

MEETING MINUTES
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Des Moines Area MPO | Virtual Meeting

The MPO Executive Committee held a virtual meeting at 11:30 a.m. on September 9, 2020. MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO Executive and members on September 4, 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.**

Executive Members Present:

Joe Gatto | City of Des Moines
Matt McCoy | Polk County
Steve Gaer | City of West Des Moines
Sara Kurovski | City of Pleasant Hill
Gary Lorenz | City of Ankeny
Stephanie Riva | City of Norwalk
Jeff Walters | City of Polk City
Bob Andeweg | City of Urbandale
Ted Weaver | City of Clive
Chris Coleman | City of Des Moines
Andy Loonan | IDOT

Staff Present:

Todd Ashby | Executive Director
Dylan Mullenix | Assistant Director
Zach Young | Planning Manager
Andrew Collings | Principal Planner
Gunnar Olson | Communication Manager
Allison van Pelt | Associate Planner
Sreyoshi Chakraborty | Senior Planner
Zhi Chen | Associate Planner
Tanvi Halde | Intern
Scott Brennan | MPO General Counsel (alt)

Executive Members Absent:

Kyle Mertz | City of Altoona

Others Present:

1. Call to Order

MPO Chair Joe Gatto called the September 9, 2020, meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Roll Call

Kyle Mertz was absent.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the September 9, 2020, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Steve Gaer requested that more information be included in the monthly minutes. Discussion ensued about posting the meeting recordings.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the August Executive Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Contracts and Expenses

Executive Director presented. Recommend approval of payment for the HNTB IA5/US 65 Freeway Study in the amount of \$27,435.86.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the final FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Economic Development District

Executive Director presented. Discussion ensued. Recommend approval of the MPO Staff to initiate conversations with county officials about the possibility of designating Central Iowa as an Economic Development District and if they provide majority support, initiate the designation process.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the MPO to initiate conversations with county officials of designating Central Iowa as an Economic Development District and that the item be changed to a report rather than a voting item for the Policy Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

7. **FFY 2021-2024 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 to approve the FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program amendment request from the Iowa DOT.

MOTION CARRIED

8. **Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program Applications**

Staff presented. Recommend approval of the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program Applications.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program Applications as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

9. **UPWP Project Development**

Staff presented. Report regarding Unified Planning Work Program project development. Report and discussion only.

10. **Des Moines Transload Facility**

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

11. **Purple Heart Highway Update**

Executive Director presented. Report and discussion regarding the updated Iowa Highway 5 / US Highway 65 Freeway Corridor Interstate System Designation Summary Report.

12. **Water Trails Update**

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

13. **Legislative Update**

Assistant Director presented. Report and discussion regarding Federal and State legislative issues.

14. **Upcoming Events**

Staff presented. Discussion regarding the AARP Livable Communities Transportation Workshop, Speaker Series James Chung-Rebuilding Toward Deeper Resiliency and the 21-Day Equity Challenge.

15. **Approval of the Policy Committee Meeting Agenda**

As amended to revise the Economic Development District as an information item.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the MPO Policy Agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

16. **Other Non-Action Items**

Discussion regarding the Policy meeting presentation and IDOT wanting to discuss more strategies; MPO working with Greater Des Moines Partnership regarding broadband analysis.

17. **Next Meeting Date**

October 7, 2020 beginning at 11:30.

18. **Adjournment**

Hearing no objection to the contrary, the Chair adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 12:50 p.m.