We would like to take a moment to thank you for a great year. Because with you as our members – partners in bettering our region – our work together is having a tremendous impact on Central Iowa.

We have had several notable successes planning for the future of the regional transportation network: investing millions of dollars in streets, bridges, transit and trails; utilizing paved-trail-condition data generated by the nation’s first “data bike”; updating the region’s long-range transportation plan; and convening the region’s first Smart City Roundtable to adapt to emerging technologies.

We have also taken significant steps to ensure that the MPO is strategically aligned with our member governments’ interests. This year we began implementing the MPO Strategic Plan. In particular, we updated our governing structure to improve representation and promote more active dialogue at committee meetings.

There’s much to look forward to in the coming year. Significantly, we will finalize the updated long-range transportation plan, which is renewing focus on getting the most use out of existing infrastructure.

Sincerely,

STEVE GAER  
West Des Moines Mayor, MPO Chair

R. TODD ASHBY  
MPO CEO / Executive Director
**FY2019 HIGHLIGHTS**

**LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The MPO put itself on track this year to complete the federally required five-year update to the region’s long-range transportation plan. Named Mobilizing Tomorrow, the plan provides a vision for the region’s transportation network, outlines planned investments through 2050, and ensures federal funding eligibility for MPO member governments’ projects. Notable to the update is a re-emphasis on investing in the existing system to get more benefit from infrastructure that is already built. The 18-month process will wrap up later this year. More information can be found at www.dmampo.org/mobilizing-tomorrow-update/.

**TRANSLOAD FACILITY**

The MPO secured an $11.2 million BUILD grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Des Moines Transload Facility. A transload facility serves to transfer raw goods between trucks and trains, which can ship goods at a lower cost. Located in southeast Des Moines with access to three national and one regional rail carriers and the interstate highway network, the transload facility is projected to lower shipping costs for businesses within a 150-mile radius. A private operator has been selected; the facility is expected to open in 2020. More information is available at www.dmampo.org/transload-facility/.

**HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

The MPO last year developed the Polk County Hazard Mitigation Plan under contract with Polk County Emergency Management. The contract work positively impacted the MPO’s budget while not cutting into the MPO’s core work. As a governmental partner, the MPO can perform the work at a lower rate for other governmental entities, saving taxpayer money.

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**MPO GRANT FUNDING**

**Five-year total grants to MPO members**

(Federal Fiscal Years 2019-2023)

**TOTAL AWARDS: $69.4M**

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**MPO BUDGET**

FY2019 Revenue

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**STRATEGIC PLAN**

The MPO this year right-sized its Policy and Executive Committees as part of the MPO Strategic Plan. The Policy Committee now has 26 voting members, down from 43, to promote more discussion at meetings. The Executive Committee is now 11 members, up from 7, to give broader regional representation.

**CENTRAL IOWA WATER TRAILS**

Started at the MPO, the Central Iowa Water Trails initiative has grown into a top regional priority. Local jurisdictions have begun implementing projects. A public-private partnership, operating as the Capital Crossroads Central Iowa Water Trails Incubator, was announced in May to support the overall effort. Private fundraising is underway for regional projects and the three dam mitigations on the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers. More information is available at www.centraliowawatertrails.org.
IOWA DATA BIKE
The Iowa Data Bike was invented by the MPO in 2017 and has been collecting pavement condition data for the region’s paved trail network since.
dmampo.org/data-bike

MPO Policy Committee Voting Members
* MPO Executive Committee Members

CHAIR: STEVE GAER*
Mayor of West Des Moines

VICE CHAIR: JOE GATTO*
Des Moines City Council Member

TREASURER: GARY LORENZ*
Mayor of Ankeny

BOB ANDEWEG*
Mayor of Urbandale

TOM ARMSTRONG*
Grimes (former Mayor)

CONNIE BOESEN
Des Moines City Council Member

CHRIS COLEMAN*
Des Moines City Council Member

FRANK COWNIE
Mayor of Des Moines

AARON DeKOCK
Warren County Supervisor

PAULA DIERENFELD
Mayor of Johnston

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Mitchellville City Administrator

BILL GRAY
Des Moines City Council Member

TOM HADDEN
West Des Moines City Manager

MARK HANSON
Dallas County Supervisor

DAVID JONES
Ankeny City Manager

JOSEPH JONES
Windsor Heights City Council Member

SARA KUROVSKI*
Mayor of Pleasant Hill

MATT McCoy*
Polk County Supervisor

KYLE MERTZ*
Altoona City Council Member

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DART CEO

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Mayor of Bondurant

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Clive City Council Member

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