

NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee
3:30 p.m., Thursday, January 21, 2016
Des Moines Area MPO Mead Conference Room

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call To Order
2. VOTE: Approval of Agenda
3. VOTE: Approval of Meeting Minutes Page 2
 - Approve the March 5, 2015, meeting minutes.
4. REPORT and VOTE: *Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request* Page 5
 - Discussion regarding a request to transfer funds awarded to the City of Des Moines for the Southeast Connector project to a City of Pleasant Hill phase of the project; consider approval.
5. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee
6. Next Meeting Date – February 10, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.
7. Adjournment

The established protocol for minutes of this meeting will be to list all attendees, and with each item on which a vote is conducted in the ordinary course in order to take formal action, those voting nay or abstaining will be identified by name. Any member who is absent from the meeting for any period of time during which a vote of the body is taken, is expected to notify the recording secretary at the conclusion of the meeting so that the absence can be duly noted in the minutes. Roll Call votes will be taken as required by law or upon the request of any member that is approved by the chair, and the vote of each member for or against the proposition, or abstention, will be incorporated in the minutes or recorded on a separate sheet attached to the minutes.

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January 2016
Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the March 5, 2015, Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the March 5, 2015, Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee meeting are included on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the March 5, 2015, Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee meeting.

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MEETING MINUTES

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee
1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 5, 2015
MPO Office - Burnham Room
Des Moines, Iowa**

The MPO Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee held a meeting at 1:00 p.m., on March 5, 2015, 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
Russ Trimble, City of West Des Moines (via phone)
Mark Wandro, Polk County
Dean Yordi, Warren County

Members Absent:

Bob Andeweg, City of Urbandale

Others Present:

Staff Present:

Todd Ashby, Executive Director
Dylan Mullenix, Assistant Director
Zach Young, Senior Transportation Planner

1. Call to Order

Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee Chair Brian Laurenzo called the March 5, 2015, meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 5, 2015, Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: Priority Projects List Solicitation

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the priority project list for the annual Greater Des Moines Partnership trip to Washington D.C.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: Morningstar Bridge Funding

The committee discussed the option of reserving \$800,000 in Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Surface Transportation Program funds to allocate to a bridge design that would allow for construction of a future interchange. There was no support for moving forward and no vote was called.

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 1:43 p.m.

January 2016
Item No. 4

ISSUE: *Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request*

REPORT and VOTE: Discussion regarding a request to transfer funds awarded to the City of Des Moines for the Southeast Connector project to a City of Pleasant Hill phase of the project; consider approval.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Pleasant Hill, with the support of the City of Des Moines, has requested the following revision to the *Federal Fiscal Year 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program* (FFY 2016-2019 TIP).

Sponsor: Pleasant Hill

Project: In the City of Pleasant Hill: Pleasant Hill Blvd and Vandalia Road intersection

Federal Aid Amount: \$3,378,400

Total Cost: \$4,223,000

Type of Funding: STP

Change: Add project to the TIP for FFY 2016 by subtracting the corresponding STP funding amount from the City of Des Moines' "SE Connector: From SE 30th to US 65" project.

[A Map showing the location of this project is available on the MPO website \(click to access\).](#)

There is a precedent for transferring funds from one project to another. However, the STP Funding Guidelines do not directly address a request of this nature. This is the type of decision that the guidelines leave to the discretion of the STP Funding Subcommittee. The MPO staff notes the following for consideration:

- While a request to transfer STP funds between jurisdictions is unusual, this funding is still being applied to a supporting phase of the Southeast Connector which the Funding Subcommittee has shown a commitment to over the past years; and,
- The City of Pleasant Hill is a joint sponsor on the City of Des Moines STP application.

The MPO staff notes that amendments to the TIP are subject to the approval of the MPO and a public comment period. Staff will present the STP Funding Subcommittee's recommendation at the February Executive and Policy Committee meetings. The public will have a chance to comment at the February 18, 2016, MPO Policy meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the request to transfer funds awarded to the City of Des Moines for the Southeast Connector project to a City of Pleasant Hill phase of the project, and to forward the recommendation to the MPO Executive Committee.

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