

MEETING MINUTES

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Long-Range Transportation Plan Steering Committee
3:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2018
Des Moines Area MPO Office
Burnham Conference Room
Des Moines, Iowa**

Members Present:

Gary Lorenz, City of Ankeny
Ruth Randleman, City of Carlisle, Chair
John Edwards, City of Clive
Frank Cownie, City of Des Moines
Stephanie Riva, City of Norwalk
Sara Kurovski, City of Pleasant Hill
Andrew Woodard, GDMP
Amanda Wanke, DART (attending for Elizabeth)
Teree Caldwell-Johnson, Public School
Susan Judkins, WMA Council

Members Absent:

Chris Coleman, City of Des Moines
Matt Anderson, City of Des Moines
Kyle Mertz, City of Altoona
Tom Hadden, City of West Des Moines
Bob Andeweg, City of Urbandale
Angela Connolly, Polk County
Joshua V. Barr, Civil Rights, City of Des Moines
Elizabeth Presutti, DART
Kent Sovern, AARP
Rick Kozin, Public Health
Gretchen Tegeler, Tax Payers Association

Staff Present:

Dylan Mullenix, Assistant Director
Zach Young, Principal Planner
Gunnar Olson, Communications Manager
Andrew Collings, Senior Planner
Mike Armstrong, Senior Planner
Marcus Coenen, Senior Planner
Victoria Halloran, Planning Intern

1. Call to Order

Chair Ruth Randleman called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Subcommittee members voted to approve the meeting agenda.

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee members voted to approve the March 28, 2018, meeting minutes.

4. Transportation and Technology (Scenario Exercise)

Staff lead the committee through a scenario exercise looking at how technology could impact transportation. Four scenarios were discussed that portrayed a variety of outcomes based on the degree

of government regulation and the speed of technology adoption.

The committee had varying viewpoints on how much of an impact technology will have on the transportation system and how much government should be involved in regulating transportation technologies as they hit the market.

The committee agreed that the scenario exercise was useful but would have liked to have had more background information ahead of the meeting.

5. Overview of Comparable Regions

Staff provided an overview of comparable regions. The regions selected were based populations that the MPO is expected to be in 2050. The regions were compared based on several factors including density/square mile, congestion, H+T Index, AARP Livability Index, and Walk Score.

Staff noted that based on the regions selected, they didn't feel that any of the regions were ones that Greater Des Moines would want to emulate. Discussion ensued regarding how to approach looking at comparable regions. Staff noted that they would look at the AARP Livability Index in more detail and report back at a later meeting.

6. Growth Scenario

Staff provided a brief overview of the growth scenario process and noted that more details would be presented at future meetings.

7. Other Non-Action Items of Interest

None.

8. Next Meeting Date

August 22, 2018, at 3:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.