

Meeting Minutes

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 4:00 p.m., Thursday, September 16, 2021

The MPO held a hybrid in-person/ virtual meeting at 4:00 p.m. on September 16, 2021. The MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO's representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on August 12, 2021. **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:

Elizabeth Burns Thompson | City of Altoona
Gary Lorenz | City of Ankeny
David Jones | City of Ankeny
Ted Weaver | City of Clive
Mark Hanson | Dallas County
Scott Sanders | City of Des Moines
Carl Voss | City of Des Moines
Connie Boesen | City of Des Moines
Joe Gatto | City of Des Moines
Pam Cooksey | City of Des Moines
Bill Gray | City of Des Moines
Stephanie Riva | City of Norwalk
Jeff Walters | Polk City
Matt McCoy | Polk County
Robert Andeweg | City of Urbandale
Courtney Clarke | City of Waukee
Tom Hadden | City of West Des Moines
Jamie Letzing | City of West Des Moines
Dave Burgess | City of Windsor Heights
Andy Loonan | IDOT *

MPO Representatives Absent:

Curt Sullivan | City of Bondurant
Ruth Randleman | City of Carlisle
Brent Highfill | City of Cumming**
Elizabeth Presutti | DART
Colton Fors | City of Elkhart
Scott Mikkelsen | City of Grimes
Pam Pepper | City of Indianola**
Jim Evans | City of Johnston
Tom Leners | Madison County**
Tammi Dillavou | City of Mitchellville

Sara Kurovski | City of Pleasant Hill
Aaron Dekoch | Warren County
Kyle Michel | Van Meter**
Julia Castillo | HIRTA*
Kevin Foley | Des Moines International Airport
Darla Hugaboom | FHWA*
Gerri Doyle | FTA*
Eva Steinman | FTA*
* Advisory/Non-Voting Representatives
** Associate/Non-Voting Representative

Others Present:

Clifford Leonard | Public
Madeline Sturms | City of Pleasant Hill
Paul LaFleur | FHWA
Jen Cross | Great Outdoors Foundation
Rich Leopold | Polk County Conservation
Deb Arp | IDOT
Gabe Nelson | Snyder & Associates
Kaleb Wohlgemath | FHWA
Maggie McClelland | ICON Water Trails |
Andy Wilson

MPO Staff Present:

Scott Brennan | MPO General Counsel
Todd Ashby | Executive Director
Dylan Mullenix | Assistant Director
Zach Young | Planning Manager
Andrew Collings | Principal Planner
Sreyoshi Chakraborty | Senior Planner
Zhi Chen | Associate Planner
Gunnar Olson | Communications Manager
Tracey Deckard | Office Manager
Andre LaFontant | Intern

1. Call to Order

MPO Chair, Joe Gatto recognized a quorum and called the September 16, 2021, meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made by Hanson and seconded by McCoy to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization September 16, 2021, meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Riva to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's August meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of the Financial Statement

MOTION: A motion was made by Hadden and seconded by Riva to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organizations Financial Statements.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Presentation: Pleasant Hill ADA Transition Plan

Madeline Sturms discussed the process of developing their ADA Transition Plan.

7. Water Trails BUILD Grant Sub Agreements

Executive Director presented. Review of each Water Trails Sub agreements including review of all involved parties and key aspects of each. Copies of all Sub agreements were provided to the board members prior to the meeting. Recommend approval of the Water Trails BUILD Grant Sub Agreements.

MOTION: A motion was made by McCoy and seconded by Boesen to approve the Water Trails BUILD Grant Sub Agreements

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Staff presented. Consider approval of the addition of the SW 9th street Bridge project of FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program. Executive Committee recommends approval of the addition of the SW 9th Street Bridge project to FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION: Motion made by Hadden to a approve FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program amendment. Seconded by Andeweg.

MOTION CARRIED

9. FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Staff presented. Consider approval of amended project funding amount to the Carlisle Trail Connection project. Executive Committee recommends approval of amended project funding amount to the Carlisle Trail Connection project.

MOTION: Motion made by Hadden to approve the amended project funding to the Carlisle Trail Connection project. Seconded by Riva.

MOTION CARRIED

10. FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Staff presented. Consider approval of the amendment to the Phase 1 Dam Mitigation and User Access Agreement. Executive Committee recommends approval of the amended project description for the Phase 1 Dam Mitigation and User Access project.

MOTION: Motion made by McCoy to approve the amended project description for the Phase 1 Dam Mitigation and User Access project. Seconded by Hadden.

MOTION CARRIED

11. Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program Applications

Staff presented. Consider approval of the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program applications. Executive Committee recommends approval.

MOTION: Motion made by McCoy to approve the amended project description for the Phase 1 Dam Mitigation and User Access project. Seconded by Jones.

MOTION CARRIED

12. MPO/CIRTPA Planning Services Agreement

Assistant Director presented. Discussion regarding the CIRTPA Planning Services Agreement with the MPO. Report and discussion only.

13. Purple Heart Highway Update

Executive Director provided an update regarding the process to redesignate Iowa Highway 5 / US Highway 65 Freeway Corridor to an interstate. Next meeting of the parties is scheduled for October. Report and discussion only.

14. Economic Development District

Staff presented. Update on process to designate Central Iowa as an Economic Development District. Report and discussion only.

15. Des Moines Transload Facility

Planning Manager presented. Report regarding the Des Moines Transload Facility. Warehouse completed. Photos of the site were shown. Report and discussion only.

16. Legislative Issues Update

Assistant Director presented. Discussion and update of the status of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Discussion regarding Reconciliation and the new districts suggested for the State of Iowa. Report and discussion only.

17. Central Iowa Climate Toolbox

Staff presented. Report on recently developed Central Iowa Climate Toolbox for member communities and partner organizations to utilize as a resource in their climate action planning. Report and discussion only.

18. FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding

Staff presented. Report on FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding including Flood Mitigation Assistance and Building resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC). Report and discussion only.

19. Office Lease Renewal

Executive Director presented. Update regarding the renewal of the MPO's lease at 420 Watson Powell Jr. Way, Suite 200. Report and discussion only

20. Upcoming Events

Information only.

21. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee

Executive Director reported that the MPO received a grant from Wellmark Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 to purchase additional trail counters. He also announced the passing of John Ruan, who was a past chair of the MPO. Executive Director also reported that Senior Planner Sreyoshi Chakraborty had accepted a position with the City of Des Moines and thanked her for her hard work at the MPO.

22. Next Meeting Date- October 21, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

23. Adjournment

Hearing no objection to the contrary Chair Joe Gatto adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.