### Staff Present:

Todd Ashby, Executive Director  
Zach Young, Senior Transportation Planner  
Teva Dawson, Senior Transportation Planner  
Mike Armstrong, Associate Transportation Planner  
Andrew Collings, Associate Transportation Planner

## 1. Call to Order

Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee Chair Brian Laurenzo called the February 24, 2015, meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 24, 2015, Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee meeting agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 10, 2014, and February 12, 2015, Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee meeting minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 4. REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: Priority Projects List Solicitation

Staff presented the list of submitted priority projects for the 2015 Greater Des Moines Washington D.C. trip. The committee discussed and agreed to table the item to allow committee more time to discuss which projects to shortlist. Staff noted that they would schedule a meeting prior to the March 11, 2015, Executive Committee meeting.

### 5. REPORT and VOTE: Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Recommendation

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the FFY 2019 Surface Transportation Program Funding Recommendation and forward the recommendation to the MPO Executive Committee.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

### 7. Next Meeting Date – To be determined.

### 8. Adjournment

Chair Lorenzo adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

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March 2014  
Item No. 4

## **ISSUE: Priority Projects List Solicitation**

REPORT and VOTE: Summary of projects submitted by member communities for the annual priority project list for the Greater Des Moines Partnership trip; consider approval.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The MPO annually develops a list of priority transportation projects to include in the Greater Des Moines Partnership's Policy Book for its trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with Iowa's congressional delegation. In December, MPO staff sent an email to MPO representatives soliciting projects for this list, noting that the list from 2014 would be used unless changes were provided. Updates to the list were due by January 23, 2015.

Included, as a supplemental item, is this list of projects submitted to the MPO.

Staff requests that the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee review the project listing and to recommend, from the listing, a subset of regional priority projects. Following the MPO's approval of the list and priorities, the MPO staff will forward this information to the Greater Des Moines Partnership for inclusion in the May 2015 Policy Book.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approval of Greater Des Moines Partnership trip's annual priority project list, and to forward the recommendation to the MPO Executive Committee.

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Item No. 5

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) believes that there is a significant regional benefit in both the short and long term to selecting an alignment for the Morningstar Bridge that allows for the addition of a future interchange to accommodate a north-south corridor. The MPO sees the NW 26th Street Corridor as an important component to the region's transportation system.

The MPO requested that the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) consider these factors when determining the alignment for the Morningstar Bridge. However, the DOT is proceeding with a design option that has the undesired outcome of precluding the possibility of an interchange at that location. The DOT is willing to reconsider this design if the MPO member governments are willing to cover the additional \$1,000,000 for the design that would accommodate a future interchange.

Staff is requesting that that STP Funding Subcommittee consider taking \$800,000 of the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 STP allocation to fund a bridge design that would allow for construction of the new bridge while the existing bridge remained open to traffic.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approval of a \$800,000 set aside of FFY 2020 STP funds to reconstruct the Morningside Bridge and forward the recommendation to the MPO Executive Committee.

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