

MEETING MINUTES
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Des Moines Area MPO | Virtual Meeting

The MPO Executive Committee held a virtual meeting at 11:30 a.m. on October 7, 2020. MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO Executive and members on October 2, 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
Kyle Mertz | City of Altoona
Andy Loonan | IDOT

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Executive Members Absent:

1. Call to Order

MPO Chair Joe Gatto called the October 7, 2020, meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Roll Call

All members present.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the October 7, 2020, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the September 9, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Contracts and Expenses

Executive Director presented. Recommend approval of payment for the Greater Des Moines Partnership Central Iowa Broadband study in the amount of \$40,000. Contracts with the City of Melcher Dallas for work related to CBDG grant in the amount of \$20,000 and Polk County Watershed Management MOU in the amount of \$10,000 were presented.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve payment for the Central Iowa Broadband study in the amount of \$40,000. The board approved the contracts from the City of Melcher Dallas in the amount of \$20,000 and Polk County Watershed Management MOU in the amount of \$10,000.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Excess TAP Funding Awards

Executive Director presented. Discussion ensued. Recommend approval of the Funding Subcommittee's excess TAP funding award recommendation.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Funding Subcommittee's excess TAP funding award recommendation

MOTION CARRIED

7. **TAP Project Scoring**
Staff presented. Recommend approval of the proposed update to the TAP scoring criteria. Discussion ensued. This item will be continued to the next month. No vote today. Change item to an information item for the Policy Committee.
8. **Safe Routes to School Category for TAP Funding**
Staff presented. Recommend approval of a set-aside of the TAP funding towards Safe Routes to school projects. Discussion ensued. Board requested additional information. Item to be put on next month's agenda.
9. **FFY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment Request**
Staff presented. Recommend approval of Polk County's request to amend FY 2021-2024 TIP to include Broadway Avenue Multimodal Improvements project.
MOTION: A motion was made to approve Polk County's request.
MOTION CARRIED
10. **Federal Legislative Agenda for Annual D.C. Trip**
Staff presented. Report and discussion only.
11. **Integrated Corridor Management Update**
Staff presented. Report and discussion only.
12. **Des Moines Transload Facility**
Staff presented. Report and discussion on the development of the Des Moines Transload Facility.
13. **Purple Heart Highway Update**
Executive Director presented. Report and discussion regarding the updated Iowa Highway 5 / US Highway 65 Freeway Corridor Interstate System.
14. **Water Trails Update**
Executive Director presented. Report and discussion on efforts related to the use of the BUILD Grant for water trails.
15. **Legislative Update**
Assistant Director presented. Report and discussion regarding extension of the Fast Act.
16. **Upcoming Events**
Information only.
17. **Approval of the Policy Committee Meeting Agenda**
As amended to change the items regarding TAP funding from voting items to information only.
MOTION: A motion was made to approve the MPO Policy Agenda as amended.
MOTION CARRIED
18. **Other Non-Action Items**
The MPO Data Bike won an award at the Smart Cities Conference.
19. **Next Meeting Date**
November 4, 2020 beginning at 11:30.
20. **Adjournment**
Hearing no objection to the contrary, the Chair adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 12:16 p.m.