

NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Policy Committee

4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 15, 2020

Virtual Meeting

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 1. Call To Order**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
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- 20. Next Meeting Date – November 19, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.**
- 21. 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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Item No. 4

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the September 9, 2020, MPO Policy Committee meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the September 9, 2020, MPO Policy Committee meeting is included on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020, MPO Policy Committee meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

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Meeting Minutes

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

4:00 p.m., Thursday, September 17, 2020

The MPO held a virtual meeting at 4:00 p.m. on September 17, 2020. The MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO's representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on September 11, 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:

Vern Willey, II | City of Altoona
David Jones | City of Ankeny
Paul Moritz | City of Ankeny
Ruth Randleman | City of Carlisle
Ted Weaver | City of Clive
Brent Highfill | City of Cumming**
Mark Hanson | Dallas County
Elizabeth Presutti | DART
Connie Boesen | City of Des Moines
Frank Cownie | City of Des Moines
Chris Coleman | City of Des Moines
Joe Gatto | City of Des Moines
Bill Gray | City of Des Moines
Tom Leners | Madison County**
Stephanie Riva | City of Norwalk
Sara Kurovski | City of Pleasant Hill
Jeff Walters | Polk City
Matt McCoy | Polk County
Robert Andeweg | City of Urbandale
Laura Reveles | City of West Des Moines
Jamie Letzring | City of West Des Moines
Joseph Jones | City of Windsor Heights
Kevin Foley | Des Moines Airport
Andy Loonan | IDOT *
Brooke Ramsey | HIRTA*

MPO Representatives Absent:

Curt Sullivan | City of Bondurant
Colton Fors | City of Elkhart
Scott Mikkelsen | City of Grimes
Jim Evans | City of Johnston
Ryan Waller | City of Indianola**
Tammi Dillavou | City of Mitchellville
Kyle Michel | Van Meter**
Courtney Clarke | City of Waukee
Aaron Dekoch | Warren County

Darla Hugaboom | FHWA*

Mark Bechtel | FTA*

* Advisory/Non-Voting Representatives

** Associate/Non-Voting Representative

Others Present:

Carl Voss | City of Des Moines

Clifford Leonard | Public

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 | Senior Planner

Sreyoshi Chakraborty | Senior Planner

Zhi Chen | Associate Planner

Tracey Deckard | Office Manager

Gunnar Olson | Communications Manager

Tanvi Halde | Intern

1. Call to Order

MPO Chair, Joe Gatto recognized a quorum and called the September 17, 2020 meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization September 17, 2020 meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's August 20, 2020 meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Approval of the Financial Statement

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organizations Financial Statements.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Contracts and Expenses

Executive Director presented. Recommend approval of payment of the HNTB invoice in the amount of \$27,435.86 for the IA 5 / US 65 Freeway study.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve payment of the HNTB invoice.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Public Comment on MPO Actions

None

8. Presentation: Integrated Corridor Management

Neil Fobian of the Iowa Department of Transportation presented.

9. FFY2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request

Staff presented. Recommend approval of the FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program amendment request from the Iowa DOT.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program amendment request from the Iowa DOT.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program Applications

Staff presented. Recommend approval of the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program applications from the City of Des Moines, City of Norwalk, City of Altoona, City of Ankeny, City of Grimes, and DART.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the FFY 2022 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program applications.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Economic Development District

Staff presented. Report regarding the development of an Economic Development District in Central Iowa. MPO Staff would like to initiate conversations with county officials. Discussion ensued and the MPO staff was encouraged to initiate these conversations.

12. UPWP Project Development

Staff presented. Report and discussion regarding the future update of the Environment Justice Report.

13. Transload Facility Update

Staff presented. Report and discussion on the development of the Des Moines Transload Facility.

14. Purple Heart Highway Update

Executive Director presented. Report and discussion on the progress towards designating Iowa Highway 5/US 65 as an Interstate. A link to the copy of the Iowa 5 / US 65 Re-Designation report was provided.

15. Water Trails Update

Executive Director presented. Report and discussion on efforts related to the use of the BUILD Grant for water trails.

16. Legislation Update

Staff presented. Report and discussion regarding Federal and State Legislative items of interest.

17. Upcoming Events

Staff presented. Information only.

18. Other Non-Action Items of interest to the Committee

Executive Director congratulated Polk County on the receipt of a BUILD Grant; Elizabeth Presutti of DART invited members to the October 1, 2020 DART event where the new electric vehicles will be on display at the State Capitol.

19. Next Meeting Date October 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

20. Adjournment

Hearing no objection to the contrary Chair Joe Gatto adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

October 2020
Item No. 5

ISSUE: Approval of Financial Statement

VOTE: Consider approval of the September 2020, MPO Financial Statement.

BACKGROUND:

The August MPO Financial Statement will be provided prior to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the May MPO Financial Statement.

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October 2020
Item No. 6

ISSUE: Contracts and Expenses

Consent and VOTE: Consider approval of the following expenses or contract in accordance with the MPO's proposed policies and procedures regarding contracts and expenses.

BACKGROUND:

Below is a contract or an expense that exceed the limits set by the MPO's policy and procedures regarding expenditures.

VENDOR	PURPOSE	NOTES/INFORMATION	AMOUNT
Melcher-Dallas	CBDG Contract	Contract with Melcher-Dallas to perform work related to CBDG grant (REVENUE)	\$20,000
Polk County	Watershed Management MOU	Memorandum of Understanding to perform work related to metro WMA activities; funds included in FY 2021 budget (REVENUE)	\$10,000
Greater Des Moines Partnership	Central Iowa Broadband Study	Payment to the Greater Des Moines Partnership to help fund the Central Iowa Broadband Study; funds included in FY 2021 budget as Smart City consultant (EXPENSE)	\$40,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the above contract or expense.

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October 2020
Item No. 7

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.

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October 2020
Item No. 8

ISSUE: Excess TAP Funding Awards

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the excess TAP funding awards.

BACKGROUND:

The Trestle to Trestle bridge is part of the Trestle-to-Trestle Trail, which opened in 2007, providing a crossing point beneath Interstate Highway 35/80. It connects with the Inter-Urban and Neal Smith trails near Euclid Avenue, providing access to downtown Des Moines and surrounding areas. The bridge crosses over Beaver Creek in Johnston.

In March 2019, the bridge collapsed due to the formation of ice jams around it. As a result of this collapse and the Neil Smith Trail detour due to the construction of I 35/ I 80 bridge, this crossing has become a challenging pinch point for trail users. Polk County Conservation, that owns the trail, has worked on a design and is seeking funding to replace the bridge. The cost estimate to replace the collapsed bridge is about \$1.5 million.

Polk County approached staff to see if there was any funding available for this project. Staff reviewed the excess TAP funding amount and determined that there is \$700,000 in available funding for TAP projects.

The Funding Subcommittee reviewed the excess funding available and eligible projects and developed a recommendation for awarding excess funds at their September 24, 2020, meeting.

The Funding Subcommittee's excess TAP award recommendation is included on the following page.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the Funding Subcommittee's excess TAP funding award recommendation.

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Excess TAP Funding Award Recommendation

Project Sponsor	Project Title	Excess Funding Award
Ankeny	Oralabor Gateway Trail – SW State Street Overpass	\$65,000.00
Clive	Bcycle Locations	\$70,000.00
Des Moines	Des Moines to Carlisle Trail	\$100,000.00
Des Moines	Central Place Levee Trail – Phase 1	\$65,000.00
Polk County	Trestle-to-Trestle Trail Bridge	\$400,000.00
Excess TAP Funding Total		\$700,000.00

October 2020
Item No. 9

ISSUE: FFY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment Request

REPORT and VOTE: Report regarding an amendment to the *Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* (FFY 2021-2024 TIP) to include Polk County's Broadway Ave project that has been awarded BUILD grant funding; consider approval.

BACKGROUND:

Polk County has been awarded a \$25 million grant in the latest round of US DOT BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grants Program funding for its Broadway Ave project, stretching from Iowa Highway 415 to US Highway 6. This project will include reconstruction of the 5.2-mile roadway into a three-lane urban cross section that includes a center two-way left-turn lane with a total estimated construction and right-of-way acquisition cost of \$34,818,000.

The project also includes plans to add more through and turn lanes to major intersections, including IA-415, US 69, and US 6. These extra lanes will accommodate heavier traffic movements at those locations during peak commute times. A proposed underpass will allow vehicles and trucks to pass freely under the busiest two rail crossings in the corridor, and a multi-use trail from Fourmile Creek to IA Hwy 415 will connect to the Gay Lea Wilson trail and the Chichaqua Valley Trail.

The project also proposes to eliminate a freight impediment by lowering Broadway at the 1-235 overpass structures to eliminate the 14'-4" height restriction that is currently in place.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of Polk County's request to amend the FFY 2021-2024 TIP to include the Broadway Avenue Multimodal Improvements project.

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October 2020
Item No. 10

ISSUE: TAP Project Scoring

REPORT: Update regarding the proposed update to the TAP Scoring Criteria.

BACKGROUND:

MPO Staff is proposing an update to the TAP Scoring Criteria and Process. The current scoring uses 9 broad criteria to allocate points to projects and uses a two-step process to select award recipients. The MPO is proposing to refine and flesh out the scoring criteria and tie it to the larger LRTP Goals. This proposal also eliminates the need for a two-step process to score the projects including the establishment of a separate scoring committee to review applications.

The proposed TAP scoring criteria is included on the following page.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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LRTP Goal	Objectives	Scoring Criteria
Enhance Multimodal Transportation Options		
	Increase bike/ped and transit modeshare, Offer choices that increase opportunities to walk, bike or use transit for transportation, Reduce SOV trips, Improve air quality, Incentivize the use of non motorized modes for transportation	<p>Active Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 - Project does not improve active transportation choices 1 - Project improves walking options 1 - Project improves biking options 1 - Project improves access to transit or shared micromobility <p>Multipurpose Aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 - Project does not have a direct impact on facilitating non motorized transportation modes 1 - Project generates additional pedestrian-and/ or transit trips 1 - Project generates additional bike trips <p>Total Possible Points - 5</p>
System Connectivity		
	Close gaps in the regional trail network, Help build a continuous non motorized system, Improve connectivity from residential to commercial/ employment areas and schools, Enhance connectivity within and between modes, Improve walking and biking around schools through safer connections from neighborhoods	<p>Connectivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 - Project does not provide system connectivity or fill a system gap 1 - Project connects residential areas to employment, schools, or commercial areas 1 - Project connects residential areas to parks and open spaces 1 - Project fills a regional trail gap <p>Safe Routes to School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 - Project is beyond 2 miles from a school 1 - Project is located within 1/4 - 2 mile of school 2 - Project is within 1/4 mile of school <p>Total Possible Points - 5</p>
Health and Environmental Sustainability		
	Invest in transportation options that remove barriers and improves equity for all, Offer travel choices that provide safe, affordable and healthy alternatives to driving, Reduce environmental impacts through green design features, Coordinate between transportation design and storm water runoff	<p>Environmental Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 - Project is not within or does not benefit an EJ area 1 - Project benefits an EJ area 2 - Project is within an EJ area <p>Stormwater and Green Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 - Project contains no green design or stormwater element 1 - Project contains 1 or more green design and/or stormwater element <p>Total Possible Points - 4</p>
Safety		
	Reduce the number and severity of non motorized crashes, Incorporate systemic safety improvements into project design, Prioritize investments in high crash locations involving bicyclists and pedestrians, Incorporate protected bike lanes for on street projects to improve safety for bicyclists	<p>Systemic Safety Features and High Crash Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 - Project does not include systemic safety features/ located in a high crash area/ protected or designated facilities 1 - Project includes systemic safety improvements/ countermeasures 2 - Project is located in a high crash area involving bike/peds <p>Project incorporates one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 - Protected Bike Lanes, Multiuse Trails 2 - Buffered Bike Lanes, Side Paths 1 - Conventional Bike Lanes, Bicycle Boulevards <p>Total Possible Points - 6</p>
Total Points		20

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Item No. 11

ISSUE: Safe Routes to School Category for TAP Funding

REPORT: Update on developing a set-aside of the TAP funding towards Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects.

BACKGROUND:

MPOs/RPAs can allocate a percentage of their TAP funds towards SRTS projects. MPOs/RPAs award 50 percent of the federal aid. Iowa DOT provides 30 percent of the federal aid. Twenty percent local match is required. This makes additional TAP funding available to MPOs for awarding other projects as a result of the DOT contributing 30 percent of the federal aid.

MPO staff discuss the development of a SRTS set-aside with the Funding Subcommittee at their September 24, 2020, meeting. The Funding Subcommittee recommended that a target of 20 percent of TAP funds be set-aside annually for SRTS projects.

If no Safe Routes applications are received, the funding will roll over to general TAP projects. SRTS projects will need to meet DOT eligibility requirements and will receive points according to the proposed TAP scoring criteria.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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October 2020
Item No. 12

ISSUE: Federal Legislative Agenda for Annual D.C. Trip

REPORT: Report and discussion on the process to identify priority projects and policies 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 will begin the project and policy solicitation process in October. Key dates in the process are as follows:

- October – Solicit changes to the existing project list from member governments. Changes are due by November 20, 2020;
- December/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;
- April – GDMP publishes the Policy Book; and,
- May 2021 – GDMP Trip to Washington D.C.

Staff requests that member governments submit their projects and policies by November 20, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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October 2020
Item No. 13

ISSUE: Integrated Corridor Management Update

REPORT: Update regarding the development of working groups to help guide the Des Moines Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) project.

BACKGROUND:

Over the last few years, the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) has studied integrated corridor management (ICM) strategies and selected capacity improvements to cost-effectively and proactively manage traffic in the Des Moines metropolitan area. The Iowa DOT plans to work with local jurisdictions to cooperatively use ICM strategies throughout the area as a means to proactively manage traffic under all types of conditions to deliver improved levels of safety, mobility, reliability, and quality of life for all users.

Additional information will be provided at the October meeting regarding the development of working groups comprised of local jurisdiction representatives to help guide the ICM project moving forward.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Report and discussion only.

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October 2020
Item No. 14

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:

- Baseline Performance Report – deadline September 30, 2020;
- Quarterly Report – deadline October 30, 2020;
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Plan – deadline November 1, 2020;
- Project Management Plan – deadline December 31, 2020; and,
- Detailed Project Work Plan, Budget, and Schedule – deadline December 31, 2020.

Staff will provide a full update at the October meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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October 2020
Item No. 15

ISSUE: Purple Heart Highway Update

REPORT: Discussion regarding the updated Iowa Highway 5 / US Highway 65 Freeway Corridor Interstate System Designation Summary Report

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.

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.

[A copy of the Iowa 5/US 65 Re-Designation Update report is available on the MPO website \(click to access\).](#)

Staff will provide an overview of the report at the September meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Report and discussion only.

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October 2020
Item No. 16

ISSUE: Water Trails 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.

Snyder and Associates has been brought on as the owner's representative and is providing weekly project updates. Notable progress includes:

- Schematic design is the key focus for the possible dam-modification projects.
- Concepts are being refined for the neighborhood access sites.

Staff will provide updates as part of the discussion.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Report and discussion only.

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October 2020
Item No. 17

ISSUE: Legislative Issues Update

REPORT: Standing item to discuss Federal and State legislative issues.

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.

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October 2020
Item No. 18

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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