

MEETING MINUTES

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee Planning Subcommittee
10:00 a.m., Monday, June 19, 2017
Des Moines Area MPO Office
Mead Conference Room
Des Moines, Iowa**

Members Present:

Mike Ludwig, City of Des Moines
David Wilwerding, City of Johnston
Ben Champ, City of Pleasant Hill

Members Absent:

Bret VandeLune, Polk County
Brad Deets, City of Waukee
Kara Tragesser, City of West Des Moines

Others Present:

Lisa Hein, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Staff Present:

Dylan Mullenix, Assistant Director
Teva Dawson, Senior Planner
Marcus Coenen, Associate Planner

1. Call to Order

Ben Champ called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Subcommittee members voted to approve the meeting agenda.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee members voted to approve the March 20, 2017, meeting minutes.

4. Bird Friendly Iowa

Lisa Hein provided an overview of the Bird Friendly Iowa program noting that it is model off a program in Wisconsin and is similar to the Tree City U.S.A program. Bird Friendly Iowa is working with Iowa State University's department of landscape architecture and is looking for a community with growth pressure that would be willing to serve as a case study on how to become more bird friendly.

Discussion ensued regarding the program and possible case study locations.

Mike Ludwig stated that he would check with Matt Anderson and see if there was any interest from the City of Des Moines to work with ISU.

5. Stormwater Discussion Follow-Up

Staff provided an overview of the meeting on May 1, 2017, noting that a summary of the meeting was sent through email. Staff discussed potential steps moving forward.

Discussion ensued regarding the challenges facing implementation on a regional level.

6. Drones

Staff provided an overview on the potential to use drone footage for transportation projects. Staff asked the committee their thoughts on the usefulness of drone footage for transportation projects.

Ben Champ noted that drone footage would be very useful.

Mr. Ludwig asked if the MPO would be purchasing drones. Staff stated that purchasing drones is not the plan, but developing a contract with a drone operator is more what staff had discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding where drone have been used by communities in the past.

7. Commuting and Congestion Report

Staff provided a report on the update Commuting and Congestion Report.

8. Other Non-Action Items of Interest

None.

9. Next Meeting Date

July 17, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.