NOTICE OF MEETING
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Policy Committee
4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 2020
Conference Call
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Access Code: 963-375-077
TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. VOTE: Approval of Agenda
4. VOTE: Approval of Meeting Minutes ................................................................. Page 2
   • Approve the February 20, 2020, meeting minutes.
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   • Report on the Capital Crossroads Stormwater Management Work Products; consider approval.
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   • Report regarding an amendment to FFY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add an ICAAP funded project currently programmed in FFY 2019; consider approval.
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9. REPORT and VOTE: Purple Heart Highway Study Contract .................................................. Page 10
   • Report regarding a contract with HNTB to update the Iowa Highway 5 / US Highway 65 Freeway Corridor Interstate System Designation Summary Report; consider approval.
10. REPORT and VOTE: FFY 2024 STBG Program Funding Recommendation ......................... Page 11
    • Report on the Funding Subcommittee’s award recommendation for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funding; consider approval.
11. REPORT and VOTE: DMAMPO Audit RFP ......................................................................... Page 14
    • Report on the DMAMPO Audit RFP status regarding contract to Denman & Company, LLP for audit services; consider approval
12. REPORT: Water Trails Update ............................................................................................. Page 15
    • Update on efforts related to the use of the BUILD Grant for water trails.
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18. Next Meeting Date – May 21, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.
19. 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 yay 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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ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the February 20, 2020, MPO Policy Committee meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the February 20, 2020, MPO Policy Committee meeting are included on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the February 20, MPO Policy Committee meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

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(515) 334-0075
Meeting Minutes
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 20, 2020
Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

The MPO held a meeting at 4:00 p.m. on February 20, 2020, in the Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room. Before the meeting, the MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO’s representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on February 14, 2020. In addition to these published tentative minutes, there also may be additional Meeting Notes on file with the MPO staff that are public records and available upon request as provided by law. These tentative minutes reflect all action taken at the meeting.

**MPO Representatives Present:**
Gary Lorenz | City of Ankeny
David Jones | City of Ankeny
Marketa Oliver | City of Bondurant
Ted Weaver | City of Clive
Brent Highfill | City of Cumming**
Mark Hanson | Dallas County
Joe Gatto | City of Des Moines
Bill Gray | City of Des Moines
Chris Coleman | City of Des Moines
Connie Boesen | City of Des Moines
Scott Sanders | City of Des Moines
Scott Mikkelsen | City of Grimes
Stephanie Riva | City of Norwalk
Sara Kurovski | City of Pleasant Hill
Jeff Walters | Polk City
Matt McCoy | Polk County
Robert Andeweg | City of Urbandale
Courtney Clarke | City of Waukee
Laura Reveles | City of West Des Moines
Dave Burgess | City of Windsor Heights
Kevin Foley | Des Moines Airport *
Brooke Ramsey | HIRTA *
Andy Loonan | IDOT *

**MPO Staff Present:**
Scott Brennan | MPO General Counsel
Todd Ashby | Executive Director
Dylan Mullenix | Assistant Director
Zach Young | Planning Manager
Andrew Collings | Principal Planner
Allison van Pelt | Associate Planner
Zhi Chen | Associate Planner
Tracey Deckard | Office Manager
Aspen Pflanz | Intern

**Others Present:**
Clifford Leonard, Public

**MPO Representatives Absent:**
Kyle Mertz | City of Altoona
Ruth Randleman | City of Carlisle
Elizabeth Presutti | DART
Colton Fors | City of Elkhart
Ryan Waller | City of Indianola**
Jim Evans | City of Johnston
Aaron Price | Madison County**
Tammi Dillavou | City of Mitchellville
Travis Brout | Van Meter**
Aaron Dekock | Warren County
Tom Hadden | City of West Des Moines

Steve Gaer | City of West Des Moines
Darla Hugaboom | FHWA* 
Mark Bechtel | FTA* 
* Advisory/Non-Voting Representatives
** Associate/Non-Voting Representative
1. **Call to Order**  
   MPO Chair, Joe Gatto recognized a quorum and called the February 20, 2020, meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**  
   **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization February 20, 2020 meeting agenda.  
   **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes**  
   **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s January 23, 2020 minutes.  
   **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **Approval of Financial Statements**  
   **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Financial Statements.  
   **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **Public Comment on MPO Actions**  
   None.

6. **Presentation: Polk County Conservation Water Quality Monitoring Programs**  
   Rich Leopold with Polk County Conservation presented.

7. **Election of Calendar Year 2020 Officers**  
   Chair presented. Executive Committee officers for Calendar Year 2020 are:  
   Matt McCoy – Vice Chair  
   Sara Kurvoski – Secretary/Treasurer  
   **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the CY2020 Officers.  
   **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8. **FY 2020 Budget Amendment**  
   Staff presented. Recommend approval of FY 2020 Budget Amendment  
   **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY 2020 Budget Amendment.  
   **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. **FFY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment**  
   Staff presented. Recommend approval of the FFFY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment from the City of Norwalk.  
   **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the request by the City of Norwalk to amend the FFY 2020-2023 TIP.  
   **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10. **FY 2020 Central Iowa Trail Condition Report**  
    Staff presented. Recommend approval of the FY 2020 Central Iowa Trail Condition Report  
    **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY 2020 Central Iowa Trail Condition Report.  
    **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
11. **Safety Targets**
   Staff presented. Recommend approval of the 2016-2020 safety targets for the Des Moines Planning Area.
   **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2016-2020 Safety Targets. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

12. **Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget**
   Staff presented. Report and discussion only.

13. **Quarterly Budget Report**
   Staff presented. Report and discussion only.

14. **Fiscal Year 2019 Audit**
   Staff presented. Report and discussion only.

15. **Illustrative Project List**
   Staff presented. Report and discussion only.

16. **FFY 2024 Surface Transportation Block Grant Applications**
   Staff presented. Report and discussion only.

17. **FFY 2024 Transportation Alternative Program Applications**
   Staff presented. Report and discussion only.

18. **Water Trails Update**
   Executive Director presented. Report and discussion only.

19. **State Legislative Update**
   Executive Director presented. Report and discussion only.

20. **Upcoming Events**
   Staff presented. Information only.

21. **Other Non-Action Items of interest to the Committee**
   Report was given by staff regarding the Rain Campaign, additional discussion was held regarding the status of the Purple Heart Highway/Interstate. Tom Armstrong was thanked for his service on the Policy Committee and to Steve Gaer for serving as President the past 2 years.

22. **Next Meeting Date April 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

23. **Adjournment**
   Hearing no objection to the contrary Chair Joe Gatto adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.
ISSUE: Public Comment of MPO Actions

PUBLIC COMMENT: Opportunity for public comment on actions taken by the MPO board.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO’s Public Participation Plan provides an opportunity for the public to comment on items on the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Public comment only.

STAFF CONTACTS:

Todd Ashby, tashby@dmampo.org
(515) 334-0075.
ISSUE: Capital Crossroads Stormwater Management Work Products

PRESENTATION and VOTE: John Swanson, Polk County Water Resources Planner, will present on the outcomes of the Capital Crossroads Stormwater Management work.

BACKGROUND:

Managing stormwater runoff and its impacts is a serious issue facing our region. As communities grow and storms intensify, stormwater runoff problems often increase. In 2018, Capital Crossroads and MIALG identified stormwater management as a regional priority in need of improvement.

Since then, Capital Crossroads has worked collaboratively to identify a practical approach to managing stormwater more effectively across the region maximizing benefits and minimizing cost, especially when avoided costs created by the status quo are considered. The work products that came out of this are recommended for all Des Moines metro communities to consider integrating into their current ordinances and enforcement. The Capital Crossroads Stormwater Management work was presented to the Metropolitan Advisory Council (MAC). The MAC request that this work be brought through the MPO for approval.

The Following documents are available for review on the MPO website (click links to access).

- Capital Crossroads Stormwater Management Executive Summary
- Capital Crossroads Stormwater Management Cover Document
- Capital Crossroads Stormwater Management Composite Document
- Capital Crossroads Stormwater Technical Document
- Iowa Stormwater Management Manual 301-7 Local Ordinance and Compliance Guidance

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Capital Crossroads Stormwater Management language and documents.

STAFF CONTACTS:

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(515) 334-0075
ISSUE: FFY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of an amendment to FFY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add an ICAAP funded project, in the City of Des Moines, which is currently programmed in FFY 2019.

BACKGROUND:
In FFY 2018, the City of Des Moines was awarded an ICAAP grant of $136,000. This project is the second phase of a multi-phase effort to review and update the signal timing and phasing of the traffic signal systems in Des Moines. The goal of the project is to increase efficiency of the traffic signal systems resulting in decreased travel times, reductions in traffic congestion, and ultimately the reduction of vehicle emissions. The project will also consider signal timing and phasing for pedestrian and bicycle traffic in support of the City’s efforts to provide a more walkable and bikeable transportation network. Phase 2 of the project includes 86 signals along 8 corridors on the western side of the City of Des Moines. The update of signal timing and phasing was scheduled for FFY 2019. The City of Des Moines has requested that the project be programmed in FFY 2020 within the FFY 2020 TIP.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Approve the Federal Fiscal Years 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request.

STAFF CONTACT:
Sreyoshi Chakraborty, schakraborty@dmampo.org;
(515) 334-0075
ISSUE: FFY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of an amendment to FFY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add an NHPP funded project previously programmed in FFY 2015.

BACKGROUND:
A highway project on I-80 including $8,100,000 NHPP funds. An account conversion for this project was done and requires that the project be added back to the 2020 STIP. Iowa DOT will provide an update at the April meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Approve the Federal Fiscal Years 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request.

STAFF CONTACT:
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ISSUE: Purple Heart Highway Update


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 Interstate 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.

Staff met with representatives of Farm Bureau in early March and had additional discussions with the DOT. The DOT recommended contracting with HNTB (who did the initial study) to update the Iowa Highway 5 / US Highway 65 Freeway Corridor Interstate System Designation Summary Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve the Executive Director to execute a contract with HNTB to update the Iowa Highway 5 / US Highway 65 Freeway Corridor Interstate System Designation Summary Report completed in 2012. This study will evaluate safety requirements along to corridor and those requiring action. Contract amount not to exceed $75,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

Todd Ashby, tashby@dmampo.org; (515) 334-0075
ISSUE: FFY 2024 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Funding Recommendation

REPORT and Vote: Discussion regarding the award recommendation for Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Surface Transportation Program Block Grant Program funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Funding Subcommittee annually determines a funding recommendation for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program project applications. The Funding Subcommittee heard presentations from eligible project sponsors on February 26, 2020.

The FFY 2024 target for STBG funding is $12,893,000. The target for Set-Aside funding is $1,170,000. In addition, there is $1,000,000 in excess STBG funding available this round for a total of $13,893,000 to award for FFY 2024 projects.

The Funding Subcommittee held a conference call on March 25, 2020, to develop a funding recommendation for consideration by the MPO Executive Committee and the MPO Policy Committee.

At the April 8, 2020, Executive Committee meeting the Executive Committee revised the Funding Subcommittee’s recommendation for the STBG Set-Aside Funding program. The Executive Committee reduced the amount for DART bus shelters by $100,000 to $200,000. The committee then awarded $100,000 to Clive’s BCycle Electric Bike Expansion project.

The Funding Subcommittee’s recommendation is available on the following pages and the MPO website (click to access).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend approval of the award recommendation for FFY 2024 STBG funding.

STAFF CONTACT:

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(515) 334-0075
## Federal Fiscal Year 2024 STBG Funding Recommendation

### Funding Categories and Targets

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### Past Award Amount, Request, Score, Award Amount

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<td>Ankeny</td>
<td>NE Datawae Ave Widening</td>
<td>NE 5th Street to NE 18th Street</td>
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<td>Broadway Street Intersection to North Corporate Limits</td>
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<td>Phase 1 of the Broadway Ave. Multimodal Improvement Project.</td>
<td>From NE 14 St. (US 69) east 1.0 mile to NE 22nd Street</td>
<td>$1,000,000</td>
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<td>Intelligent Transportation Systems Upgrade</td>
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<td>Bridge No. 6633 Bridge Replacement</td>
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### Transit Projects

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### Other/Planning Studies

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### Total

Total: $32,236,200 | Target: $33,489,000
### Federal Fiscal Year 2024 STBG Set-Aside Funding Recommendation

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<td>Oralabor Gateway Trail – SW State Street Overpass</td>
<td>Recreational trail overpass on the south leg of SW Oralabor Road and SW State Street intersection.</td>
<td>$500,000</td>
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<td>Central Place Levee Trail – Phase 1</td>
<td>The northern terminus is located at 1901 2nd Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50314. The southern terminus is located at 821 W River Dr, Des Moines, IA 50309.</td>
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#### Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects
ISSUE: DMAMPO Audit RFP

REPORT and Vote: Report on the DMAMPO Audit RFP status regarding contract to Denman & Company, LLP for audit services; consider approval

BACKGROUND:

In March 2020, an RFP was issued by staff seeking auditor services for the organization. Shull & Co. had provided auditor services for the MPO for several years. A recommendation was made that it was time to seek a new auditing firm. The RFP was sent to twelve local and regional firms that have been used by other metro governments. Responding firms had the opportunity to ask questions via email and during a conference call.

Several firms sent in questions and responses were posted online for all firms to view. Three firms participated in the conference all. April 6 was the deadline for submittals. At that time we received one submittal from Denman & Company, LLP out of West Des Moines. A couple firms called and stated they were interested but lacked capacity at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend awarding contract to Denman & Company, LLP and authorizing the Executive Director to enter into contract negotiations.

STAFF CONTACT:

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ISSUE: Water Trials Update

REPORT: Discussion regarding the execution of the BUILD Grant for Central Iowa Water Trails.

BACKGROUND:

In November, the Des Moines Area MPO was awarded a $25 million grant from the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development, or BUILD, grant program of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The grant is significantly accelerating the implementation of the Central Iowa Water Trails initiative, specifically a five-mile stretch of the Des Moines River including the mitigation of the Scott Avenue Dam and improvements at three neighborhood access points.

MPO staff has engaged in conversations with the Iowa Division of the Federal Highway Administration on the execution of the grant. These have led to additional conversations with the Iowa Department of Transportation, key stakeholders, and the design team.

Staff will provide updates as part of the discussion.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Report and discussion only.

STAFF CONTACT:

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(515) 334-0075
ISSUE: Des Moines Transload Facility

REPORT: Update regarding the Des Moines Transload Facility.

BACKGROUND:

Staff is continuing to work with Des Moines Industrial, LLC, to develop the Des Moines Transload Facility. The following are the main topics that staff is working with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and Des Moines Industrial, LLC, to complete:

▪ Environmental Assessment – the document is being finalized based on comments from the FRA’s legal sufficiency team. The document still has to go through the public review process before a FONSI can be issued.
▪ Grant Agreement – MPO legal counsel is developing a sub-agreement with Des Moines Industrial for the BUILD grant.

Staff will provide a full update at the April meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Zach Young, zyoung@dmampo.org
(515) 334-0075
ISSUE: State Legislative Update

REPORT: Standing item to discuss items related to the state legislative session.

BACKGROUND:
Standing item throughout the Iowa legislative session to allow the committee to discuss any legislative (federal or state) items of interest.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
None. Report and discussion only.

STAFF CONTACT:
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ISSUE: Upcoming Events

REPORT: Report on upcoming events of regional interest.

BACKGROUND:

Staff will highlight upcoming events, trainings and other opportunities of interest to representatives of MPO member governments.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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ISSUE: Items Approved at the March 11, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting

INFORMATION: items that the Executive committee approved at the March 11, 2020, Executive Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND:

At the March 11, 2020, Executive meeting, the committee voted on a number of items pursuant to the Resolution Authorizing the Executive Committee to Exercise Certain Powers on behalf of the Policy Committee adopted February 18, 2016. These items include:

- Approval of the FY 2019 Audit RFP;
- Approval of the Draft FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to be submitted to the IDOT for review and comment; and,
- Approval for staff to raise funds to purchase an updated camera for the Iowa Data Bike.

The Executive Committee voted on these items based on their determination that these matters were time sensitive and they advanced the interests of the MPO.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report only.

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