

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

The MPO held a hybrid in-person/ virtual meeting at 4:00 p.m. on October 20, 2022. The MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO’s representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on October 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  
Kathie Hungerford | City of Cumming\*\*  
Mark Hanson | Dallas County  
Joe Gatto | City of Des Moines  
Pam Cooksey | City of Des Moines  
Malcolm Hankins | City of Des Moines  
Pam Cooksey | City of Des Moines  
Heather Stancil | Madison County\*\*  
Stephanie Riva | City of Norwalk  
Mark Konrad | City of Pleasant Hill  
Jeff Walters | Polk City  
Robert Andeweg | City of Urbandale  
Courtney Clarke | City of Waukee  
Russ Trimble | City of West Des Moines  
Tom Hadden | City of West Des Moines  
Darla Hugaboom | FHWA  
Brooke Ramsey | HIRTA\*  
Andy Loonan | IDOT \*

**MPO Representatives Absent:**

Ted Weaver | City of Clive  
Elizabeth Presutti | DART  
Colton Fors | City of Elkhart  
Scott Mikkelsen | City of Grimes  
Frank Cownie | City of Des Moines

Stephanie Erickson | City of Indianola\*\*  
Jim Evans | City of Johnston  
Tammi Dillavou | City of Mitchellville  
Tom Hockensmith | Polk County  
Travis Brott | Van Meter\*\*  
Aaron Dekock | Warren County  
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:**

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  
Allison van Pelt | Senior Planner  
Zhi Chen | Associate Planner  
Tracey Deckard | Office Manager  
Rhonda Miller | Accountant

**1. Call To Order**

Chair Andeweg recognized a quorum and called the August Policy Meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Holm and seconded by Gatto to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization October 20, 2022, meeting agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Holm and seconded by Gatto to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's September meeting minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Approval of the Financial Statement**

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Public Comment**

None.

**6. Rain Campaign Update**

Cassie Druhl, Outreach Coordinator from the Polk County Water Resources presented and update on the Rain Campaign efforts.

Report only.

**7. FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

Principal Planner presented. Recommend approval of the FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments from DART, City of Des Moines and IDOT.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Gatto and seconded by Trimble to approve the FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments from DART, City of Des Moines and IDOT.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8. Adopting Justice40 Initiative Metrics**

Staff presented. Discussion regarding the Biden Administration Justice 40 Initiative. MPO is seeking direction from MPO governing committees on whether Justice40 metrics should be adopted or if the MPO staff should perform their own Environmental Just Report.

Report and discussion only.

**9. Priority Project Solicitation for Annual D.C. Trip**

Staff presented. Report and discussion on the process to identify priority projects and policies for the Grater Des Moines Partnership's annual trip to Washington D.C.

Report and discussion only.

**10. Purple Heart Highway Update**

Staff presented. Staff is continuing to work with GDMP and other stakeholders to promote the Highway 5/US Highway 65 interstate designation. Next step is to complete the corridor analysis. Will be exploring if other parties have an interest in sharing the cost of the study. Gatto wants to make sure that Farm Bureau is on board as their support is vital. Trimble suggested contacting AGCI as well.

Report and discussion only.

**11. Water Trails Update**

Executive Director presented. Sub agreements have been signed. Bid letting is scheduled for November 1. Special Policy Committee meeting might be needed. Updates will be provided.

**12. Legislative Issues Update**

Assistant Director presented. Appropriations continuing.  
Report and discussion only.

**13. Upcoming Events**

Information only.

**14. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**

None.

**15. Next Meeting Date- November 17, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.**

**16. Adjournment**

Hearing no objection to the contrary Chair Bob Andeweg adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.