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 Highbill | 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*

**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
Darla Hugaboom | FHWA*
Mark Bechtel | FTA*
* Advisory/Non-Voting Representatives
** Associate/Non-Voting Representative

**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
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**  

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.