

MEETING MINUTES

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee Planning Subcommittee
10:00 a.m., Monday, April 17, 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
Bret VandeLune, Polk County
Brad Deets, City of Waukee
Kara Tragesser, City of West Des Moines

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Juan Cadenillas, Polk County Health Department

Staff Present:

Dylan Mullenix, Assistant Director
Zach Young, Principal 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. Funding Swap

Staff provided an overview of how the funding swap would work. Staff noted that most of the cost savings from the swap are related to not having to adhere to Davis-Bacon and reduced administration costs.

Discussion ensued regarding details of how the swap would work. Staff informed the committee that they would keep them updated as new information is received.

5. Draft Bridge Condition Report

Staff provided an overview of the draft Bridge Condition report. Discussion ensued regarding the differences between the terms Structurally Deficient and Functionally Obsolete. Staff noted that they would provide a list of elements that could make a bridge Functionally Obsolete.

6. Planning Subcommittee Reorganization

Staff discussed the potential reorganization of the Planning Subcommittee to address the needs that were identified by the Local Government Collaborative. Staff reviewed a list of identified items and asked the committee to identify priorities. The committee identified small cell, fireworks, and residential occupancy as the top three priorities.

Discussion ensued regarding how the reorganization would occur and the benefits and drawbacks of expanding the committee size. The general consensus of the group was that it makes sense for the Planning Subcommittee to address the outline issues.

7. Smart Cities

Staff provided an overview of the U.S. DOT report titled *Smart City Challenge: Lessons for Building Cities of the Future*. Staff asked committee members what their communities are doing related to Smart Cities work.

Discussion ensued regarding local Smart Cities work.

8. Other Non-Action Items of Interest

None.

9. Next Meeting Date

May 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.