

NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Executive Committee

11:30 a.m., May 18, 2022

Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

TENTATIVE

1. **Call To Order**
2. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
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  - Approve the April 13, 2022, meeting minutes.
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  - Standing item to discuss any items related to the Federal and State Legislative issues.
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17. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
18. **VOTE: MPO Policy Committee Agenda**
19. **Next Meeting Date – June 8, 2022, at 11:30 a.m.**
20. **Adjournment**

*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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May 2022  
Item No. 3

**ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes**

VOTE: Consider approval of the April 13, 2022, MPO Executive Committee meeting minutes. **BACKGROUND:**

The minutes of the April 13, 2022, MPO Executive Committee meeting is included on the following pages.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022, MPO Executive Committee meeting. **STAFF CONTACT:**

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MEETING MINUTES  
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2022  
Des Moines Industrial | Virtual Meeting

The MPO Executive Committee held a hybrid live/virtual meeting at 11:30 a.m. on April 13, 2022 at Des Moines Industrial. MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO Executive and members on April 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  
Joe Gatto | City of Des Moines  
Frank Cownie | City of Des Moines  
Jeff Walters | City of Polk City  
Ruth Randleman | City of Carlisle  
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  
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

**Others Present:**

Paul Cownie | Des Moines Industrial  
Clifford Leonard | public

**1. Call to Order**

MPO Vice Chair Stephanie Riva called the April 13, 2022, meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. A quorum was present.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded by to approve the April 13, 2022, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 13, 2022, meeting minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Approval of Contracts and Expenses**

Executive Director presented. Recommend approval of the MIPA contract documents and payment of the NARC Annual Membership.

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the contract with Story County Housing Trust.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. May Executive Committee Meeting Date**

Executive Director presented. Recommend approval to move the May Executive Committee meeting due to the conflict with the GDMP annual trip to Washington, D.C. Various options were provided. Discussion followed. Determined that moving the May Executive Committee meeting to May 18, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

is preferred by the majority of the committee.

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded by to approve the meeting date of May 18, 2022.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*CHAIR ANDEWEG ARRIVES AT THE MEETING AT 11:38 A.M.*

6. **FFY 2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Applications**

Planning Director presented. Recommend approval of the Funding Subcommittee's recommendation for awarding FFY 2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Funding.

Discussion ensued regarding scoring system.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Hockensmith and seconded by Holm to approve the Funding Subcommittee's recommendation for FFY 2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Funding Program.

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. **Federal Fiscal Year 2026 surface Transportation Block Grant Set-Aside (TAP) Funding Recommendation**

Staff presented. Recommend approval of the award recommendation for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Surface Transportation Program Block Grant Set-Aside (TAP) Program funds.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Gatto and seconded by Weaver to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Surface Transportation Program Block Grant Set-Aside (TAP) Program funds.

**MOTION CARRIED**

8. **Priority Project List of Annual D.C. Trip**

Planning manager presented. Report on the priority projects and policies submitted for the Greater Des Moines Partnership's annual trip to Washington D.C. Discussion ensued about having associate MPO members projects included. Committee decided to exclude the associate member project and present the other projects on the Priority Project List.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Gatto and seconded by Weaver to approve the priority project list for full members of the MPO.

**MOTION CARRIED**

9. **FFY 2019-2023 Passenger Transportation Plan Amendment**

Staff presented. Recommend approval of the FFY 2019-2023 Passenger Transportation Plan Amendment from DART.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Riva to approve the FFY 2019-2023 Passenger Transportation Plan Amendment from DART.

**MOTION CARRIED**

10. **FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

Staff presented. Recommend approval of the FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments from DART.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Riva to approve the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments from DART.

**MOTION CARRIED**

11. **Notice of Funds Availability- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**

Staff presented. Discussion of March 2022 Notice of Funds Availability for Hazard Mitigation Grant funds due to the December 2021 Deracho disaster declaration.

Report and discussion only.

12. **Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program**

Planning Manager presented. Discussion regarding the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program Report and discussion only.

13. **Community Project Funding (Earmarks)**

Assistant Director presented. Discussion on the guidelines for the FY 2023 Community Project Funding member request process.

14. **Purple Heart Highway Update**

Executive Director presented. Staff continues to work with GDMP and IDOT to promote interstate designation. IDOT meetings with stakeholders are near completion. Report and discussion only.

15. **Water Trails Update**

Executive Director presented. Staff continues to work with project partners to develop the Downtown Dam Mitigation and User Access Project. Recent letting did not produce an affordable bid on the project. Discussion on next steps. Report and discussion only.

16. **Economic Development District**

Staff presented. Update on process to designate Central Iowa as an Economic Development District. Advised that membership dues have been received, staffing almost completed and board membership is progressing. MIPA employee hired. Report and discussion only.

17. **Des Moines Transload Facility**

Update regarding the Des Moines Transload Facility. Close out will probably occur in May. Report and discussion only.

18. **Legislative Issues Update**

Discussion of the Appropriations Bill and Reauthorization Bill as well as State House and Senate file status. Report and discussion only.

19. **Upcoming Events**

Information only.

20. **Approval of the Policy Agenda**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Gatto and seconded by Weaver to approve the April 21, 2022 Policy Agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED**

21. **Other Non-Action Items**

Thank you Des Moines Industrial for hosting the meeting and providing tours. Thank you to DART for providing transportation.

22. **Next Meeting Date**

May 18, 2022, beginning at 11:30.

23. **Adjournment**

Hearing no objection to the contrary, the Chair adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 12.53 p.m.

May 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:**

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 – May 2022

VENDOR	PURPOSE	NOTES/INFORMATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED
Iowa State University	Development of trail pavement data collection and forecasting services to aid the Iowa Data Bike Project.	Project and cost included in the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program and budget. <a href="#">Contract available to review here.</a>	\$60,000

### Contracts – May 2022

VENDOR	PURPOSE	NOTES/INFORMATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED
City of Hartford	Comprehensive Plan Update	Staff hours split between FY 2022 and FY 2023; revenue will be in FY 2023. <a href="#">Contract available to review here.</a>	\$15,000
City of Indianola	Sidewalk/trails inventory and conditions report	Staff hours and revenue split between FY 2022 and FY 2023 <a href="#">Contract available to review here.</a>	\$25,000

May 2022  
Item No. 5**ISSUE: FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget Amendment**

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of an amendment to the *Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Planning Work Program* (UPWP) and budget to adjust hours for work elements through the end of the year and to reflect additional revenue brought through new contracts throughout the year.

**BACKGROUND:**

The MPO staff submits reimbursement request to the Iowa Department of Transportation each month. This allows staff to track the amount spent in each of the work elements outlined in the budget. After reviewing the first three quarters of FY 2022, staff is proposing a budget amendment to update the amount allocated for each work element to better reflect where time will be used in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the fiscal year.

The MPO has also approved a number of contracts for planning support throughout the year that were not included in the original FY 2022 UPWP and budget. MPO staff recommends amending these into the UPWP and budget to reconcile the end of year audit. These contracts include the following:

- Carlisle grant administration: \$5,000 (board approved contract in October 2021)
- Marion County zoning code: \$15,000 (board approved contract in January 2022)
- MIPA support: \$20,950 (board approved contract in April 2022)
- Indianola sidewalk inventory: \$20,000 (board action on contract in May 2022)
- Hartford comprehensive plan: \$10,000 (board action on contract in May 2022)

The FY 2022 Budget Amendment Summary is available on the following page.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approval of the amendment to the FY 2022 Budget.

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**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
FISCAL YEAR 2022  
WORK PROGRAM BUDGET ORIGINAL  
9-May-22**

UPWP CODE	WORK ELEMENT	MPO TOTAL	US DOT Funds						Other Funds/Grants			Local Match	
			FHWA – STBG Carryover	FHWA PL New	FTA 5303 New	STP New	DOT Total	Percent of Total	Amount	Source	Percent of Total	(from MPO member assessments)	Percent of Total
1.0	Long-Range Planning	\$356,046	\$128	\$165,757	\$29,724	\$20,883	\$216,492	61%	\$0		0%	\$139,554	39%
2.0	Multimodal Planning	\$259,235	\$93	\$120,687	\$21,642	\$15,205	\$157,627	61%	\$0		0%	\$101,608	39%
3.0	Public Involvement	\$191,811	\$69	\$89,297	\$16,013	\$11,250	\$116,629	61%	\$0		0%	\$75,182	39%
4.0	Integrated Planning	\$334,128	\$47,264	\$155,552	\$27,893	\$19,597	\$250,306	75%	\$11,786		4%	\$72,036	22%
5.0	Funding	\$100,877	\$36	\$46,963	\$8,421	\$5,917	\$61,337	61%	\$0		0%	\$39,540	39%
6.0	Program Administration	\$377,640	\$136	\$175,810	\$31,526	\$22,149	\$229,621	61%	\$0		0%	\$148,019	39%
7.0	CIRTPA	\$82,528	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	\$82,528	CIRTPA Contract	100%	\$0	0%
8.0	Other Contracts	\$112,288	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	\$112,288	TBD Contracts	100%	\$0	0%
TOTAL FY 2021 BUDGET		\$1,814,553	\$47,726	\$754,066	\$135,219	\$95,001	\$1,032,012	57%	\$206,602		11%	\$575,939	32%

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2022**  
**WORK PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENT 2**  
**9-May-22**

UPWP CODE	WORK ELEMENT	MPO TOTAL	US DOT Funds						Other Funds/Grants			Local Match	
			FHWA – STBG Carryover	FHWA PL New	FTA 5303 New	STP New	DOT Total	Percent of Total	Amount	Source	Percent of Total	(from MPO member assessments)	Percent of Total
1.0	Long-Range Planning	\$281,046	\$101	\$130,840	\$23,463	\$16,484	\$170,888	61%	\$0		0%	\$110,158	39%
2.0	Multimodal Planning	\$189,235	\$68	\$88,098	\$15,799	\$11,099	\$115,064	61%	\$0		0%	\$74,171	39%
3.0	Public Involvement	\$141,811	\$51	\$66,020	\$11,839	\$8,317	\$86,227	61%	\$0		0%	\$55,584	39%
4.0	Integrated Planning	\$334,128	\$47,264	\$155,552	\$27,893	\$19,597	\$250,306	75%	\$11,786		4%	\$72,036	22%
5.0	Funding	\$180,877	\$65	\$84,207	\$15,100	\$10,609	\$109,981	61%	\$0		0%	\$70,896	39%
6.0	Program Administration	\$492,640	\$178	\$229,348	\$41,126	\$28,894	\$299,546	61%	\$0		0%	\$193,094	39%
7.0	CIRTPA	\$82,528	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	\$82,528	CIRTPA Contract	100%	\$0	0%
8.0	Other Contracts	\$183,238	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	\$183,238	TBD Contracts	100%	\$0	0%
TOTAL FY 2022 BUDGET		\$1,885,503	\$47,727	\$754,065	\$135,220	\$95,000	\$1,032,012	55%	\$277,552		15%	\$575,939	31%

May 2022  
Item No. 6**ISSUE: *Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget***

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the *Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program* and budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

MPO staff has developed the *Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program* (FY 2023 UPWP) and budget, which documents all planning activities the MPO will perform from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) requires the UPWP to describe the MPO's proposed planning activities – including task objectives, previous work, project descriptions, and work products – as well as the budget and funding sources to carry out the planning activities. The MPO staff submitted a draft UPWP to the Iowa DOT in March for review and has made minor updates to the document. MPO staff will review these changes at the May meeting. A final UPWP is due to the Iowa DOT by June 1, 2022.

[The final FY 2023 UPWP and budget is available to view on the MPO's website \(click to access\).](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Approve the *Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program* and budget.

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May 2022  
Item No. 7

**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 an amendment to the *FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program* to adjust funding amounts:

Sponsor: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)

Project: Dallas County I-80 Interchange Ramps (Item 52484)

Federal Aid Amount: \$2,160,000

Total Cost: \$2,400,000

Type of Funding: NHPP, 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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May 2022  
Item No. 8

**ISSUE: Fiscal Year 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report**

REPORT: Update on the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022.

**BACKGROUND:**

The MPO staff has developed a status report for the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. The report compares expenditures as compared to budgeted amounts as well as the status of the MPO's federal planning funds.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter budget report is included on the following page.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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## MPO Budget Update - July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

### Fiscal Year 2022 Expenditures

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2022 Budget	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	Amount Spent Year	Amount Remaining \$	%
Salaries & Wages	\$680,571	\$120,390	\$118,562	\$112,540	\$351,491	\$329,079	48%
Fringe Benefits	\$552,082	\$142,901	\$141,294	\$134,177	\$418,372	\$133,710	24%
<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>\$1,232,653</b>	<b>\$263,290</b>	<b>\$259,856</b>	<b>\$246,717</b>	<b>\$769,863</b>	<b>\$462,790</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Total Personnel Costs</b>	<b>\$1,232,653</b>	<b>\$263,290</b>	<b>\$259,856</b>	<b>\$246,717</b>	<b>\$769,863</b>	<b>\$462,790</b>	<b>38%</b>
Facilities	\$148,650	\$21,039	\$10,519	\$22,098	\$53,655	\$94,995	64%
Professional Services (Attorney, Audit, Payroll)	\$89,750	\$27,950	\$18,951	\$8,472	\$55,372	\$34,378	38%
Computers & Software	\$46,700	\$8,485	\$10,336	\$6,419	\$25,240	\$21,460	46%
Telecommunications	\$23,000	\$3,781	\$3,000	\$4,103	\$10,884	\$12,116	53%
Printing and Postage	\$18,200	\$2,924	\$8,184	\$2,317	\$13,425	\$4,775	26%
Travel and Training	\$60,000	\$6,555	\$1,297	\$509	\$8,362	\$51,638	86%
Dues/Memberships	\$14,170	\$2,259	\$891	\$261	\$3,411	\$10,759	76%
Equipment	\$18,000	\$0	\$3,061	\$26,206	\$29,267	-\$11,267	-63%
Office Supplies	\$12,000	\$1,732	\$1,749	\$1,411	\$4,892	\$7,108	59%
Publications	\$5,000	\$274	\$1,522	\$219	\$2,015	\$2,985	60%
Sponsorships	\$35,000	\$2,250	\$0	\$0	\$2,250	\$32,750	94%
Food & Beverages	\$7,000	\$1,947	\$1,834	\$2,079	\$5,860	\$1,140	16%
Meeting Rooms	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	100%
<b>Non-Personnel Costs</b>							
<i>Purple Heart Highway (Task 1)</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
<i>Strategic Planning (Task 6)</i>	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	100%
<i>Travel Demand Model Consultant (Task 1)</i>	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	100%
<i>Miscellaneous Consulting (Task 1)</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
<i>Speaker Series (Task 3)</i>	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	100%
<i>Container Locator (Task 2)</i>	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$14,999	100%
<b>Total Non-Personnel Costs</b>	<b>\$522,970</b>	<b>\$79,196</b>	<b>\$61,344</b>	<b>\$74,094</b>	<b>\$214,635</b>	<b>\$308,335</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,755,623</b>	<b>\$342,487</b>	<b>\$321,200</b>	<b>\$320,811</b>	<b>\$984,498</b>	<b>\$771,125</b>	<b>44%</b>

### Passthrough Grant Expenditures

	FY 2022 Budget	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	Amount Spent Year to Date	Amount Remaining \$	%
Rail Revolving Loan and Grant - Transload	\$531,162	\$0	\$0	\$531,162	\$531,162	\$0	0%
BUILD Grant - Transload	\$10,442,393	\$4,784,398	\$2,534,078	\$2,655,231	\$9,973,706	\$468,688	4%
Univeristy Ave Corridor Study (Task 4)	\$47,144	\$0	\$19,350	\$666	\$20,015	\$27,129	58%

\*Passthrough grant amounts bugeted in FY 2022 are less what was expended in previous fiscal years.

May 2022  
Item No. 9

**ISSUE: DMDC 2022 Debrief**

REPORT: Update on MPO-related activities that took place during the May 11-13 Greater Des Moines Partnership DMDC trip.

**BACKGROUND:**

Representatives from the MPO staff and board took part in the Greater Des Moines Partnership's DMDC trip to Washington, D.C., and spoke with representatives of Iowa's congressional delegation about a number of priority projects. This agenda item is to provide an opportunity to report back highlights from the trip and discuss any follow-up actions.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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May 2022  
Item No. 10

**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 May meeting.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None. Report and discussion only.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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May 2022  
Item No. 11

**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 May meeting.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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May 2022  
Item No. 12

**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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May 2022  
Item No. 13

**ISSUE: Des Moines Transload Facility**

REPORT: Update regarding the Des Moines Transload Facility.

**BACKGROUND:**

Staff is continuing to work with Des Moines Industrial, LLC, to develop the Des Moines Transload Facility and will provide an update at the May meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Report and discussion only.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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**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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**ISSUE: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Update**

REPORT: Discussion regarding upcoming grant opportunities stemming from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

**BACKGROUND:**

With the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the US Department of Transportation has a number of upcoming funding opportunities that will be made available over the next several months. A running list of upcoming opportunities can be found at <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/upcoming-notice-funding-opportunity-announcements-2022>.

Funding opportunities of note scheduled to be released in May include:

- [Transit Oriented Development Pilot Program](#)
- [Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program](#)
- [Bridge Investment Program](#)

Please contact MPO staff if you plan to apply for these programs and/or if you need any assistance with submitting applications.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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**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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