

NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Funding Subcommittee

1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. **Call To Order**
2. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
3. **VOTE: Approval of Meeting Minutes**..... Page 2
 - Approve the February 5, 2019, meeting minutes.
4. **REPORT and VOTE: Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Funding Recommendation**..... Page 4
 - Report and discussion on the award recommendation for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds; consider approval.
5. **REPORT and VOTE: Priority Project List for Greater Des Moines Partnerships Trip to D.C.** Page 5
 - Report and discussion on the projects submitted for the federal legislative agenda to be part of Greater Des Moines Partnership’s annual trip to Washington D.C.; consider approval.
6. **REPORT and VOTE: City of Des Moines Request to Transfer STBG Set-Aside Funding** Page 6
 - Report and discussion on the City of Des Moines’ request to transfer STBG Set-Aside funding from their Ingersoll Avenue and Highland Park streetscape projects to the 6th Avenue streetscape project; consider approval.
7. **REPORT: STBG Funding and Maintenance Accountability** Page 7
 - Report and discussion on the request from the Executive Committee to look at setting a standard of accountability for maintenance to receive STBG funding.
8. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
9. **Next Meeting Date – TBD**
10. **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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March 2019
Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the February 5, 2019, Funding Subcommittee meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the February 5, 2019, Funding Subcommittee meeting are included on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the February 5, 2019, Funding Subcommittee meeting.

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March 2019
Item No. 4

ISSUE: Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program

PRESENTATIONS: The Funding Subcommittee will hear presentations from project sponsors.

BACKGROUND:

The deadline for submission of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program applications was December 7, 2018. The MPO staff received 20 STBG applications, including nine (9) roadway projects, three (3) Maintenance/System Optimization, three (3) bridge projects, one (1) transit project, one (1) planning study, and three (3) bicycle/pedestrian projects.

[The submitted application packet is available on the MPO website \(click to access\).](#)

Staff hosted a public meeting on February 12, 2019, to collect feedback on the submitted projects. Comments were also collected through an online format with a deadline of March 5, 2019.

[A summary of the submitted comments is available on the MPO website \(click to access\).](#)

The MPO has not received the updated targets for FFY 2023. The FFY 2022 target for STBG funding was \$13,243,000. The target for Set-Aside funding was \$1,203,000. Until we get the updated targets, we will assume they are the same as FFY 2022.

[The List of STBG project scores and corresponding scores is available on the MPO website \(click to access\).](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Presentations only.

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March 2019
Item No. 5

ISSUE: Priority Project List for Annual D.C. Trip

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the priority projects submitted for the Greater Des Moines Partnership's annual trip to Washington D.C

BACKGROUND:

The MPO staff annually works with MPO member governments and participating agencies to develop a list of priority transportation projects to discuss with congressional members during the Greater Des Moines Partnership's (GDMP) annual trip to Washington, D.C. Staff requested that updates to the projects and policies to include be submitted by December 7, 2018.

Key dates in the process are as follows:

- January – Draft project listing provided to MPO committees for discussion;
- February – Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee meets to identify priority projects from the assembled listing;
- March – MPO committees take action to approve the project listing and priority projects;
- March/April – GDMP publishes the Policy Book; and,
- May – GDMP Trip to Washington D.C. – May 8-10, 2019.

[The 2019 priority project list is for the Greater Des Moines Partnership Trip to D.C. is available on the MPO website \(click to access\).](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the priority project list for Greater Des Moines Partnerships Trip to D.C.

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March 2019
Item No. 5

ISSUE: City of Des Moines' Request to Transfer STBG Set-Aside Funding

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the City of Des Moines' request to transfer STBG Set-Aside funding from their Ingersoll Avenue and Highland Park streetscape project to the 6th Avenue streetscape project.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Des Moines is requesting that \$750,000 in STBG Set-Aside funding be transferred from the Ingersoll Avenue – Phase 2 and the Highland Park streetscape projects to the 6th Avenue streetscape project. The details of this request are outline in an official letter that the City of Des Moines submitted to the MPO on December 6, 2018.

[The City of Des Moines official request letter is available on the MPO website \(click to access\).](#)

This request also included the City of Des Moines returning \$246,000 to the STBG Set-Aside fund at the MPO.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the City of Des Moines' request to transfer STBG Set-Aside funding from their Ingersoll Avenue and Highland Park streetscape project to the 6th Avenue streetscape project.

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March 2019
Item No. 6

ISSUE: STBG Funding and Maintenance Accountability

REPORT: Discussion on the request from the Executive Committee to look at setting a standard of accountability for maintenance to receive STBG funding.

BACKGROUND:

On September 20, 2018, the MPO Policy Committee approved new funding target percentages that will go into effect following the adoption of the Mobilizing Tomorrow update in September 2019. The updated targets are listed in the table below:

Funding Category	Target
System Capacity	30%
Bridge	20%
Major Reconstruction/Replacement	25%
System Optimization	15%
Transit	10%

Following approval of these targets, the requested that the Funding Subcommittee address two questions:

- Develop a percentage of funding that each community must spend on maintenance to be eligible for the Major Reconstruction/Replacement funds; and,
- Explore alternatives to allocating maintenance funds competitively.

These questions will be open for discussion at the March 12, 2019, meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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