DES MOINES AREA MPO

Executive Committee Meeting

January 12, 2022

DES MOINES AREA MPO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

CONTRACTS AND EXPENSES

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Expenses

VENDOR	PURPOSE	NOTES/INFORMATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED
MMIT	*Purchase new copy machine*	*Lease will expire at the end of February 2022*	*Est. $10,000-$12,000*

Contracts

VENDOR	PURPOSE	NOTES/INFORMATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED
Marion County	Zoning Code Update	Update Marion County's zoning code.	$15,000.00

FY 2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

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FY 2023 UPWP and Budget Development

- MPO's scope of work for next fiscal year
  - Work elements and activities
  - Committees
  - Costs

- Proposed work activities are tied to the MPO's federal requirements

- Draft due April 1st - Final due June 1st

FY 2023 UPWP and Budget Development

- MPO Requirements per US Code
  - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
  - Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
  - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
  - Public Participation Plan (PPP)
- Additional MPO Requirements
  - Congestion Management Process (required of TMAs)
  - Must have decision making bodies (e.g., MPO Policy Committee)
  - Administer STBG funding process

FY 2023 UPWP and Budget Development

- FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas for 2022
  - Climate Change
  - Equity and Justice in Transportation Planning
  - Complete Streets
  - Virtual Public Involvement
  - Planning & Environmental Linkages
  - Data in Transportation Planning

FY 2023 UPWP and Budget Development

- MPO staff soliciting input on additional tasks for FY 2023
  - Plans
  - Studies
  - Research
  - Technical assistance to communities

- Budget development underway
  - Additional funds from IIJA and contracts
  - Will meet with Finance Subcommittee

ELECTION OF CALENDAR YEAR 2022 OFFICERS

Election of Calendar Year 2022 Officers

- The Nominating Committee has selected a slate of officers for CY 2022
- CY 2022 Officer Slate
  - Bob Andeweg, Chair
  - Stephanie Riva, Vice Chair
  - Ted Weaver, Secretary/Treasurer
- The Policy Committee will vote on this slate of officers at their February meeting.

FFY 2026 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS

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FFY 2026 STBG Program Applications

- Applications due January 7, 2022

- 12 Submitted Applications
  - 5 System Capacity
  - 4 Major Reconstruction/Replacement
  - 1 Bridge
  - 1 System Optimization
  - 1 Transit
- STBG Requested = $24,527,000

FFY 2026 STBG Program Applications

- STBG Set-Aside (TAP) applications

- 4 Trail/Shared-Use Path projects submitted
- Set-Aside (TAP) requested = $3,500,000

FFY 2026 STBG Applications

- Timeline
  - February 24th – Applicant presentations to Funding Subcommittee
  - March – Funding Subcommittee develops recommendation
  - April – Committee’s review Funding Subcommittee's recommendation
  - May – Committee’s approve FFY 2026 STBG Awards

PRIORITY PROJECT LIST FOR ANNUAL D.C. TRIP

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Priority Project List for Annual D.C. Trip

- Annually the MPO solicits changes to priority list for the Greater Des Moines Partnership's DC Trip
- Identify priority projects and policies
- Funding Subcommittee will review at their March meeting

GREATER DES MOINES PARTNERSHIP

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PURPLE HEART HIGHWAY UPDATE

Purple Heart Highway Update

- DOT meeting continues to meet with stakeholders

WATER TRAILS UPDATE

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Water Trails Update

- Staff is working with project partners after receiving no bids on the project in the December letting
- The design team is working to make some changes to the project schedule and materials to reduced perceived risks
- Staff is working with the Iowa DOT to schedule a special letting on March 29th

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

PHASE 1: Weigh support

- **November to February**
- Stakeholder discussions
- County resolutions of support
- Concurrence from Governor's Office.

PHASE 2: Create entity

- **March to August**
- Meet all criteria for formation of EDD.
- Form entity.
- Determine due structure.
- Form board.
- Develop and adopt CEDS.

PHASE 3: Designation

- **Fall 2021**
- Submit materials for designation.
- Review process estimated at 2-3 months.
- Final approval from a deputy administrator.

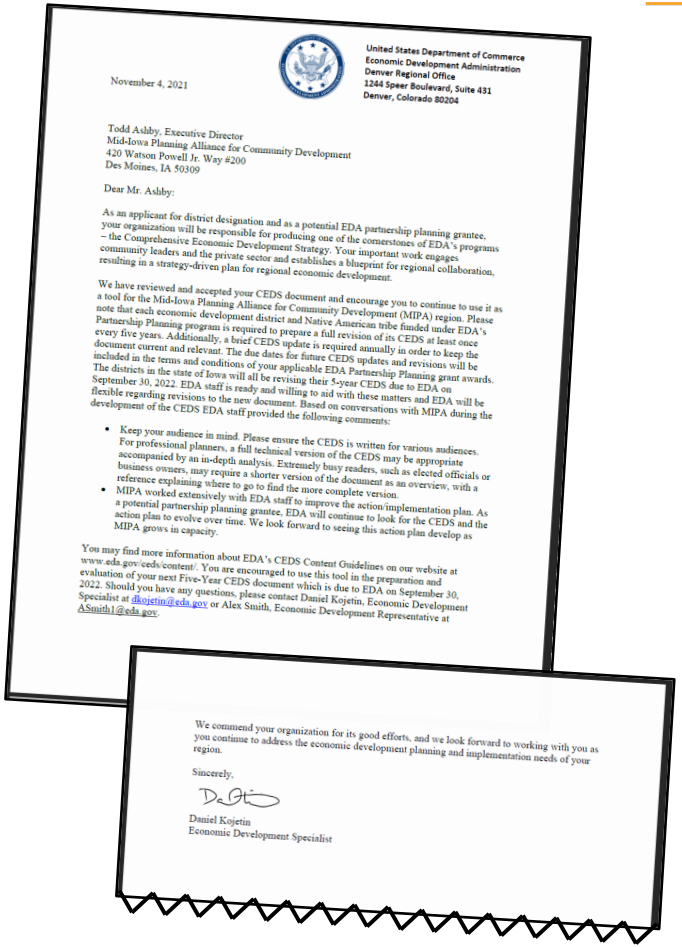
PHASE 4: Launch Operations

- **Late 2021 - Mid-2022**
- Determine membership
- Following designation, the entity would apply to participate in the EDA's Partnership Program, i.e., federal funding for admin costs.

CEDS ACCEPTED

Received notice December 9 that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy has been accepted.

- Helpful to grant applications
- Needs to be updated (just slightly) this year to get on EDA's 5-year review cycle for Iowa and Montana.



United States Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
Denver Regional Office
1244 Speer Boulevard, Suite 431
Denver, Colorado 80204

November 4, 2021

Todd Ashby, Executive Director
Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance for Community Development
420 Watson Powell Jr. Way #200
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Mr. Ashby:

As an applicant for district designation and as a potential EDA partnership planning grantee, your organization will be responsible for producing one of the cornerstones of EDA's programs – the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Your important work engages community leaders and the private sector and establishes a blueprint for regional collaboration, resulting in a strategy-driven plan for regional economic development.

We have reviewed and accepted your CEDS document and encourage you to continue to use it as a tool for the Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance for Community Development (MIPA) region. Please note that each economic development district and Native American tribe funded under EDA's Partnership Planning program is required to prepare a full revision of its CEDS at least once every five years. Additionally, a brief CEDS update is required annually in order to keep the document current and relevant. The due dates for future CEDS updates and revisions will be included in the terms and conditions of your applicable EDA Partnership Planning grant awards. The districts in the state of Iowa will all be revising their 5-year CEDS due to EDA on September 30, 2022. EDA staff is ready and willing to aid with these matters and EDA will be flexible regarding revisions to the new document. Based on conversations with MIPA during the development of the CEDS EDA staff provided the following comments:

- Keep your audience in mind. Please ensure the CEDS is written for various audiences. For professional planners, a full technical version of the CEDS may be appropriate accompanied by an in-depth analysis. Extremely busy readers, such as elected officials or business owners, may require a shorter version of the document as an overview, with a reference explaining where to go to find the more complete version.
- MIPA worked extensively with EDA staff to improve the action/implementation plan. As a potential partnership planning grantee, EDA will continue to look for the CEDS and the action plan to evolve over time. We look forward to seeing this action plan develop as MIPA grows in capacity.

You may find more information about EDA's CEDS Content Guidelines on our website at www.eda.gov/ceds/content/. You are encouraged to use this tool in the preparation and evaluation of your next Five-Year CEDS document which is due to EDA on September 30, 2022. Should you have any questions, please contact Daniel Kojetin, Economic Development Specialist at dkojetin@eda.gov or Alex Smith, Economic Development Representative at ASmith1@eda.gov.

We commend your organization for its good efforts, and we look forward to working with you as you continue to address the economic development planning and implementation needs of your region.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kojetin
Economic Development Specialist

NEXT STEPS

Preparing application for EDA "Partnership Program" Grant

- Anticipating for formal invitation to apply soon
- Anticipated start: April 1, 2022

Includes staffing plan that staff have reviewed with EDA

- MIPA will employ a senior planner.
- MIPA will contract with MPO for back-office and administrative support, including accounting and auditing, staff supervision, office space, payroll, etc.

Confirmed Commitments to Date

Adel
Ankeny
Baxter
Carlisle
Colfax
Des Moines
Elkhart
Hartford
Indianola
Jasper County
Kellogg
Knoxville
Lambs Grove
Lynnville
Melcher-Dallas
Milo
Mingo
Monroe
Nevada
Oakland Acres
Prairie City
Polk County
Reasnor
Sully
Valeria
Van Meter
West Des Moines
Zearing

- Several other jurisdictions have indicated they would likely join.
- Additional discussions scheduled with more prospective members.
- $83,807 committed toward $87,500 needed for first 15 months.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

- Continue working with a handful of jurisdictions on potential applications.
- ISU, DMACC, United Way of Central Iowa are also pursuing grant applications, using CEDS.

TRANSLOAD FACILITY UPDATE

Transload Facility Update

- The following bullets provide an overview of the status of the projects and upcoming work to move the project forward:
  - Expecting railroad signoff by February/March
  - Once railroads signoff, FRA considers the project complete and grant closeout can begin
  - Quarterly reports due end of January and April
  - Final performance report due at closeout

March 9, 2021

December 23, 2021

Transload Facility Update

- BUILD Grant Reimbursement Update
  - $10,731,312 total Federal Funds requested to date
  - $468,687 in Federal Funds remaining

Transload Facility Update

- Schedule
  - Warehouse operational – February 2022
  - Project Completion/Close-Out – March 2022
  - Formal Certificate of Occupancy – May 2022

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Reauthorization/Reconciliation Update

- $1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act passed by House on November 6th, joining Senate who passed in August
  - Iowa DOT will present on bill at January Policy Committee meeting
  - Still operating under continuing resolution through mid-February

- Still no deal on $1.7 trillion Reconciliation bill aka Build Back Better Act
  - Originally wanted bill before transportation reauthorization passed
  - Request for cost estimates from CBO
  - Vote possible next week

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCD First Annual Symposium

Session 1 - Deep Dive - Sustainable Communities Division Leadership in Climate Action and Resilience

Introduction to the PAS Report
Overview of the Climate Action Policy Guide
Overview of New APA Sustainability/Resilience CM Credit

Session 2 - Climate migration discussion with Carri Hulet

CH Consulting/Climigration Network

Session 3 - Intersectionality of Climate Change & Equity Panel

Carri Hulet will moderate this important panel discussion and will be joined by Chris Reed (STOSS), Ladd Keith (University of Arizona), and Edith Hannigan (CAL FIRE). They will discuss how our changing climate is exacerbating inequities through flooding, extreme heat, and fire.

THURSDAY
JANUARY 13, 2022

1 - 5 pm EST
12 - 4 pm CST
11 am - 3 pm MST
10 am - 2 pm PST

APA Sustain

Comprehensive Planning with Climate

Wednesday, February 2nd 11:00-12:15pm via Zoom

Can your comp plan be better? Do you need a separate climate plan?

Join us for a 75-minute webinar focused on how climate can be incorporated into your next comprehensive plan.

Panelists:
Abby Finis – Great Plains Institute
Allison van Pelt – Des Moines Area MPO

More information and registration at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AGRjcXmSTkGCMs6_oEeewA

1000 Friends of Iowa

People United for Responsible Land Use

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APA IA

WMA Annual Review

Greater Des Moines Council of Watershed Management Authorities Quarterly Meeting

- February 7th @ 2pm – via Zoom (Email avanpelt@dmampo.org for link)
- Topic: Annual Review of WMA work completed by individual WMAs in the region, as well as report on progress still needed
- All are welcome to attend and get caught up on water happenings since we won't be making the usual tour to cities and WMAs.

TUE MAR 29
WED MAR 30
2022 IOWA WATER CONFERENCE:
OUR WATERSHED MOMENT,
BUILDING COMMUNITIES FOR
CONSERVATION
Dubuque, Iowa
https://www.regcytes.extension.iastate.edu/iwc2022/

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

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