

NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Executive Committee

11:30 a.m., October 12, 2022

Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

TENTATIVE

1. **Call To Order**
2. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
3. **VOTE: Approval of Meeting Minutes**..... Page 3
 - Approve the September 7, 2022, meeting minutes.
4. **CONSENT and VOTE: Contracts and Expenses** Page 7
5. **REPORT and VOTE: Model Ordinance Regulating Bicycles and Personal Transportation Devices** Page 8
 - Discussion regarding the legal review of the model ordinance regulating bicycles and personal transportation devices; consider approval.
6. **REPORT and VOTE: FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments** Page 9
 - Report on FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program amendments from Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART), City of Des Moines, and Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT); consider approval.
7. **REPORT and VOTE: Technical Analysis for Interstate Designation** Page 11
 - Report on contract with HNTB to update previously completed analysis required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Iowa DOT to re-designate the Iowa Highway 5 and U.S. Highway 65, aka the Purple Heart Highway; consider approval.
8. **REPORT: Office Expansion Lease Agreement**..... Page 12
 - Report and discussion regarding the option of leasing the vacant space on the south side of the existing office.
9. **REPORT: Adopting Justice40 Initiative Metrics** Page 13
 - Discussion regarding the Biden Administration Justice40 Initiative and the MPO planning process.
10. **REPORT: Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Scoring Update** Page 14
 - Discussion regarding updates to the STBG scoring process.
11. **REPORT: Priority Project Solicitation for Annual D.C. Trip**..... Page 21
 - Report and discussion on the process to identify priority projects and policies for the Greater Des Moines Partnership’s annual trip to Washington D.C.
12. **REPORT: Purple Heart Highway Update**..... Page 22
 - Update on the process to redesignate IA 5/ US 65 Freeway Corridor to an Interstate
13. **REPORT: Water Trails Update** Page 23
 - Update on efforts related to the use of the BUILD Grant for water trails.

The established protocol for minutes of this meeting will be to list all attendees, and with each item on which a vote is conducted in the ordinary course in order to take formal action, those voting nay or abstaining will be identified by name. Any member who is absent from the meeting for any period of time during which a vote of the body is taken, is expected to notify the recording secretary at the conclusion of the meeting so that the absence can be duly noted in the minutes. Roll Call votes will be taken as required by law or upon the request of any member that is approved by the chair, and the vote of each member for or against the proposition, or abstention, will be incorporated in the minutes or recorded on a separate sheet attached to the minutes.

The MPO receives federal funding and may not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color, or national origin, according to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more information or to obtain a Title VI Complaint form, visit www.dmampo.org/title-vi/ or call 515-334-0075.

14. **REPORT: Legislative Update**..... Page 24
 - Update on the key legislative issues that impact the MPO member governments.
15. **REPORT: Upcoming Events** Page 25
16. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
17. **VOTE: Approval of the MPO Policy Committee Agenda**
18. **Next Meeting Date – November 9, 2022, at 11:30 a.m.**
19. **Adjournment**

October 2021
Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the September 7, 2022, MPO Executive Committee meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the September 7, 2022, MPO Executive Committee meeting is included on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022, MPO Executive Committee meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

Tracey Deckard, tdeckard@dmampo.org
(515) 334-0075

MEETING MINUTES
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 7, 2022
Des Moines Area MPO | Virtual Meeting

The MPO Executive Committee held a hybrid live/virtual meeting at 11:30 a.m. on September 7, 2022, at the Des Moines Area MPO office and via Zoom. MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO Executive and members on August 31, 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.**

Executive Members Present:

Bob Andeweg | City of Urbandale
Stephanie Riva | City of Norwalk
Elizabeth Burns Thompson | City of Altoona
Mark Holm | City of Ankeny
Ruth Randleman | City of Carlisle
Ted Weaver | City of Clive
Frank Cownie | City of Des Moines
Joe Gatto | City of Des Moines
Jeff Walters | City of Polk City
Tom Hockensmith | Polk County
Russ Trimble | West Des Moines
Andy Loonan | IDOT

Executive Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Todd Ashby | Executive Director
Dylan Mullenix | Assistant Director
Zach Young | Planning Manager
Allison van Pelt | Senior Planner
Zhi Chen | Senior Planner
Aspen Pflanz | Planner II
Tracey Deckard | Office Manager
Rhonda Miller | Accountant
Scott Brennan | MPO General Counsel

Others Present:

Clifford Leonard | public

1. Call to Order

MPO Chair Bob Andeweg called the 9/7/2022, meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made by Cownie and seconded by Gatto to approve the September 7, 2022, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made by Cownie and seconded by Gatto to approve the August meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Approval of Contracts and Expenses

Executive Director presented. Recommend approval of the Eco Counter Upgrades in the amount of \$3,037.50.

MOTION: A motion was made by Hockensmith and seconded by Gatto to approve payment of all the Eco Counter Upgrades.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Water Trails BUILD Grant Sub-Agreement Amendments

Planning Manager presented. Recommend approval of the amended Water Trails BUILD grant sub-agreements. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Randleman to approve the amended Water Trails BUILD grant sub-agreements.

CITY OF ANKENY ABSTAINED.

MOTION CARRIED

6. FFY 2024 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program Applications

Planning Manager presented. Recommend approval of the FFY 2024 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program Applications.

MOTION: A motion was made by Riva and seconded by Randleman to approve the FFY 2024 Iowa clean Air Attainment Program Applications.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Model Ordinance Regulating Bicycles and Personal Transportation Devices

Staff presented. Presentation about the draft Model Ordinance Regulating Bicycles and Personal Transportation Devices. The Bike-Ped Roundtable held several special meetings with MPO member community staff and transportation professional to craft the initial ordinance language and revise it to address education and enforcement concerns. Copies provided.

Report and discussion only.

8. 2019 Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update

Staff presented. Report on regional and community greenhouse gas emissions inventories process.

Report and discussion only.

9. Proposed Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Measure

Staff presented. Report on notice for proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Measure. Report and discussion only.

10. Purple Heart Highway

Staff presented. Staff continues to work with the Greater Des Moines Partnership and other stakeholders to promote the Highway 5/US 65 Interstate designations. Received and updated Scope of Services from HNTB to develop the technical analysis of the corridor required before interstate designation can be requested. Scope is largely unchanged from previous. Cost of \$206,730.58. Will come back to Executive and Policy Committees for a vote in October. A meeting with the DOT leadership is scheduled for late September to discuss an implementation plan.

Report and discussion only.

11. Legislative Issues Update

Planning Manager presented. Discussion regarding FY 2023 Appropriations Bill, Inflation Reduction Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, and a Competitive Grant Funding Matrix was also presented with links for additional information on the MPO website.

Report and discussion only.

12. Upcoming Events

Information only.

13. Vote- MPO Policy Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made by Gatto and seconded by Cownie to approve the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

14. Other Non-Action Items

Staff discussed the EV Community Ready meeting scheduled for October 4, proposed SUDAS Updates, and FEMA Unified Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding that is due 12/7/2022.

15. **Next Meeting Date**

October 12, 2022, beginning at 11:30.

16. **Adjournment**

Hearing no objection to the contrary, the Chair adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 12:20 p.m.

October 2022
Item No. 4

ISSUE: Contracts and Expenses

CONSENT and VOTE: Consider approval of the following expenses in accordance with the MPO’s proposed policies and procedures regarding contracts and expenses.

BACKGROUND:

Below is an expense that exceed the limits set by the MPO’s policy and procedures regarding expenditures.

VENDOR	PURPOSE	NOTES/INFORMATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED
Dentons Davis Brown	Legal Fees	Legal fees related to Water Trails project	\$3,465.00
Denman & Co	Audit Fees	Final payment for FY 2021 audit	\$5,200.00
*Story County	Contract for Services	3-year contract to perform housing related planning services for Story County	\$237,500.00

*Staff has submitted an RFP response for this contract. This is included for to make the Executive Committee aware of this potential contract and staff will inform the Committee if awarded.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the above expense.

STAFF CONTACT:

Todd Ashby, tashby@dmampo.org
(515) 334-0075

October 2022
Item No. 5

ISSUE: Model Ordinance Regulating Bicycles and Personal Transportation Devices

REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: Model Ordinance Regulating Bicycles and Personal Transportation Devices.

BACKGROUND:

The Central Iowa Bicycle and Pedestrian Roundtable identified a need to clarify the regulations of bicycles, electric bicycles, electric scooters, and other personal transportation devices in our region. The Roundtable drafted a model ordinance, background report, and several supplemental documents to justify this need. The ordinance includes the following goals:

- Match State Code where applicable, with modifications to accommodate other personal transportation devices.
- Comply with the [U.S. Department of Justice’s 2010 ruling on Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices](#).
- Create regulations that make it safer for people riding bicycles, scooters, and personal transportation devices while also improving safety for pedestrians that may share space with these devices.
- Establish local regulations for issues which State Code does not address.
- Eliminate regulations that are not enforceable or may be too subjective for equitable enforcement.

The Roundtable held several special meetings with MPO member community staff and transportation professionals to craft the initial ordinance language and revise it to address education and enforcement concerns. At their August 16, 2022, meeting, the Roundtable approved a formal recommendation of the model ordinance for the MPO to consider.

The report, ordinance, and supplemental information will be provided prior to the meeting.

Staff presented the model ordinance to the Technical, Executive, and Policy Committees in September. Board members expressed concern about the model ordinance’s consistency with *Iowa Code*. MPO legal counsel is in the process of conducting a review.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the Model Ordinance Regulating Bicycles and Personal Transportation Devices.

STAFF CONTACTS:

Aspen Pflanz, apflanz@dmampo.org
(515) 334-0075

October 2022
Item No. 6

ISSUE: FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the amendments to *Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*.

BACKGROUND:

Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART), the City of Des Moines, and the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) have requested the following amendments to the *FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*:

Sponsor: Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART)

Project: B-Cycle Station Purchase and Installation

Federal Aid Amount: \$30,000

Total Cost: \$37,500

Type of Funding: STBG

TIP Project Modifications: None necessary.

Change: Add project to the *FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*.

Sponsor: City of Des Moines

Project: Guthrie Avenue Viaduct Rehabilitation (Item 37834)

Federal Aid Amount: \$2,000,000

Total Cost: \$5,000,000

Type of Funding: STBG

TIP Project Modifications: None necessary.

Change: Change funding from SWAP-STBG to STBG (FA) and add project to the *FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*.

Sponsor: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)

Project: IA 28 Pavement Rehabilitation (Item 52595)

Federal Aid Amount: \$4,800,000

Total Cost: \$6,000,000

Type of Funding: STBG, PRF

TIP Project Modifications: None necessary.

Change: Revise project location to "0.1 mi N of IA 92 to 0.2 mi S of W North Ave in Norwalk" in the *FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*.

Sponsor: City of Norwalk
Project: Iowa 28 and Beardsley Street Improvements (Item 39397)
Federal Aid Amount: \$700,000
Total Cost: \$2,190,000
Type of Funding: STBG-SWAP
TIP Project Modifications: None necessary.
Change: Change funding from STBG (FA) to SWAP-STBG in the *FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend approval of the proposed *Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program* amendments.

STAFF CONTACTS:

Aspen Pflanz, apflanz@dmampo.org
(515) 334-0075

October 2022
Item No. 7

ISSUE: Technical Analysis for Interstate Designation

REPORT AND VOTE: Enter into contract with HNTB to update previously completed analysis required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Iowa DOT to re-designate the Iowa Highway 5 and U.S. Highway 65, aka the Purple Heart Highway.

BACKGROUND:

MPO members have long sought the re-designation of the Purple Heart Highway to foster economic development along the 28-mile corridor. In 2012, HNTB Corporation completed several planning-level needs analyses related to the designation effort. In Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, HNTB updated the 2012 report with current data.

As the next step in the redesignation process, this scope of services builds upon the previous work completed between 2011-2012 and 2020-2021 to satisfy FHWA traffic analysis and geometric analyses requirements. These requirements were determined in a scope-coordination meeting held April 14, 2021, with FHWA, Iowa DOT, the Des Moines Area MPO, and HNTB.

This effort was paused while the Iowa DOT conducted stakeholder outreach. Now largely complete, the study recommended that interstate designation be pursued and laid out an action plan including the completion of this technical analysis.

HNTB updated its scope of services and fees in August 2022 at the MPO's request. FHWA and the Iowa DOT reviewed the scope of services and concurred that they continued to meet the analysis needs for interstate designation. The scope of services include:

- Interim-year (2027) traffic operations report for the IA 5 / US 65 corridor and including all interchanges and ramp terminals in the corridor;
- Predictive 2050 safety analysis for the IA 5 / US 65 corridor;
- Additional evaluation of the 10 controlling design criteria for highways to prepare design exception request; and
- Prepare an addendum to the previously prepared Summary Technical Report (February 2021) that summarizes the results of the above noted analyses.

The proposed contract is for \$206,730.58. The contractor estimates the analysis taking approximately six months to complete.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval.

STAFF CONTACT:

Gunnar Olson, golson@dmampo.org
(515) 334-0075

October 2022
Item No. 8

ISSUE: Office Expansion Lease Agreement

REPORT: Discuss the option of leasing the vacant space on the south side of the existing office.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO office space houses not only the MPO, but also MIPA and the Central Iowa Housing Trust personnel. The MPO has hired additional staff for an accounting functions as well. With the increased personnel and the potential for more staff for MIPA and CIHT, additional office space is needed. The MPO's current lease offers the opportunity to lease the space at the south end of the second floor.

Staff has been in discussions with Knapp regarding a potential build out of offices and meeting space. Cost for the build out is approximately \$123,000. Knapp will provide a build out allowance of \$66,237 leaving \$56,763 to be covered the Tennent. The remaining amount would be amortized over a 72-month period at 6% and the monthly payment for the additional space would be approximately \$4,200. The cost of the build out and rent for the additional space would be covered by activities from MIPA and CIHT.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Report and Discussion only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Todd Ashby, tashby@dmampo.org
(515) 334-007

October 2022
Item No. 9

ISSUE: Adopting Justice40 Initiative Metrics

REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: Discussion regarding the Biden Administration Justice40 Initiative and the MPO planning process.

BACKGROUND:

In January 2021, the Biden Administration announced Justice40, a whole-government initiative “to confront and address decades of underinvestment in disadvantaged communities.” The U.S. Department of Transportation issued the below on the matter:

“Justice40 is an opportunity to address gaps in transportation infrastructure and public services by working toward the goal that many of our grants, programs, and initiatives allocate at least 40% of the benefits from federal investments to disadvantaged communities. It is not a one-time investment, but a series of changes that will be implemented across the Department.”

The Biden Administration also recently released a list of “covered programs” within the USDOT’s offerings. These include:

- [Carbon Reduction Program \(CRP\)](#)
- Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grants
- [Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program \(CMAQ\)](#)
- National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Programs (NEVI) – Competitive & Formula
- [Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation \(PROTECT\) Formula Program](#)
- [Transportation Alternatives \(TA\) \(Surface Transportation Block Grant set-aside\)](#)
- [FTA Low or No Emission Vehicle Program](#)
- [Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning](#)
- [Rebuilding America’s Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity- RAISE Discretionary Grants](#)
- [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program](#)

MPO staff is seeking direction from MPO governing committees on whether Justice40 metrics should be adopted or if MPO staff should perform their own Environmental Justice Report to be incorporated into ongoing planning efforts and the upcoming funding cycle.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends consideration of using the Justice40 initiative methodology.

STAFF CONTACTS:

Allison van Pelt, avanpelt@dmampo.org;
(515) 334-0075.

October 2022
Item No. 10

ISSUE: Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Scoring Update

REPORT: Discussion regarding the update to the STBG scoring process.

BACKGROUND:

Following the FFY 2026 STBG awards, the Executive Committee requested that staff review the scoring process and make a recommendation for updating the scoring system. Staff has spent the last few months developing a new set of questions to replace the old scoring system.

The idea behind these new questions is to remove the locational nature of the previous scoring system that made it difficult for many of the projects to score well. The new questions still focus on the main goal areas of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) but are targeting things that any project can do to achieve the goals of the LRTP.

The draft questions are included on the following pages.

At this time, staff has not assigned points to the questions. Staff is requesting that committee members review the content of the questions and once there is a comfort level with these new questions, points will be assigned.

Staff will provide an overview of the new questions at the October meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

STAFF CONTACTS:

Zach Young, zyoung@dmampo.org;
(515) 334-0075.

1. Transportation Infrastructure and Services are Well-managed and Optimized

- a. Does the project implement any of the following signal control and operation solutions from the [National ITS Reference Architecture](#)?
 - i. Traffic Signal Control
 - ii. Eco-Traffic Signal Control
 - iii. Traffic Metering
- b. Does the project implement any of the following signal priority and preemption solutions from the National ITS Reference Architecture?
 - i. Freight Signal Priority
 - ii. Emergency Vehicle Preemption
 - iii. Transit Signal Priority
- c. Does the project implement any of the following traffic management and operation solutions from the National ITS Reference Architecture?
 - i. Infrastructure-Based Traffic Surveillance
 - ii. Traffic Incident Management System
 - iii. Regional Traffic Management
- d. Does the project implement additional ITS solutions from the National ITS Reference Architecture?
 - i. 1-2 additional items
 - ii. 3-4 additional items
 - iii. 5+ additional items
- e. Does the project use any of the following strategies to extend the life of the pavement material?
 - i. Improved compaction specifications
 - ii. Use WMA to obtain better compaction
 - iii. Improved mixture designs
 - iv. Use polymers.
 - v. Use rubberized asphalt
 - vi. Use lime or liquid anti-strip to decrease risk of early failure due to moisture damage.
 - vii. Lower w/cm through admixture use
 - viii. Utilize an effective Quality Assurance program throughout material production phase

2. Enhance Multimodal Transportation Options

- a. The project includes the following multimodal facilities
 - i. Transit stop(s)
 - ii. Bike or scooter share station(s)
 - iii. Sharrows, bike route, bicycle boulevard
 - iv. Shared-use Path, Bike Lane, Protected/Buffered Bike Lane
 - v. Sidewalk
 - vi. Paved Shoulder (rural road only)

- b. The project includes the following streetscaping or placemaking elements
 - i. Street trees, public garden(s), or parkway
 - ii. Benches or other street furniture
 - iii. Transit shelter(s)
 - iv. Bicycle or micro-mobility device racks/parking
 - v. Public art
 - vi. Streetlights or lampposts

3. Improve the Region's Environmental Health

- a. Does this project use any of the following strategies to reduce the environmental impact of pavement materials
 - i. Reduce the virgin binder content in asphalt mixture through the increase us of Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) or other recycled, co-product, or waste materials (RCWMs)
 - ii. Reduce transportation distances of all raw materials through the use of more local materials while maintaining target specifications, quality requirements, and expected performance.
 - iii. Reduce the need for transportation by using in-place recycling such as full-depth recycling (FDR) and cold in-place recycling (CIR), plant recycling using RAP, and greater use of local materials
 - iv. The use of Recycled Concrete Aggregate (RCA)

- b. Does the project use any of the following stormwater Best Management Practices?
 - i. Detention Basin
 - ii. Retention Pond
 - iii. Wetland Basin
 - iv. Wetland Channel
 - v. Grass Swale
 - vi. Grass Strip
 - vii. Bioretention
 - viii. Media Filter
 - ix. High-Rate Biofiltration
 - x. High-Rate Media Filtration
 - xi. Hydrodynamic Separation Devices
 - xii. Oil/Grit Separators and Baffle Boxes
 - xiii. Permeable Friction Course
 - xiv. Porous/permeable Pavement

- c. Does the project use any of the following to reduce transportation-related emissions?
 - i. Increases integration of alternative fuels
 - 1. Electric vehicle infrastructure
 - a. Has the utility been contacted/involved in project development?
 - i. Yes.
 - ii. No.
 - b. Level of charging
 - i. Level 1
 - ii. Level 2
 - iii. DC Fast Charging
 - 2. Hydrogen, natural gas, etc. infrastructure
 - a. Has the utility been contacted/involved in project development?
 - i. Yes.
 - ii. No.

- ii. VMT Reductions
 - 1. Ratios of # of lanes/capacity and AADT; current and projected
 - a. Project capacity ratio matches that of AADT needs
 - b. Project capacity ratio exceeds AADT needs
 - 2. Decreasing Single Occupancy Vehicle trips
 - a. Project includes opportunities for carpooling/van sharing
 - b. Project incorporates Complete Street design elements
 - i. Green street design
 - 3. Other, not listed, VMT reduction elements
- iii. Increases opportunities for multi-modal trips/encourages mode-shift based on project area density
 - 1. Project priority is active transportation
 - 2. Project is a Safe Route to School
 - 3. Project includes consideration of first and last-mile alternative transportation, including:
 - a. Micro-transit
 - b. Bike-share station
 - c. Sidewalks with canopy coverage
 - d. Streetlights

4. Further the health, safety, and well-being of all residents in the region

- a. The project includes the following speed management elements:
 - i. Automated Speed Enforcement –
 - ii. Variable Speed Limits –
 - iii. Street/road designed for 25 mph or less –

- b. The project includes the follow roadway departure safety elements:
 - i. Wider Edge Lane (rural road only) –
 - ii. Safety Edge (rural road only) –
 - iii. Enhanced Delineation for Horizontal Curves (rural roads only) –
 - iv. Roadside Design Improvements including flattening slope and clear zones at Curves (rural roads only) –
 - v. Rumble Strips and Stripes –
 - vi. Median Barriers –
 - vii. Pavement Friction Management –

- c. The project includes the following intersection safety features:
 - i. Roundabouts –
 - ii. Reduced driveway access points along street/road –
 - iii. Retroreflective Boarders on traffic signals –
 - iv. Dedicated Left- and Right-Turn lanes –
 - v. Reduced Left-Turn Conflict Intersection (rural roads only) –

- d. The project includes the following pedestrian and bicyclist safety features
 - i. Flashing crosswalks or active warning beacons
 - ii. Balustrades (or similar)
 - iii. Grade separation
 - iv. Pedestrian or bicycling markings/stripping
 - v. Curb extensions
 - vi. Median/pedestrian refuge islands
 - vii. 4-Lane to 3-Lane Road Diet conversion
 - viii. Leading pedestrian interval?

Questions Scored by Funding Subcommittee:

- A. Describe how this project supports the economic vitality of the metropolitan area?
- B. Describe how this project improves the mobility and quality of life of area residents?
- C. Describe the public outreach and engagement implemented as part of this project? What effort was made to reach out to disadvantaged residents?
- D. Describe how this project experiments with/or implements an innovation to address a regional challenge?
- E. Describe how this project improves environmental health of the region and the public.

DRAFT

October 2022
Item No. 11

ISSUE: Priority Project Solicitation for Annual D.C. Trip

REPORT: Report and discussion on the process to identify priority projects and policies for the Greater Des Moines Partnership's annual trip to Washington D.C.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO staff annually works with MPO member governments and participating agencies to develop a list of priority transportation projects to discuss with congressional members during the Greater Des Moines Partnership's (GDMP) annual trip to Washington, D.C. Staff is proposing to reassess this process going forward, to reflect recent and potential future changes at the federal level.

The process of selecting priority projects has evolved over the years. Previously, the region identified priority projects as those for which earmarks were actively being sought – and then lobbied directly for those projects. More recently, with the absence of earmarks, the region identified projects of general significance, regardless of whether they were seeking federal funding. Starting last year, the MPO assisted in soliciting project proposals for the Community Project Funding initiative, which allows members of Congress to target federal funds toward projects and programs in communities they represent.

The November elections could impact the Community Project Funding initiative. Any change to the MPO's process will need to take these changes into account.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Gunnar Olson, golson@dmampo.org
(515) 334-0075

October 2022
Item No. 12

ISSUE: Purple Heart Highway Update

REPORT: Update regarding the process to redesignate Iowa Highway 5 / US Highway 65 Freeway Corridor to an Interstate.

BACKGROUND:

Staff is continuing to work with the Greater Des Moines Partnership and other stakeholders to promote the Highway 5/US Highway 65 interstate designation. Notable highlights include:

- Staff is bringing an updated Scope of Services from HNTB to develop the technical analysis required for interstate designation (see voting item above).
- MPO staff participated in a two-day trip to Washington DC organized by the Greater Des Moines Partnership to advocate regional priorities with the congressional delegation. Meetings were held with all six members of the delegation, plus Governor Reynolds' federal liaison. The redesignation effort continues to be met positively, so long as the redesignated corridor accommodates existing users in the ag community.
- A meeting with Iowa DOT leadership was held last month to discuss the local implementation of the action plan developed by IDOT. The meeting was attended by Chair Bob Andeweg, Vice Chair Stephanie Riva, MPO staff, and Partnership staff. Director Scott Marler and five senior staff members participated from IDOT. The meeting was positive. Notably, IDOT is supportive of the timeline developed by MPO staff and offered to assist with outreach to key stakeholders.

Staff will provide a full update at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Report and discussion only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Gunnar Olson, golson@dmampo.org
(515) 334-0075

October 2022
Item No. 13

ISSUE: Water Trails Update

REPORT: Discussion regarding the execution of the BUILD Grant for Central Iowa Water Trails.

BACKGROUND:

Staff is continuing to work with project partners to develop the Downtown Dam Mitigation and User Access Project and will provide an update at the October meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Report and discussion only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Todd Ashby, tashby@dmampo.org
(515) 334-0075

October 2022
Item No. 14

ISSUE: Legislative Issues Update

REPORT: Standing item to discuss Federal and State legislative issues.

BACKGROUND:

Standing item to allow the committee to discuss any legislative (federal or state) items of interest.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Report and discussion only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Dylan Mullenix, dmullenix@dmampo.org;
(515) 334-0075

October 2022
Item No. 15

ISSUE: Upcoming Events

REPORT: Report on upcoming events of regional interest.

BACKGROUND:

Staff will highlight upcoming events, trainings and other opportunities of interest to representatives of MPO member governments.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Allison van Pelt, avanpelt@dmampo.org;
(515) 334-0075