

MEETING MINUTES
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Des Moines Area MPO | Virtual Meeting

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

Executive Members Absent:

Ted Weaver | City of Clive
Steve Gaer | City of West Des Moines

Others Present:

Clifford Leonard | public

1. Call to Order

MPO Chair Joe Gatto called the November 4, 2020, meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the November 4, 2020, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the October 7, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Contracts and Expenses

Executive Director presented. Recommend approval of payment to the City of West Des Moines for the University Avenue Corridor Study in the amount of \$20,178.40.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve payment for the University Avenue Corridor Study in the amount of \$20,178.40

MOTION CARRIED

5. Calendar Year 2021 Meeting Dates

Executive Director presented. Recommend approval of the Calendar Year 2021 meeting dates.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Calendar Year 2021 meeting dates.

MOTION CARRIED

6. TIP Amendment

Staff presented. Recommend approval of the proposed Federal Fiscal Years 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program amendment request from the Iowa DOT.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Calendar Year 2021 meeting dates.

MOTION CARRIED

7. **Iowa DOT Mid-Performance Period Adjustments**
Staff presented. Recommend approval of the Iowa DOT's Mid-Performance Period adjustments
8. **Fiscal Year 2021 1st Quarter Financial Report**
Staff presented. Report and discussion only.
9. **Environmental Justice Report**
Staff presented. Report and discussion identifying Environmental Justice (EJ) in the MPO Planning area.
10. **Rain Campaign Update**
Staff presented. Report and discussion on the Campaign and its progress.
11. **Des Moines Transload Facility**
Staff presented. Report and discussion on the development of the Des Moines Transload Facility.
12. **Purple Heart Highway Update**
Executive Director presented. Report and discussion regarding the updated Iowa Highway 5 / US Highway 65 Freeway Corridor Interstate System.
13. **Water Trails Update**
Executive Director presented. Report and discussion on efforts related to the use of the BUILD Grant for water trails.
14. **Legislative Update**
Assistant Director presented. Report and discussion regarding current Federal and State legislative issues.
15. **Upcoming Events**
Information only.
16. **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
17. **Other Non-Action Items**
The MPO Data Bike won an award at the Smart Cities Conference and Joe Gatto received an award for Outstanding Leadership.
18. **Next Meeting Date**
December 9, 2020 beginning at 11:30.
19. **Adjournment**
Hearing no objection to the contrary, the Chair adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 12:09 p.m.