

Meeting Minutes
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 20, 2022

The MPO held a hybrid in-person/ virtual meeting at 4:00 p.m. on January 20, 2022. The MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO's representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on January 14, 2022. **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
Mark Holm | City of Ankeny
David Jones | City of Ankeny
Doug Elrod | City of Bondurant
Ruth Randleman | City of Carlisle
Ted Weaver | City of Clive
Kathie Hungerford | City of Cumming**
Mark Hanson | Dallas County
Elizabeth Presutti | DART
Scott Sanders | City of Des Moines
Carl Voss | City of Des Moines
Pam Cooksey | City of Des Moines
Josh Mandelbaum | City of Des Moines
Heather Stancil | Madison County**
Stephanie Riva | City of Norwalk
Jeff Walters | Polk City
Tom Hockensmith | Polk County
Robert Andeweg | City of Urbandale
Courtney Clarke | City of Waukee
Russ Trimble | City of West Des Moines
Jamie Letzring | City of West Des Moines
Brooke Ramsey | HIRTA*
Andy Loonan | IDOT *

MPO Representatives Absent:

Joe Gatto | City of Des Moines
Colton Fors | City of Elkhart
Scott Mikkelsen | City of Grimes
Stephanie Erickson | City of Indianola**
Jim Evans | City of Johnston

Tammi Dillavou | City of Mitchellville
Sara Kurovski | City of Pleasant Hill
Aaron Dekock | Warren County
Kyle Michel | Van Meter**
Mike Jones | City of Windsor Heights
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:

Stewart Anderson | Iowa DOT
Clifford Leonard | Public
Tom Leners | Madison County**

MPO Staff Present:

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

1. Call to Order

MPO Chair, Bob Andeweg recognized a quorum and called the November meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization January 20, 2022, meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of the Financial Statement

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Presentation: Infrastructure and Jobs Act

Stu Anderson of the Iowa DOT presented on Infrastructure and Jobs Act.

7. FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget Development

Assistant Director presented. Discussion on the process to develop the upcoming work program and budget for FY 2023. Report and discussion only.

8. Election of Calendar Year 2022 Officers

Assistant Director presented. Discussion regarding the Nominating Committee's forthcoming recommendation for 2022 Executive Committee officers. Report and discussion only.

9. FFY 2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Applications

Planning Manager presented. Discussion regarding applications for FFY 2026 Surface transportation Block Grant Program. Applications were due January 7, 2022, and presentations will be held on February 24, 2022. Subcommittee will meet in in March to develop a funding recommendation for consideration
Report and discussion only.

10. Priority Project List for Annual D.C. Trip

Planning Manager presented. Report on the priority projects policies submitted for the Greater Des Moines Partnership's annual trip to Washington D.C. Report and discussion only.

11. Purple Heart Highway Update

Executive Director presented. Update regarding the process to redesignate Iowa Highway 5 / US 65 Freeway Corridor to an interstate. Additional meetings will be held as progress continues.
Report and discussion only.

12. Water Trails Update

Executive Director presented. Discussion regarding the execution of the BUILD Grant for Central Iowa Water Trails. Discussion of previous bid letting and advised that new bid letting event is planned.
Report and discussion only.

13. Economic Development District

Staff presented. Update on process to designate Central Iowa as an Economic Development District. Plan to be operational on April 1, 2022. Project will hire a senior planner and possible administrative assistant. Report and discussion only.

14. Des Moines Transload Facility

Planning Manager presented. Report regarding the Des Moines Transload Facility. Progress continues. Photos of the facility and schedule were provided. Project is on schedule and will close out on schedule. Report and discussion only.

15. Legislative Issues Update

Assistant Director presented. Update on the local legislative items of interest. Advised that HSB 536 which would eliminate cities to regulate stormwater is now dead. Report and discussion only.

16. Upcoming Events

Information only.

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

Assistant Director advised that he will be providing Orientation for all new MPO Board members

18. Next Meeting Date- February 17, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

19. Adjournment

Hearing no objection to the contrary Chair Bob Andeweg adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.