

NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 Executive Committee

11:30 a.m., June 8, 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 May 18, 2022, meeting minutes.
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5. **REPORT and VOTE: Draft FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program** Page 9
 - Report regarding the draft *Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*; consider approval.
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 - Report and discussion regarding FFY 2022-2025 TIP amendment requests; consider approval.
7. **REPORT: Safe Streets for All Grant** Page 12
 - Update regarding the US DOT Safe Streets for All Grant opportunity.
8. **REPORT and VOTE: Fiscal Year 2023 Investment Policy** Page 13
 - Review the MPO’s investment policy for Fiscal Year 2023; consider approval.
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 - Report on Des Moines Industrial’s reimbursement to the MPO for work completed on the Des Moines Transload Facility.
11. **REPORT: Executive Director Annual Review and Compensation Adjustment**..... Page 17
 - Receive report from the Executive Director Review Committee regarding their review and recommendation for compensation adjustment.
12. **REPORT: Federal Aid Swap Funds to Federal Aid Conversion** Page 18
 - Report regarding the Iowa DOT’s federal aid swap funds to federal aid conversion announcement.
13. **REPORT: Purple Heart Highway Update**..... Page 19
 - Update on the process to redesignate IA 5/ US 65 Freeway Corridor to an Interstate.
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 - Update on efforts related to the use of the BUILD Grant for water trails.
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 - Update on process to designate Central Iowa as an Economic Development District.
16. **REPORT: Legislative Update** Page 22
 - Standing item to discuss any items related to the Federal and State Legislative issues.

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.

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- 17. **REPORT: Upcoming Events** Page 23
- 18. **VOTE: Approval of the MPO Policy Committee Agenda**
- 19. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
- 20. **Next Meeting Date – July 13, 2022, at 11:30 a.m.**
- 21. **Adjournment**

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Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the May 18, 2022, MPO Executive Committee meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the May 18, 2022, MPO Executive Committee meeting is included on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the May 18, 2022, MPO Executive Committee meeting.

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MEETING MINUTES
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Des Moines Area MPO | Virtual Meeting

The MPO Executive Committee held a hybrid live/virtual meeting at 11:30 a.m. on May 13, 2022 at Des Moines Industrial. MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO Executive and members on May 8, 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
Ted Weaver | City of Clive
Elizabeth Burns Thompson | City of Altoona
Mark Holm | City of Ankeny
Frank Cownie | City of Des Moines
Jeff Walters | City of Polk City
Ruth Randleman | City of Carlisle
Russ Trimble | West Des Moines
Andy Loonan | IDOT

Staff Present:

Todd Ashby | Executive Director
Dylan Mullenix | Assistant Director
Zach Young | Planning Manager
Andrew Collings | Principal Planner
Gunnar Olson | Communications Manager
Allison van Pelt | Senior Planner
Zhi Chen | Associate Planner
Aspen Pflanz | Planner II
Tracey Deckard | Office Manager
Scott Brennan | MPO General Counsel

Executive Members Absent:

Joe Gatto | City of Des Moines
Tom Hockensmith | Polk County

Others Present:

Caleb Knutson | MIPA
Clifford Leonard | public
Jason Clayworth | Axios

1. Call to Order

MPO Chair Bob Andeweg called the May 18, 2022, meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made by Riva and seconded by Weaver to approve the May 18, 2022, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Riva to approve the April 7, 2022, meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Approval of Contracts and Expenses

Executive Director presented. Recommend approval of the Iowa State University project for the development of trail pavement data collection as well as the contracts with the City of Hartford and the City of Indianola.

MOTION: A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Holm to approve the invoice with Iowa State University and the contracts with the City of Hartford and the City of Indianola.

MOTION CARRIED

5. **FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget Amendment**
Assistant Director presented. Recommend approval of the amendment to the FY 2023 Budget.
MOTION: A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Riva to approve the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget Amendment.
MOTION CARRIED
6. **FY 2023 Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget Amendment**
Planning Director presented. Recommend approval of the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget.
MOTION: A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Randleman to approve the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget.
MOTION CARRIED
7. **FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**
Staff presented. Recommend approval of the FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments from the Iowa Department of Transportation.
MOTION: A motion was made by Randleman and seconded by Weaver to approve the FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments from the Iowa Department of Transportation
MOTION CARRIED
8. **Fiscal Year 2022 3rd Quarter Budget Report**
Assistant Director presented. Update on the 3rd quarter expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022. Report only.
9. **DMDC Debrief**
Assistant Director presented. Update on the MPO-related activities that took place during the May 11-13 Greater Des Moines Partnership DMDC trip.
10. **Purple Heart Highway Update**
Executive Director presented. Committee members were provided a copy of the IDOT Debrief from various meetings with stakeholders. Riva expressed disappointment with the report and hoped for more information of how to proceed. Other committee members and Executive Director agreed. Andy Loonan, who was not involved in the meetings, provided some comment to the report. Executive Director asked for clarification that the IDOT does not want control of the process. Riva asked if IDOT supports the project. IDOT representative indicated that they would work with the task force to move the project forward. Andy Loonan indicated he would take the concerns back to Stu Anderson and provide an update.
11. **Water Trails Update**
Executive Director presented. Staff continues to work with project partners to develop the Downtown Dam Mitigation and User Access Project. Project will move forward with a scope change that will concentrate on the Scott Avenue and Harried Access. Meeting set for May 23 to discuss further plans. Report and discussion only.
12. **Economic Development District**
Staff presented. Welcome to the new MIPA employee, Caleb Knutson. A full time MIPA Board of Directors has been appointed and membership continues to grow. Report and discussion only.
13. **Des Moines Transload Facility**
Update regarding the Des Moines Transload Facility. Close out of the grant continues. Video of Des Moines Industrial Transload Facility was presented.
Report and discussion only.

14. **Legislative Issues Update**

Assistant Director presented. Guidance has started to come out on the Reauthorization Bill. Staff is working to summarize and will provide members an update. Advised members that Representative Axne had submitted her 15 projects for consideration in the FFY 2023 bill to the Appropriations Committee. Additional information to come.

15. **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs act Update**

Assistant Director presented. Discussion regarding grant opportunities stemming from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

16. **Upcoming Events**

Information only.

17. **Other Non-Action Items**

Riva requested a sign of from the Budget Committee prior to presenting financial items to the Executive Committee.

18. **Approval of the Policy Agenda**

MOTION: A motion was made by Riva and seconded by Weaver to approve the May 21, 2022 Policy Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

19. **Next Meeting Date**

June 8, 2022, beginning at 11:30.

20. **Adjournment**

Hearing no objection to the contrary, the Chair adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 12.12 p.m.

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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:

The following page includes expenses that exceed the limits set by the MPO's policy and procedures regarding expenditures and contracts that need approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the proposed expenses and contracts.

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Expenses – June 2022

VENDOR	PURPOSE	NOTES/INFORMATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED
Davis-Brown Law Firm	Legal Fees		\$4,494.00

June 2022
Item No. 5

ISSUE: Draft FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

REPORT and VOTE: Report regarding the draft *Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*; consider approval.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO staff is required to develop a four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by updating the current TIP for the MPO. The purpose of the TIP is to list all projects in the MPO planning area proposed to receive federal funding and scheduled to begin within the next four federal fiscal years.

The MPO staff requested that MPO member governments and participating agencies review and report any project changes, new projects, or “roll-over” projects programmed in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and/or 2026. Staff developed the project listing for the FFY 2023-2026 TIP with the information provided by the member governments.

The MPO staff will submit the FFY 2023-2026 TIP draft to the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Highway Administration for review and comment on June 15, 2022. Staff will incorporate any comments received into the final draft. The final FFY 2023-2026 TIP is due to the Iowa DOT by July 15, 2022.

The MPO’s Public Participation Plan requires the FFY 2023-2026 TIP to undergo a 45-day comment period and have a public input meeting. Staff has scheduled an online public input meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2022.

The draft FFY 2023-2026 TIP and the TIP project list will be provided prior to the June meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend approval of the draft *Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program* and forward to the Iowa DOT for their review.

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June 2022
Item No. 6

ISSUE: FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the amendments to *Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program*.

BACKGROUND:

The Iowa Department of Transportation has requested amendments to the *FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program* to adjust funding amounts:

Sponsor: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)
Project: Polk County I-80 Interchange Pavement Markings (Item 52546)
Federal Aid Amount: \$382,500
Total Cost: \$425,000
Type of Funding: HSIP, PRF
TIP Project Modifications: None necessary.
Change: Add project to FFY 2022 of the *FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program*.

Sponsor: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)
Project: Polk County I-235 Interchange Pavement Markings (Item 52551)
Federal Aid Amount: \$630,000
Total Cost: \$700,000
Type of Funding: HSIP, PRF
TIP Project Modifications: None necessary.
Change: Add project to FFY 2022 of the *FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program*.

Sponsor: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)
Project: Warren County I-35 Interchange Pavement Markings (Item 52547)
Federal Aid Amount: \$585,000
Total Cost: \$650,000
Type of Funding: HSIP, PRF
TIP Project Modifications: None necessary.
Change: Add project to FFY 2022 of the *FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program*.

Sponsor: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)
Project: Warren County IA 92 Pavement Rehab (Item 52595)
Federal Aid Amount: \$2,806,400
Total Cost: \$3,508,000
Type of Funding: STBG, PRF
TIP Project Modifications: None necessary.
Change: Add project to FFY 2022 of the *FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program*.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend approval of the proposed *Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program* amendments.

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June 2022
Item No. 7

ISSUE: Safe Streets for All Grant

REPORT and VOTE: Update regarding the Safe Streets for All Grant; consider approval.

BACKGROUND:

As mentioned during the April meeting, the Safe Streets for All program is a new grant opportunity created through the recent infrastructure bill. In late May, the US DOT released additional grant details and application instructions.

The grant will provide \$1 billion in each of the next 6 years. For Fiscal Year 2023, two different funding pools are available:

- Funds to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
 - US DOT will make several hundred awards
 - Award amounts range from \$200,000 to \$1 million for single jurisdictions, or up to \$5 million for MPOs/multijurisdictional applications
- Implementation Funds
 - US DOT will make up to 100 awards
 - Award amounts range from \$5 million to \$30 million for single jurisdictions, or up to \$50 million for MPO/multijurisdictional applications
 - Applicants must already have a qualified Action Plan to be eligible

Upon reviewing the application guidance, MPO staff does not believe an eligible Action Plan already exists for the planning area; therefore, the MPO and its communities would be ineligible for implementation funds until one is developed.

MPO has received interest from several MPO member communities about applying for this opportunity. The Transportation Technical Committee discussed this opportunity at its June 2, 2022, meeting and was supportive of the MPO pursuing submitting an application for a regional Action Plan. Completing a regional Action Plan would enable the MPO and its members to be eligible for future implementation dollars. The Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program already included the development of regional safety plan. If an MPO application were to be funded, staff proposes that consulting services would be used to complete the plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend approval for the MPO staff to develop a Safe Streets for All grant application for a regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

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June 2022
Item No. 8

ISSUE: Fiscal Year 2023 Investment Policy

REPORT and VOTE: Consider reaffirming the MPO's existing investment policy for Fiscal Year 2023.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO's Banking and Public Funds Investment Policy outlines the procedures and safeguards for the investment of public funds owned by the MPO. The policy states that the MPO will review the policy annually.

The MPO currently holds a checking account and a money market account at First National Bank and an investment account at the Iowa Public Agency Trust, as administered through Wells Fargo. The MPO maintains a majority of its funds in the investment account and electronically transfers money between accounts, as needed.

The MPO made adjustments to the investment policy in May 2021 based on feedback from the Budget and Finance Subcommittee. The Subcommittee did not recommend any changes FY 2023.

[The Fiscal Year 2023 Investment Policy is available on the MPO website \(click to access\).](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve of the Fiscal Year 2023 Investment Policy.

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June 2022
Item No. 9

ISSUE: Self-Certification

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the MPO's self-certification of compliance with federal requirements.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO is required to annual self-certify its planning process to ensure it complies with federal requirements. The MPO traditionally includes a signed self-certification statement in the annual Transportation Improvement Program. One recommendation from the MPO's last federal certification review was to put more emphasis on the annual self-certification to provide the MPO committees a better understanding of the various federal requirements with which the MPO must comply.

At the June meeting, the MPO staff will review the federal requirements and discuss how the MPO's planning process complies with each. A formal self-certification statement will be included in the *Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*, which is anticipated to be approved by the MPO in July.

The draft self-certification statement is included on the following page.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the MPO's annual self-certification.

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Annual Self-Certification of Compliance to the Federal Highway Administration that the Des Moines, Iowa, Transportation Management Area's Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Is Being Conducted in Accordance With All Applicable Federal Requirements of:

- (1) Title 23 U.S.C. §134, 49 U.S.C. §5303 and 23 CFR part 450.306 which require that a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process be carried out by the state and local officials;
- (2) §174 and 176(c) and (d) of the *Clean Air Act*, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93 have been met for nonattainment and maintenance areas;
- (3) Title VI of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964*, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21 have been met, and 23 CFR part 450.316 which requires the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, such as low-income and minority households be sought out and considered, and Indian Tribal government(s) be appropriately involved;
- (4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, the *Older Americans Act* (42 U.S.C. 6101), as amended and §324 of Title 23 U.S.C., prohibiting discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, gender, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- (5) §1101(b) of *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: Legacy of Users* (Public Law 109-59) regarding the involvement of disadvantaged or minority business enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded planning projects (49 CFR Part 26), and the requirements of 23 CFR part 230 regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contract;
- (6) Provisions of the *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990* (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*) and 49 CFR, parts 27, 37 and 38, and §504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973* (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities;
- (7) §450.324 of 23 CFR, which requires the Transportation Improvement Program to be financially constrained, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) policy on the documentation of financial capacity, published in FTA Circulars; and,
- (8) Provisions of 49 CFR part 20 regarding restrictions on influencing certain Federal activities.

So hereby certified on this _____ day of _____.

R. Todd Ashby
Executive Director

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June 2022
Item No. 10

ISSUE: Des Moines Industrial's Reimbursement to the MPO

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the Des Moines Industrial reimbursement to the MPO for work completed on the Des Moines Transload Facility

BACKGROUND:

On October 7, 2019, Des Moines Industrial and the MPO entered into a Transload Development and Operation agreement. As part of this agreement, Des Moines Industrial agreed to reimburse the MPO for up to \$250,000 for costs incurred as the fiscal agent and facilitator of the project.

Staff has calculated staff time and legal fees associated with the project through May 2022 and have determined that \$250,832 in cost have been accrued over the life of the project. The agreement outlines quarterly installments over a period of eight (8) years from the payment commencement date. Per the agreement, the payment commencement date is the twenty-fifth month after the first advance of funds under the agreement. The first advance of funds was on February 12, 2020. This would make the payment commencement date March 2022.

Since the facility is just now operational, staff proposed to amend the payment commencement date to January 1, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the \$250,000 reimbursement from Des Moines Industrial to be paid out quarterly over an eight (8) year period beginning on January 1, 2023.

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June 2022
Item No. 11

ISSUE: Executive Director Annual Review and Compensation Adjustment

REPORT: Discussion regarding the Executive Director's annual review and consideration of compensation adjustment.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO Chair appointed an Executive Director Review Committee (Review Committee) to complete an evaluation of the Executive Director's performance over the past year. The 2022 Review Committee include the following members:

- Ted Weaver, City of Clive – Chair
- Jeff Walters, Polk City
- Stephanie Riva, City of Norwalk

The Executive Director Review Committee is scheduling times to meet and will report back to the Executive Committee at the July meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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June 2022
Item No. 12

ISSUE: Federal Aid Swap Funds to Federal Aid Conversion

REPORT: Report regarding the Iowa DOT's announcement to convert federal aid swap funds to federal aid for all projects starting with 2023 letting dates.

BACKGROUND:

The Iowa DOT recently announced that the increase in new federal funds has impacted their ability to provide swap funds for Local Public Agency (LPA) projects. Over the past few years, Iowa has let Federal-aid Swap projects totaling over \$150 million annually. Future projections for Federal-aid Swap availability are \$50 million annually, meaning the difference will need to be converted to Federal-aid.

The Iowa DOT does not intend to "terminate" funds for Federal-aid Swap but converting them back to Federal-aid due to cash-flow limitations is unfortunately necessary. The Local Systems Bureau will be working with the impacted local agencies to rescind existing Federal-aid Swap funding agreements and replace them with new Federal-aid funding agreements for the same value.

Programs to be converted to Federal aid include:

- Entire City and County Highway Bridge Program (HBP)
- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program for:
 - All County projects
 - All City projects awarded through TMAs and MPOs
- Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP)

Programs to remain Federal-aid Swap include Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program for all City projects awarded through RPAs.

Counties must convert any possible Swap projects to Federal-aid projects let in January of 2023 and later. Any projects in the December letting must be converted to Federal aid too. Cities must convert projects starting with the February 21, 2023, Iowa DOT bid letting, except for STBG funding awarded through a Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA).

The conversion of federal-aid swap to federal aid may result in potential delays in project development. For example, if a project is utilizing Swap funding for the January letting and experiences a delay during project development, the project must become Federal aid to be in the February letting. Thus, it is important for Counties and Cities to account for these changes now and plan accordingly. The MPO staff will incorporate these changes in the upcoming FFY 2023-2026 TIP.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Report only.

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June 2022
Item No. 13

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. Staff will provide a full update at the June meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Report and discussion only.

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June 2022
Item No. 14

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 June meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Report and discussion only.

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June 2022
Item No. 15

ISSUE: Economic Development District

REPORT: Update on process to designate Central Iowa as an Economic Development District.

BACKGROUND:

In September 2020, the MPO Executive Committee voted to authorize MPO staff to initiate conversations with the seven eligible counties – Boone, Dallas, Story, Jasper, Polk, Marion and Warren – about the prospect of starting an Economic Development District.

As of January 2022, the U.S. Economic Development Administration has designated the region as an economic development district, and the newly created Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance for Community Development (MIPA) the supporting EDD organization. The new entity is now in process of becoming fully operational, including:

- Transitioning to full-time board from interim board
- Finalizing membership
- Hiring and onboarding planner dedicated to MIPA

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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June 2022
Item No. 16

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.

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June 2022
Item No. 17

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.

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