

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Executive Committee  
11:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 14, 2015  
Des Moines Area MPO | Mead Conference Room**

The MPO Executive Committee held a meeting at 11:30 a.m. on October 14, 2015, in the MPO Meeting Mead Conference Room. Before the meeting, the MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO Executive October 5, 2015. **The fiscal year-to-date publication cost of meeting minutes for the MPO: \$138.61. In addition to these published tentative minutes, there also may be additional meeting notes on file with the MPO staff that are public records and available upon request as provided by law. These tentative minutes reflect all action taken at the meeting.**

**Executive Members Present:**

*Tom Hockensmith | Polk County*

*Robert Mahaffey | City of Des Moines*

*Chris Coleman | City of Des Moines*

*Tom Armstrong | City of Grimes*

*Paula Dierenfeld | City of Johnston*

*Angela Connolly | Polk County*

*Steven Gaer | City of West Des Moines*

\* Non-voting Representative

**Staff Present:**

*Jonathan Wilson |MPO General Counsel/via phone*

*Todd Ashby | Executive Director*

*Aaron Bartling | Transportation Planner*

*Mike Armstrong | Transportation Planner*

*Tracey Deckard |Office Manager*

*Gunnar Olson | Communications Manager*

**Executive Members Absent:**

*None*

**Others Present:**

*Clifford Leonard | Public*

*Mike Clayton | IDOT\**

**1. Call to Order**

MPO Chair Tom Hockensmith called the October 14, 2015, meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the October 14, 2015, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the September 9, 2015 Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Mobilizing Tomorrow Amendment Requests**

Staff presented. Staff recommends approval of the Mobilizing Tomorrow Amendment Requests.

*[Chris Coleman joins the meeting at 11:40 a.m.]*

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** A Motion was made to approve the Mobilizing Tomorrow Amendment Requests.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **Mobilizing Tomorrow Annual Report**  
Staff presented. Discussion ensued. Report and discussion only.
6. **Priority Project Solicitation Process**  
Staff presented. Discussion ensued. Report and discussion only.
7. **Complete Streets Tactical Starts Program**  
Staff presented. Report and discussion only.
8. **Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Surface Transportation Program Schedule**  
Staff presented. Report and discussion only.
9. **MPO Nominating Committee Recommendations**  
Staff presented. Discussion ensued. Report and discussion only.
10. **Upcoming Events**  
Staff presented. Report and discussion only.
11. **Approval of MPO Agenda**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the October MPO Policy Agenda

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

12. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**  
Executive Director, Todd Ashby provided information to the Board regarding a Cedar Rapids Bicycle project. Executive Director also advised the board of various awards won by the MPO which included a Communications Initiative Award that recognizes the MPO for monthly reports on performance measures. John Peterson received a Distinguished Leadership Award for a Professional Planner from the APA. Board Member, Angela Connolly received an Outstanding Elected Official Leadership award for her leadership on the Tomorrow Plan, Capital Crossroads and DART Forward 2035 and finally Executive Director Todd Ashby received an award for Outstanding Individual Leadership from AMPO that recognizes the MPO for their work to bring the freight facility to Des Moines.
13. **Adjournment**  
  
Hearing no objection to the contrary, Chair Tom Hockensmith adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.