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MPO funding announced for projects advancing regional goals

More than \$13 million has been awarded to 18 transportation projects that improve Greater Des Moines from the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Polk County Supervisor and MPO Chair Tom Hockensmith said the selected projects help advance the four goals established in the region's long-term transportation Plan, Mobilizing Tomorrow. Those goals are to enhance multimodal transportation options, optimize existing transportation infrastructure, improve the region's environmental health, and further the health, safety and well-being of all residents.

"MPO member governments continue to make smart investments in transportation that are improving Greater Des Moines," Hockensmith said.

The projects receiving funding range from trails, streetscapes and transit buses to the reconstruction of existing roads and the construction of new roads. All projects receiving funding through the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) are listed in the tables below.

The application process was competitive, with applications for 27 projects totaling more than \$48 million in requests. MPO staff scored the projects on how well they help meet the regional performance measures established in Mobilizing Tomorrow. Additionally, the public provided comments and feedbacks on the proposed projects. The STP Funding Subcommittee reviewed applications, scoring and public comment and made a recommendation to the MPO Policy Committee, which approved the funding for the recommended projects on April 21.

The grants are available through the Surface Transportation Program and the Transportation Alternative Program, which are funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation and administered by the MPO.

Mobilizing Tomorrow is the long-range transportation plan for the year 2050 adopted by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in November 2014. The plan outlines how the MPO's member governments throughout the Greater Des Moines region will invest approximately \$600 million in transportation funding over the next 35 years.

The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) acts as a regional forum to ensure coordination between the public and local, state, and federal agencies in regard to planning issues and to prepare transportation plans and programs. The MPO develops both long- and short-range multimodal transportation plans, selects and approves projects for federal funding based upon regional priorities, and develops methods to reduce traffic congestion.

Federal Fiscal Year 2020 STP Funding Recommendation

Primary Sponsor	Project Title	Project Cost	2020 STP Request	Project Category	Score	STP Award
STP Roadway Projects						
Ankeny	West First Street Widening Improvement - Phase 1	\$4,400,000	\$1,500,000	Roadway	72	\$750,000
Bondurant	Main Street Streetscape	\$500,000	\$500,000	Roadway	32	
Des Moines	Southeast Connector - SE 30th Street to US 65 Beltway	\$50,000,000	\$5,000,000	Roadway	43	\$3,000,000
Norwalk	Beardsley Reconstruction West	\$6,000,000	\$750,000	Roadway	44	
Polk County	NW 26th Street Reconstructon Project	\$6,750,000	\$4,000,000	Roadway	26	\$1,000,000
Urbandale	100th Street Interchange at I-35/80	\$10,350,000	\$1,000,000	Roadway	35	
Waukee	Grand Prairie Parkway Corridor Phase 5 (Alice's Road - Olson Drive to Hickman Road)	\$7,750,000	\$1,000,000	Roadway	43	\$750,000
West Des Moines	Grand Ave Widening	\$6,900,000	\$3,450,000	Roadway	60	\$1,252,550
West Des Moines	South Grand Prairie Parkway	\$16,000,000	\$8,000,000	Roadway	40	
West Des Moines	Grand Avenue - South Jordan Creek Parkway to South 88th Street	\$8,650,000	\$4,325,000	Roadway	40	
West Des Moines	Grand Avenue - South 88th Street to South Grand Prairie Parkway	\$11,000,000	\$5,500,000	Roadway	40	
STP Maintenance Projects						
Altoona	8th Street SW Reconstruction	\$18,700,000	\$4,500,000	Maintenance	64	\$750,000
Des Moines	University Avenue Resurfacing	\$850,000	\$500,000	Maintenance	36	\$500,000
DOT	Rehabilitation of IA 415	\$5,000,000	\$500,000	Maintenance	35	\$500,000
Polk County	NE 3rd Street Rehabilitation Project	\$602,000	\$300,000	Maintenance	18	\$300,000
Windsor Heights	University Avenue multi-purpose transportation improvements	\$1,500,000	\$880,000	Maintenance	56	
STP Bridge Program Projects						
Des Moines	Court Avenue Des Moines River Bridge Rehabilitation	\$7,600,000	\$2,000,000	Bridge	n/a	\$1,500,000
Polk County	Bridge No. 5412 Replacement on NE 3rd Street	\$762,712	\$450,000	Bridge	n/a	\$450,000
Transit Program Projects						
DART	Purchase DART Replacement Buses	\$5,076,000	\$1,350,000	Transit	n/a	\$1,350,000
Planning Studies/Other						
MPO	TMA Funds	\$190,000	\$190,000	Flexible	n/a	\$190,000
Total		\$168,580,712	\$45,695,000			\$12,292,550

Federal Fiscal Year 2020 TAP Funding Recommendation

Primary Sponsor	Project Title	Project Cost	2020 TAP Request	Score	TAP Award
Ankeny	High Trestle Trail Extension	\$410,000	\$150,000	77	\$100,000
Bondurant	Oleson St. Underpass	\$2,100,000	\$500,000	70	
DART	BCycle 2020 Expansion	\$282,138	\$225,710	77	\$215,000
Des Moines	6th Ave. Streetscape	\$2,400,000	\$300,000	78	\$300,000
Des Moines	River Trail Phase 2	\$2,531,000	\$500,000	81	\$500,000
Norwalk	Great Western Trail Connection	\$1,198,344	\$250,000	72	\$100,000
Pleasant Hill	SE 6th Ave. Pedestrian Underpass	\$435,000	\$350,000	68	
Polk County	Ft. Des Moines Trail Access	\$360,000	\$160,000	58	
Total		\$9,716,482	\$2,435,710		\$1,215,000