



DES MOINES AREA MPO

Policy Committee Meeting

October 20, 2022



APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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16. Adjournment

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MPO ACTIONS

PRESENTATION: RAIN CAMPAIGN UPDATE

FFY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

FFY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments

- The *FFY 2023-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program* (STIP) took effect October 1, 2022, so changes may be made now.
- Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART), the City of Des Moines, and the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) have requested amendments to the MPO's *FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*.



FFY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments (1 of 3)

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*.



FFY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments (2 of 3)

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*.



FFY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments (3 of 3)

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*.



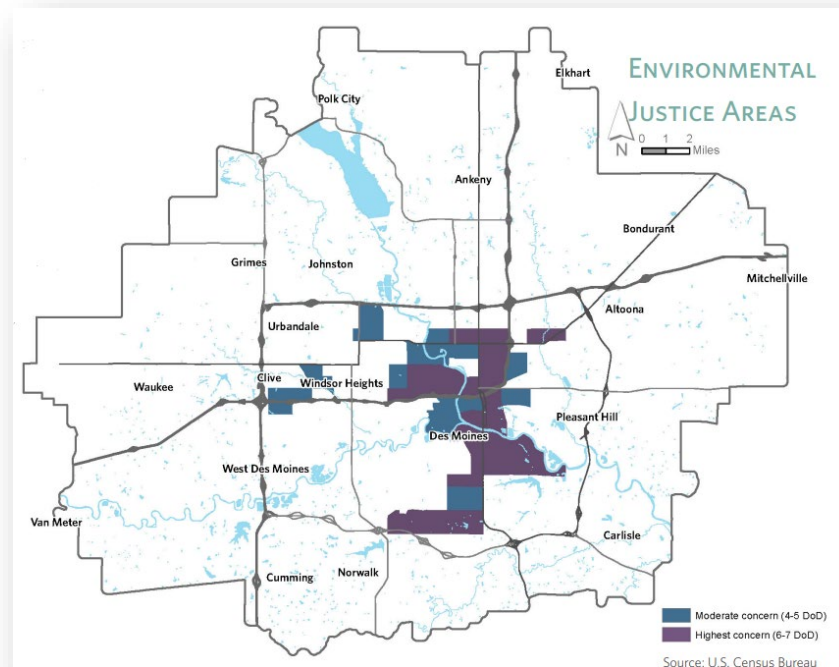
ADOPTING JUSTICE40 INITIATIVE METRICS

Adopting Justice40 Initiative Metrics

- Jan 2021 – Biden Administration announces Justice40
 - Whole government initiative “to confront and address underinvestment in disadvantaged communities”
 - US DOT is adopting Justice40 “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.”
- USDOT funding programs adopting Justice40:
 - Carbon Reduction, Charging & Fueling Infrastructure, CMAQ, NEVI, PRTOECT, TAP, RAISE, Safe Streets and Roads for All, etc.
- MPO staff requesting input and guidance on adopting Justice40

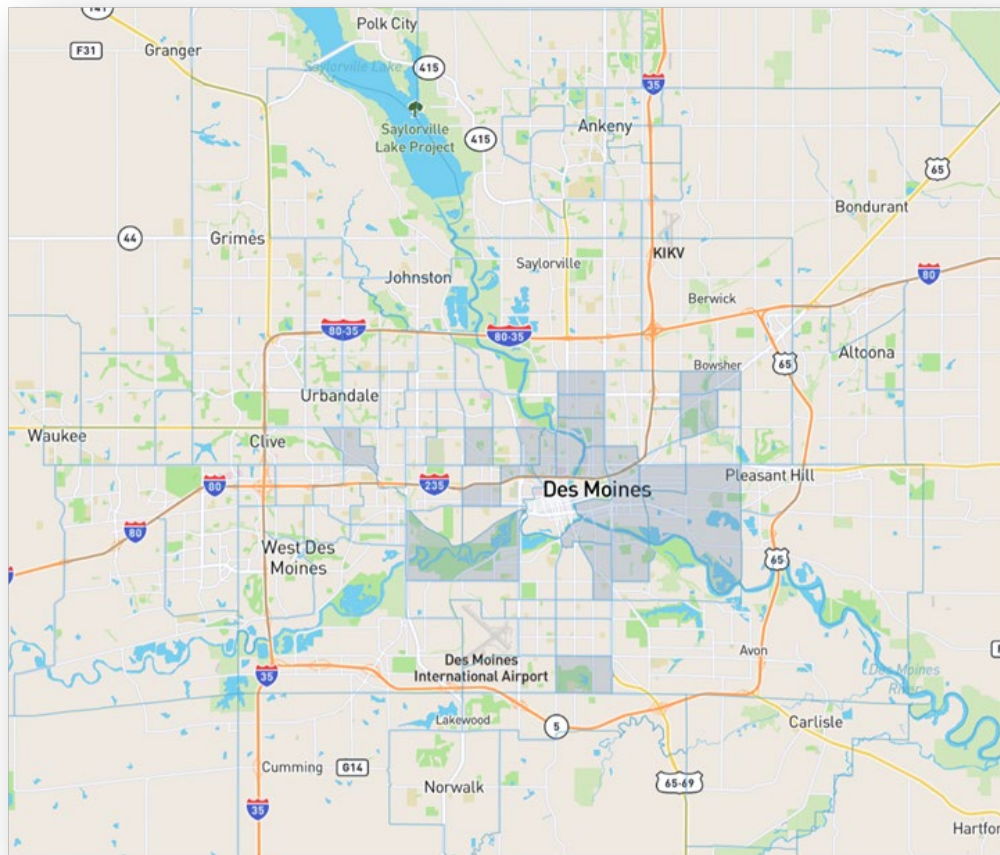
Metrics Comparison – DMAMPO EJ

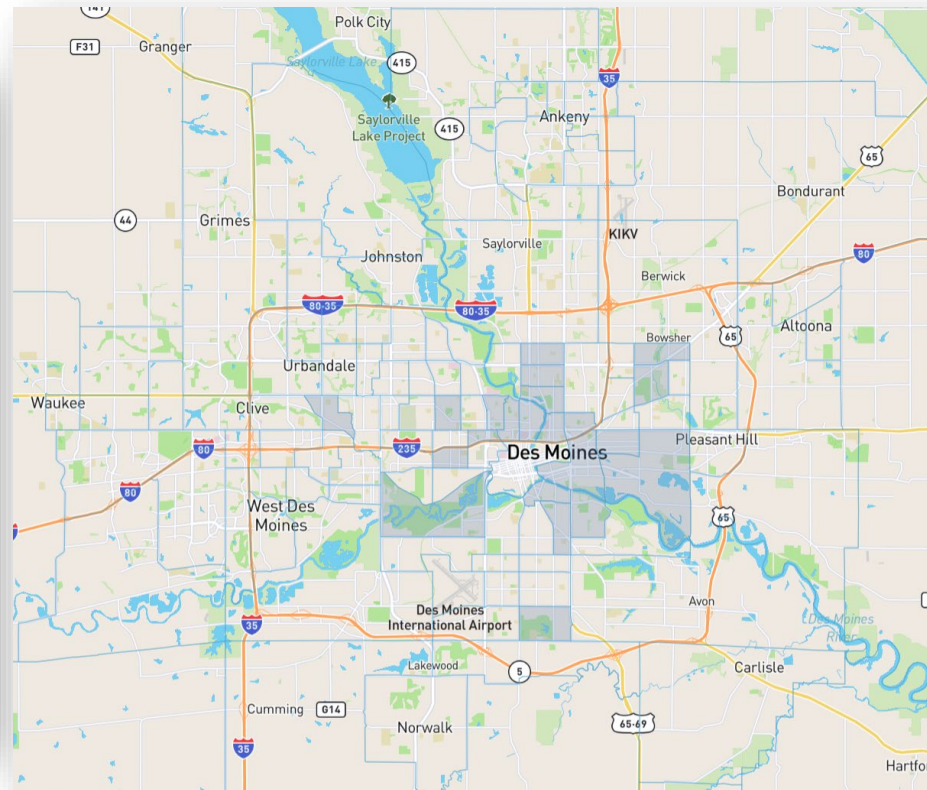
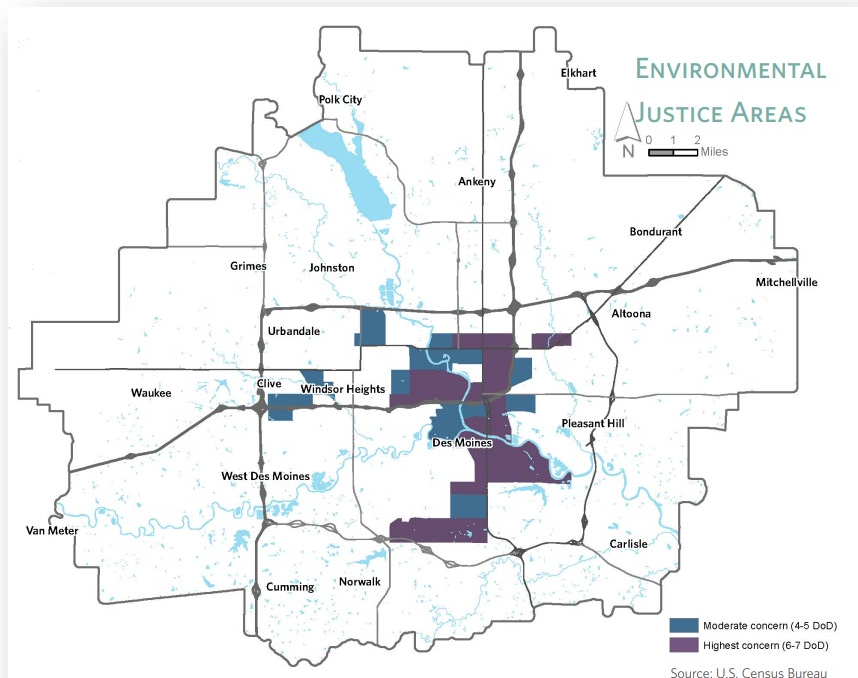
- Households in Poverty
- Non-White Populations
- Carless Households
- Single HoH with Children
- Households with Person(s) over 65
- Limited English Proficiency
- Persons with Disabilities
- 2021 Update: 70% Threshold control



Metrics Comparison – Justice40

- Climate Change
 - Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency
 - Clean Transit
 - Affordable & Sustainable Housing
 - Reduction & Remediation of Legacy Pollution
 - Critical Clean Water & Wastewater Infrastructure
 - Health Burdens
 - Training & Workforce Development
- Controls:
 - “If’s/Or’s” & “and’s”
 - If’s/Or’s: 2-3 metrics @ 90th percentile
 - And’s:
 - At or above the 65th percentile for low-income *AND* 80% or more of individuals 15 or older are not enrolled in higher education
 - 10% or more of adults 25 or older have not attained a high school degree, *AND* 80% or more of individuals 15 or older are not enrolled in higher education





Summary



Similarities

- Data sources
- Controls
- Outcomes

Differences

- Transportation-specific v integrated metrics
- In-house v. external development

PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR DC TRIP

Priority Projects for DC Trip



- How should the MPO handle “priority projects” for annual trip to Washington, D.C.?
- Past practices:
 - Candidate projects for federal earmarks
 - General priorities
 - More recently, candidate projects for the Community Project Funding initiative
- Other considerations:
 - MPO project-solicitation timeline isn’t aligned to anything in particular
 - Election in November could alter what we want to do
 - For example, Community Project Funding initiative could go away, or cease to be utilized in our congressional district.

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 Iowa Legislature & transportation allocation bill (fall 2023)

PHASE 3:
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

- IDOT submits
- Supported by MPO

NEXT STEPS

- None at this time

Implementation Plan Development

- Staff went on Partnership trip to Washington DC to discuss the interstate designation with Iowa's congressional delegation.
 - General support; interest in seeing support from the ag community.
- Meeting was held with IDOT leadership for late September. Attending will be Chair Andeweg, Vice Chair Riva, Partnership staff, and MPO staff.
 - IDOT Director Scott Marler expressed continued support
 - IDOT was OK with MPO's recommended timeline for seeking exemptions in next calendar year (state in the spring, federal in the fall)
 - IDOT offered to help set up additional stakeholder meetings.
- Upcoming meetings include:
 - Bill Northey, Agribusiness Association of Iowa – October 26
 - Mike Steenhoek, Soy Transportation Coalition – November 3
 - Debi Durham, IEDA – being scheduled by IDOT
 - Corridor Communities – To be scheduled for November

Corridor Analysis: Next Steps

- 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
- Tabled this month by Executive Committee
- Options for payment:
 - MPO reserves – PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION
 - Share costs between communities on corridor
 - A formula has been developed based on population and frontage
 - Combination of MPO reserves and local dollars – NEW RECOMMENDATION

WATER TRAILS UPDATE

Water Trails Update



- Amended Sub-Agreements have been signed
- Prebid meeting on October 4th
- Construction administration logistics meeting with Polk County/Snyder on October 20th
- Letting date is November 1st
- Special Policy Committee meeting on November 8th to approve the contract

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Appropriations Continuing Resolution

- In late September, House and Senate both passed short-term continuing resolutions through December 16th
 - Both chambers had passed their own full FY 23 appropriations bills in July
 - Full FY 23 appropriations bill could still be passed by end of year, depending on November election results

UPCOMING EVENTS



Register for ISWELL

This virtual training is designed for busy elected officials & community leaders. In 1.5 hours, we will identify the link between land use & water resource protection and help you be better prepared to address stormwater issues and opportunities in your community.

9:00-9:15AM	Reconnecting Iowans to Water (Luke Hoffman, Iowa Rivers Revival)
9:15-9:30AM	Stormwater Basics for Community Leaders (Aaron Gwinnup, EOR)
9:30-9:45AM	Stormwater Ordinance Lessons Learned (Rudy Koester, City of Waukee)
9:45-10:00AM	Crafting a Stormwater Master Plan (Patrick Beane, City of Des Moines)
10:00-10:15AM	A New Funding Approach: Batch & Build (John Swanson, Polk County)
10:15-10:30AM	Q&A

Certificates
provided
for PDHs

October 27, 2022

Registration: \$20
Virtual Webinar

www.iowastormwater.org



CAPITAL CROSSROADS

A VISION FORWARD



The Big Sort

October 27th

9am-Noon @ Valley Junction Activity Center

5:30 - 8:30pm @ Martin Luther King Park

October 28th

9am – Noon @ DSM Central Library

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

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