

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 ne 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.