

Meeting Minutes
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 21, 2022

The MPO held a hybrid in-person/ virtual meeting at 4:00 p.m. on April 21, 2022. The MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO's representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on April 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
Michael Schrock | City of Ankeny
Marketa Oliver | City of Bondurant
Ruth Randleman | City of Carlisle
Ted Weaver | City of Clive
Kathie Hungerford | City of Cumming**
Mark Hanson | Dallas County
Scott Sanders | City of Des Moines
Carl Voss | City of Des Moines
Joe Gatto | City of Des Moines
Connie Boesen | City of Des Moines
Josh Mandelbaum | City of Des Moines
Jake Anderson | City of Grimes
Jim Evans | City of Johnston
Heather Stancil | Madison County**
Tammi Dillavou | City of Mitchellville
Len Murray | City of Pleasant Hill
Tom Hockensmith | Polk County
Robert Andeweg | City of Urbandale
Tom Hadden | City of West Des Moines
Paul LaFleur | FHWA*
Kaleb Wohlgemuth | FHWA*
Brooke Ramsey | HIRTA*
Andy Loonan | IDOT *
Julia Castillo | | HIRTA

MPO Representatives Absent:

Elizabeth Presutti | DART
Colton Fors | City of Elkhart
Stephanie Erickson | City of Indianola**
Stephanie Riva | City of Norwalk
Jeff Walters | Polk City
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
Gerri Doyle | FTA*
Eva Steinman | FTA*
* Advisory/Non-Voting Representatives
** Associate/Non-Voting Representative

Others Present:

Ted Corrigan | Central Iowa Waterworks
Clifford Leonard | Public

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
Tracey Deckard | Office Manager

1. Call to Order

MPO Chair, Bob Andeweg recognized a quorum and called the April 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 April 21, 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 February 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. Contracts and Expenses

Executive Director presented. Recommend approval of the NARC membership expenses and the MIPA Contract.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Central Iowa Water Works Update

Ted Corrigan from Central Iowa Waterworks presented and provided an update on regional water utility formation and the next steps.

8. FFY Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Applications

Planning Manager presented. Recommend approval of the Funding Subcommittee's recommendation for awarding FFY 2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Funding. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Funding Subcommittee's recommendation for awarding FFY 2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Funding

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. FFY 2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-Aside (TAP) Program Funding

Staff presented. Recommend approval of the Funding Subcommittee's recommendation for awarding FFY 2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-Aside (TAP) Program Funding.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded b to approve the Funding Subcommittee's recommendation for awarding FFY 2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-Aside (TAP) Program Funding

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

MOTION: A motion was made seconded to approve the Priority Project List.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. FFY 2019-2023 Passenger Transportation Plan Amendment

Staff presented. Recommend approval of the FFY 2019-2023 Passenger Transportation Plan amendment from DART.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the FFY 2019-2023 Passenger Transportation Plan amendment from DART.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

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

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Plan amendment from DART.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Notice of Funds Availability- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Staff presented. Discussion of the March 20220 Notice of Funds Availability for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program due to December 2021 Deracho disaster declaration. Report and discussion only.

14. Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program

Assistant Director presented. Discussion regarding the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant Program established under the IJA/BIL. Report and discussion only.

15. Community Project Funding (Earmarks)

Discussion on the guidelines for the FY 2023 Community Project Funding member request process. Supplemental information provided. Report and discussion only.

16. Purple Heart Highway

Executive Director presented. Update regarding process to redesignate Iowa Highway 5/US Highway 63 Freeway Corridor to an interstate. Report will be prepared for discussion while in Washington DC for the GDMP annual trip. Report and discussion only.

17. Water Trails Update

Executive Director presented. Discussion regarding the execution of the BUILD Grant for Central Iowa Water Trails. Recent special letting bid was rejected due to being over anticipated budget. Discussion of new deadline from Federal Highway to have any bids in place by June 30. Discussion about breaking up the bids to various sections of the project and how to meet the new deadlines. Report and discussion only.

18. Economic Development District

Staff presented. Update on process to designate Central Iowa as an Economic Development District. Senior Planner has been hired. Continue to work on membership. Comment from Hockensmith raised concerns to “keep in our lane” on this project. Report and discussion only.

19. Des Moines Transload Facility

Planning Manager presented. Report regarding the Des Moines Transload Facility. Executive Committee meeting was held at the facility. This project will be finalized soon. Report and discussion only.

20. Legislative Issues Update

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

21. Upcoming Events

Information only.

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

Executive Director indicated that May is Donate Life Month and encouraged all to become organ donors.

23. Next Meeting Date- May 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

No March Meeting

24. Adjournment

Hearing no objection to the contrary Chair Bob Andeweg adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.