# **DES MOINES AREA MPO**

**Executive Committee Meeting** 

September 7, 2022



# **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**



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- 1. Call to Order
- 2. VOTE: Approval of Agenda
- 3. VOTE: Approval of Meeting Minutes
- 4. CONSENT and VOTE: Contracts and Expenses
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# **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**



# WATER TRAILS BUILD GRANT SUB-AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS



- In September 2021, the MPO approved the Water Trails BUILD grant Sub-Agreements
- In June 2022, the BUILD grant agreement between the FHWA, lowa DOT, and MPO was amended to adjust the project scope and budget based on previous bids coming in over budget
- Based on the amended BUILD grant agreement the sub-agreements have also been amended to reflect the changes.



### Amendments to Sub-agreement #2

- Updated what elements of the project will be covered by BUILD grant
- Updated project cost estimates to match the amounts in the amended BUILD grant agreement with FHWA/DOT
- Added language noting the condition added to the amended BUILD grant agreement regarding when work must commence on Prospect and Birdland locations
- Updated dates to be consistent with amended BUILD Grant agreement



### Amendments to Subagreement #3

- Updated the dates for the City of Des Moines \$6 million contribution
  - \$2 million July 31, 2023
  - \$2 million July 31, 2024
  - \$1 million July 31, 2025
  - \$1 million July 31, 2026
- Clarifying language regarding payment responsibility for tree mitigation
- Clarifying language regarding documentation to be provided to the City and timeline for providing said documents
- Updated dates to be consistent with amended BUILD Grant agreement



### Amendments to Subagreement #4

- Updated what elements of the project will be covered by BUILD grant
- Updated project cost estimates to match the amounts in the amended BUILD grant agreement with FHWA/DOT
- Updated dates to be consistent with amended BUILD Grant agreement



# IOWA CLEAN AIR ATTAINMENT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATIONS



# Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program

- Altoona ITS Master Plan \$76,000
- DART Route #17 Extension to Bondurant \$52,400
- DART Outreach and Education Campaign \$40,000
- Urbandale 100<sup>th</sup> Street Signal Coordination \$100,000
- West Des Moines Traffic System Vehicle Detection Improvement -\$432,000



# Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program

- ICAAP Schedule
  - September 2022 Recommendation presented to Policy Committee and resolutions are forwarded to project sponsors
  - October 1, 2022 Project sponsor submit their applications to the DOT



# MODEL ORDINANCE REGULATING BICYCLES AND PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION DEVICES



- Developed by Central Iowa Bicycle and Pedestrian Roundtable
  - Final draft, report, and supplemental materials completed with the special help of Mindy Moore, AICP, Senior Transportation Planner at HDR, and Jeff Wiggins, AICP, Transportation Planner at City of Des Moines Engineering Department
- Generic so that communities may use it as a guide/starting point for reviewing and updating their current bicycle and PTD ordinance
- Consistent with the Code of Iowa and offers additional regulations to address historical points of conflict between vehicular and non-vehicular road users to clarify "gray areas"
- Furthers all 4 goals in Mobilizing Tomorrow



### Why a model ordinance?

- Regulates, educates, and coordinates
- Solution to transportation improvements that does not require construction or funding

### Why now?

- Long-term Bike-Ped RT goal
- InterConnect Plan development
- Safe Streets and Roads for All application

### Why bicycles and personal transportation devices?

- Multimodal transportation system
- Jurisdictions ready to address new/popularized device types



NOV	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Model ordinance discussed at Bike-Ped RT	Bike-Ped RT agreed to draft a model ordinance with MPO member communities	Two working meetings held to start model ordinance draft	Model ordinance draft discussed at the Traffic Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) meeting	Local law enforcement offices contacted to review draft model ordinance	Suggestions from MPO member communities incorporated into model ordinance draft by Bike-Ped RT	Inductive loop inquiry sent to all MPO member community engineering/ public works departments	Model ordinance draft reviewed by MPO legal counsel	Model ordinance draft approved by Bike-Ped RT and recommended to MPO Boards



<sup>\*</sup>Discussed at Technical Committee meeting on September 1st

### Ordinance Chapters:

- 1. Purpose
- 2. Definitions
- 3. Scope of Regulations
- 4. Traffic Code Applies
- 5. Motor Vehicle Operations

- Actions Against Bicycles and Personal Transportation Devices
- 7. Responsible Riding
- 8. Place of Riding
- 9. Parking
- 10. Equipment Requirements

\* Pedicabs and bike/scooter-share programs are <u>not</u> addressed in this model ordinance.



### A few words about the Code of Iowa...

- Local authorities can create and enforce regulations not currently specified in Iowa Code if they are consistent and not in conflict or contrary to current law. (321.235, 321.236)
- A bicycle is not defined as a vehicle, but a bicyclist is subject to the same rights and duties as a driver. (321.1, 321.234, 2012 AG letter)
- Drivers are required to pass vehicles to the left at a safe distance and shall not return to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle. Drivers cannot steer unreasonably close to or toward a bicyclist. (321.299, 321.281)
  - However, the lowa DOT instructs drivers to change lanes when passing a bicycle completely.
- Vehicles must stop at red lights until a signal to proceed is shown. Pedestrians shall not enter the roadway unless they can safely cross without interfering with any vehicular traffic. (321.257)



### Primary Components:

- Change lanes to pass
- 3-feet lateral passing distance
- Right arm right turn signal
- Door zone protection
- Far to the right exemptions
- "Dead red" light allowance

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- Light "fix-it" ticket
- Yield to bikes in crosswalks
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### Next steps:

- Discuss ordinance with Policy Committee.
- Discuss ordinance with Metro Advisory Council (MAC).
- Incorporate additional feedback.
- Vote for approval of model ordinance in October.
- Share model ordinance with local jurisdictions for consideration.\*
- Develop educational campaign for jurisdictions that adopt the ordinance.\*



# 2019 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORY UPDATE



### 2019 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Update

- Bulk of emissions data has arrived and is processed
- What's prepared today?
  - Library: <u>dmampo.org/metroghgs</u>
    - Metro transportation GHG emissions
    - Community-wide GHG emissions\*
- What's coming next?
  - Continued work with data partners
  - Further analysis & full reports
    - Transportation & community-wides
    - Cumulative regional

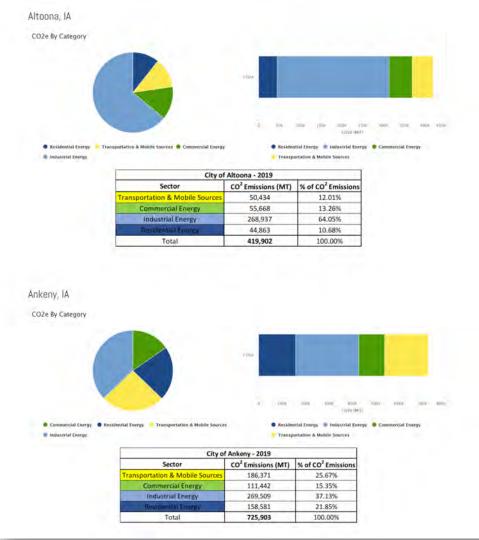


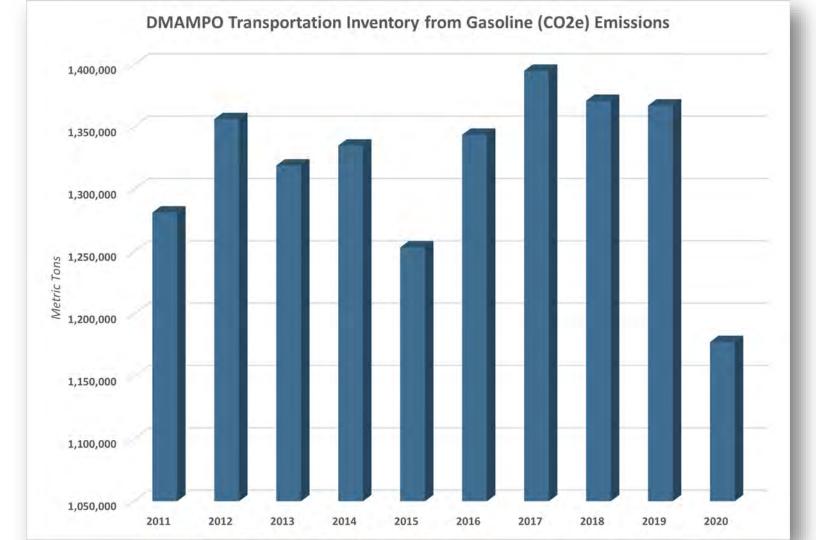


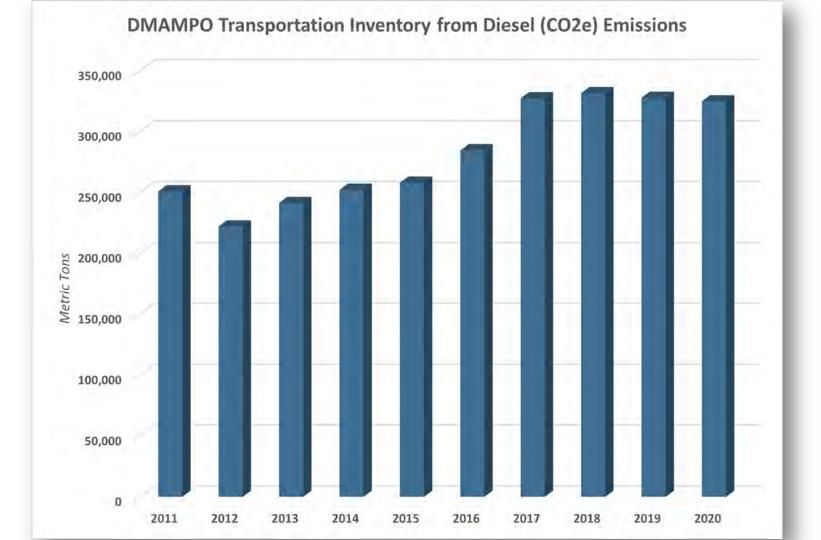


### **Member community data:**

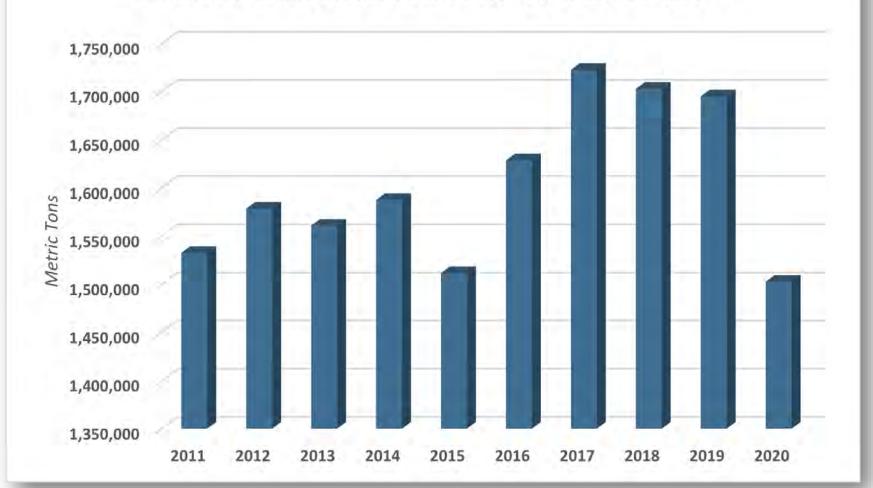
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### **DMAMPO Transportation Inventory (CO2e) Emissions**



# PROPOSED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS PERFORMANCE MEASURE



### Proposed Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Measure

In July, the US DOT released a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for a greenhouse gas national performance measure for state DOTs and MPOs

- Proposed GHG PM seeks declining CO2 emissions on the Interstates and National Highway System (NHS) roads (Base Year 2021)
- Should align with national goals of 50% reduction by 2030 and net-zero by 2050

#### MPOs can either

- 1. Support their state DOT's declining four-year targets
- 2. Establish their own regional declining four-year targets

No penalties for MPOs for not meeting targets or not making significant progress



### Proposed Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Measure

Performance Measure Calculations Summary

- % CO2 Reduction from ReportingYear to BaseYear2021
  - CO2 Emissions = (Fuel Consumed) x (CO2/Gallon Emission Factor) x (Proportion of VMT on NHS)

Iowa DOT is currently working with AASHTO to review and encourages MPOs to review and comment as well

Public comment period ends October 13, 2022



# **PURPLE HEART HIGHWAY UPDATE**



### PHASE 1: Stakeholder Study and Action Plan

# Summer 2021 to Fall 2022

- Led by IDOT
- Supported by MPO

#### **NEXT STEPS**

• Finalize report with meeting notes

#### PHASE 2:

Pursue State and Federal Exemptions

# Fall 2022 to Fall 2023

- Staffed by MPO & Partnership
- Guided by Advisory Committee

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Continue developing an implementation plan
- Form Advisory Committee
- Identify legislative champions
- Continue stakeholder outreach
- Target the 2023 lowa Legislature & transportation allocation bill (fall 2023)

### PHASE 3: mplete Analys

Complete Analysis Required by FHWA

### Fall 2022 to Spring 2023

- Overseen by MPO
- Conducted by consultant

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Review draft Scope of Services in September
- Consider contract in October

### PHASE 4: Formally Request Designation

### Fall 2023

- Led by IDOT
- Supported by MPO

#### **NEXT STEPS**

None at this time

# Implementation Plan Development

- Staff met with Greater Des Moines Partnership to discuss strategy and overall implementation plan.
- A meeting has been scheduled with IDOT leadership for late September. Attending will be Chair Andeweg, Vice Chair Riva, Partnership staff, and MPO staff.
- Additional meetings will be scheduled with key stakeholders to review a draft action plan.
  - Corridor communities
  - Ag stakeholders
  - Economic development practitioners

# Updated Scope of Service: Corridor Analysis

- Staff worked with HNTB in early 2021 to develop a Scope of Service for a technical analysis to ensure the infrastructure meets interstate criteria.
  - Paused while IDOT conducted stakeholder process
  - Last month staff asked HNTB for updated Scope of Services
  - No major changes
  - Reviewed by IDOT and FHWA; no issues found
  - Fee: \$206,730.58
  - Options for payment:
    - MPO reserves RECOMMENDED
    - Share costs between communities on corridor
      - A formula has been developed based on population and frontage
    - Combination of MPO reserves and local dollars
- Voting item in October

# **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**



# National Legislation – FY 23 Appropriations Bill

- House of Representatives passed FY 2023 THUD bill as part of 'minibus' spending package on July 20<sup>th</sup>:
  - \$105 billion for transportation, an increase of \$2.4 billion over FY 2022
  - \$775 million for RAISE (BUILD/TIGER) \$10 million increase
  - \$7 million for Des Moines International Airport terminal design
  - \$5 million for Broadway Ave reconstruction
- Senate Appropriations Committee released their version of the bill on July 28<sup>th</sup>
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  - \$1.09 billion for RAISE (BUILD/TIGER)



# Other Legislation and Funding Programs

- Inflation Reduction Act
  - Still awaiting program details from USDOT on transportation-related provisions like the Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill
  - USDOT released a grant program website to help keep track of the various funding opportunities at <a href="https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/grant\_programs.cfm">https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/grant\_programs.cfm</a>
  - MPO website links to this under the Funding tab.



#### **Competitive Grant Funding Matrix**

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and FHWA have a variety of competitive grant programs used to fund various types of transportation projects and activities. The matrix illustrates these programs broadly, organized by applicant type. Potential applicants should refer to the applicable column in the matrix. The matrix lists grant programs (rows), which can be matched with the potential applicant (columns) the program can fund. Potential applicants should review program specific guidance to make informed decisions about each program.

The FHWA will continue to add additional programs/information to this page over the weeks, months, and years to come.

Grant Program	Program Description	State Highway agency	Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Local Government or agency	Federally- recognized Indian Tribe	Federal Lands Management Agency (FLMA)	Puerto Rico	Territories	Other*	Additional Information
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)	Provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact (aka Local and Regional Project Assistance).	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA)	Provides grants for multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance.	Yes	Yes (with a population over 200,000)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	
National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program (MEGA)	Provides grants to surface transportation infrastructure that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs that will have a significant national or regional impact.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program	Provides grants for projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth and improve quality of life.	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes (Regional transportation planning organizations)	
Safe Streets and Roads for All	Provides grants to support local initiatives to prevent transportation-related death and serious injury on roads and streets (commonly referred to as "Vision Zero" or "Toward Zero Deaths" initiatives).		Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes	FY 2022 NOFO
Bridge Investment Program	Provides grants for projects to improve the condition of bridges and culverts and the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges.	Yes	Yes (population greater than 200,000)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	FY 2022 NOFO
Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program — Planning Grants	Provides grants for feasibility studies and other planning activities for projects to restore community connectivity by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access or economic development.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes (non-profit organization)	FY 2022 NOFO

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**



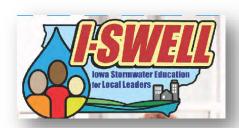




# **APA Iowa Chapter**

2022 Annual Conference | Ottumwa | Oct 12-14

Make little plans to reach high hopes!







# FHWA Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Webinars

The CRP provides \$6.4 billion in formula funding to states and metropolitan areas over the next five years for projects designed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from onroad highway sources. During the webinars, staff from the FHWA Office of Natural Environment will provide information about the new program and answer questions from participants.

**September 15, 2022** from **2:00 m. to 3:00 p.m.** Eastern. **Register** at <a href="https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\_Z4Ags4VS1elf6jCKpEujg">https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\_Z4Ags4VS1elf6jCKpEujg</a>

**September 21, 2022** from **11:00 a.m.** to **12:00 m.** Eastern. **Register** at https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN Cl4Dp7ANRT26306--IlpAA



# APPROVAL OF THE MPO POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA



# **OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**



# Iowa SUDAS Updates

### Proposed changes in:

- 5C-1: Geometric Design Tables
- 5C-2: Geometric Design Elements
- 5M-1: Complete Streets
- Chapter 12: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
- 12A-1: General Sidewalk Requirements
- 12A-5: Pedestrian Safety Measures and Crossings
- 12B-1: Selecting Bicycle Facilities
- 12B-2: Shared Use Path Design
- 12B-3: On-Street Bicycle Facilities
- 13A-3: Traffic Signal Features
- 13A-4: Traffic Signal Design Considerations



Next District 1 meeting:
Wednesday, October 19th from
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Snyder &
Associates in Ankeny



# Is Your Community EV Ready?

# MPO MEMBER WORKSHOP: Electric Vehicle Readiness 101

There are many pieces to puzzle together when preparing a community for electric vehicles — regulations, ordinances, fleets, stations, safety – and it's not always obvious where to begin.

If this sounds familiar, this workshop is for you! Participants will come away with a better understanding of "EV readiness" and more prepared to take advantage of the influx of federal funding coming available for EV projects.

This workshop is ideal for staff members and policy makers from MPO member communities, as well as MPO subcommittee and roundtable members.

#### 1 P.M. — TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Des Moines Area MPO Office 420 Watson Powell Jr. Way, Suite 200 Des Moines. IA 50309

A virtual option is available upon request. For more information or to request a link, please reach out to MPO staff at info@dmampo.org.



Hosted by:









Register @ https://dmampo.org/ev-wkshp-2022/

# FEMA Unified Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding

FEMA has announced the Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant program for FY 2022, which includes Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC).

Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) priorities are to:

- Incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure
- Prioritize benefits to disadvantaged communities
- Mitigate risk to one or more community lifelines
- Incorporate nature-based solutions
- Enhance climate resilience and adaptation
- Increase funding to applicants that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes

Applications due December 27th, 2022



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