

NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Freight Roundtable

—
3:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2020
Des Moines Area MPO Mead Conference Room
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
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 - Approve the October 16, 2019, meeting minutes.
5. **REPORT: Transload Facility Update**.....Page 3
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9. **REPORT: MPO Budget Development**.....Page 7
 - Report on the development of the MPO’s budget.
10. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
11. **Next Meeting Date**
 - 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, 2020, Des Moines Area MPO Office.
12. **Adjournment**

Future Meeting Discussion Topics:

- Additional axels/weight on truckload (91K load limit)
- Update on regional freight impediments

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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Item No. 4

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

REPORT: Approve minutes of the October 16, 2019, Freight Roundtable meeting.

BACKGROUND:

[Click here for a copy of the minutes of the October 16, 2019, Freight Roundtable meeting.](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019, Freight Roundtable meeting.

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Item No. 5

ISSUE: Des Moines Transload Facility

REPORT: Update from staff on the proposed transload facility in Des Moines.

BACKGROUND:

Staff will provide an update on the status of the proposed transload facility on the SE side of Des Moines and answer questions from FRT members.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 6

ISSUE: Containerlocator Website Update

REPORT: Update from staff on the Containerlocator.com website.

BACKGROUND:

Staff will provide an update on the status of the Containerlocatr.com website.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 7

ISSUE: Highway 5 Interstate Designation

REPORT: Update on efforts to designate the US 65/Iowa 5 bypass to an interstate.

BACKGROUND:

Over the last decade the MPO has pursued efforts to designate the US 65/Iowa 5 bypass as an interstate. At the MPO's request and with funding from communities along the corridor, the Iowa DOT produced in 2012 the Iowa Highway 5/US Highway 65 Freeway Corridor Instate System Designation Summary Report. This report outlined the potential improvements necessary for the interstate designation, including issues related to roadway design and safety, right-of-way access, and signage. The report also identified the need to address how to handle slow moving and/or overweight agricultural equipment.

Since the report's publication the MPO and local stakeholders have worked to identify options to address the outstanding issues identified by the Iowa DOT, particularly the slow moving and overweight vehicle issues. The primary concern is that without an alternative to cross the Des Moines River, some farm operators would be unable to access some fields and/or grain elevators if they are unable to use the bypass.

On December 17, 2019, MPO staff along with representatives from several local communities met with the Iowa DOT Director and staff to discuss moving forward on the interstate designation. MPO staff will provide additional information at the January meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 8

ISSUE: Bondurant Amazon Facility

REPORT: Report on the recently announced Amazon Facility in Bondurant.

BACKGROUND:

It has been officially announced that Amazon is behind the new warehouse facility in Bondurant. The 645,000 square foot facility is anticipated to create 1,000 new full-time jobs. Additional details are available in the following official Amazon press release.

[Click here for a link to the Amazon press release.](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 9

ISSUE: MPO Budget Development

DISCUSSION: Report on the development of the MPO's budget.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO is currently developing its FY 2021 budget. As part of this budget development, staff is looking for potential projects to include in the upcoming budget. Staff will seek input on potential freight projects for the upcoming year.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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