

Meeting Minutes
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 17, 2022

The MPO held a hybrid in-person/ virtual meeting at 4:00 p.m. on February 17, 2022. The MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO's representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on February 11, 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**
Frank Cownie | City of Des Moines
Carl Voss | City of Des Moines
Joe Gatto | City of Des Moines
Josh Mandelbaum | City of Des Moines
Tom Leners | Madison County**
Stephanie Riva | City of Norwalk
Len Murray | City of Pleasant Hill
Tom Hockensmith | Polk County
Jeff Walters | Polk City
Robert Andeweg | City of Urbandale
Jamie Letzring | City of West Des Moines
Brooke Ramsey | HIRTA*
Andy Loonan | IDOT *

MPO Representatives Absent:

Mark Hanson | Dallas County
Elizabeth Presutti | DART
Connie Boesen | 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
Aaron Dekock | Warren County
Travis Brott | Van Meter**
Courtney Clarke | City of Waukee
Russ Trimble | City of West Des Moines
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 February meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization February 17, 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 January meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of the Financial Statement

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Election of Calendar year 2022 Officers

Assistant Director presented. Consider approval of the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers for CY 2022; Bob Andeweg, Chair; Stephanie Riva, Vice-Chair; Ted Weaver, Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers for CY 2022.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Staff presented. Recommend approval of the proposed Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program amendments from DART.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program amendments from DART.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Fiscal Year 2022 2nd Quarter Budget

Assistant Director presented. Update on the 2nd quarter expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022. Report and discussion only.

9. Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget Development

Assistant Director presented. Discussion of the process to develop the next work program and budget. Report and discussion only.

10. FFY 2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program and Set-Aside (TAP) Applications.

Planning Manager presented. Discussion regarding applications for FFY 2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Set-Aside (TAP) funding. Report and discussion only.

11. Purple Heart Highway Update

Executive Director presented. Discussion of continued work with the Greater Des Moines Partnership and other stakeholders to promote the Highway 5/ US 65 Interstate designation. 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 new bid letting event. 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. Contractor Ryan, demobilized 2 weeks ago and reports over 55,000 hours of work with no reported injuries. Des Moines Industrial currently meeting with potential customers and the first load has been delivered. Will now prepare final report and close out the grant in the upcoming months. Report and discussion only.

15. Legislative Issues Update

Assistant Director presented. Update on the local legislative items of interest. Report and discussion only.

16. Upcoming Events

Information only.

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

Executive Director and incoming Chair, Bob Andeweg thanked Chair Joe Gatto for his service as Chair for the past two years.

18. Next Meeting Date- April 21, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

No March Meeting

19. Adjournment

Hearing no objection to the contrary Chair Bob Andeweg adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.