

NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Policy Committee

—

4:00 p.m., November 17, 2022  
Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

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TENTATIVE

1. **Call To Order**
2. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
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  - Approve the October 20, 2022, meeting minutes.
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18. **Next Meeting Date – January 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.**
19. **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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November 2022  
Item No. 3

**ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes**

VOTE: Consider approval of the October 20, 2022, MPO Policy Committee meeting minutes.

**BACKGROUND:**

The minutes of the October 20, 2022, MPO Policy Committee meeting is included on the following pages.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the minutes of the October 20, 2022, MPO Policy Committee meeting.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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**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.

November 2022  
Item No. 4

**ISSUE: Approval of Financial Statement**

VOTE: Consider approval of the October MPO Financial Statement.

**BACKGROUND:**

The October MPO Financial Statement is included on the following page.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the October MPO Financial Statement.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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# Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Transaction Summary for Month Ended October 31, 2022

### Interest Income

Interest Income - IPAIT (September 30, 2022)	2,339.73	
Reserve Account	157.19	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,496.92</b>	<b>\$2,496.92</b>

### Deposits

Polk County Public V MOU PSWCD	5,000.00	
CIRTPA 3rd & 4th Quarter	31,385.00	
MIPA 4th Quarter admin fee	20,683.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57,068.00</b>	<b>57,068.00</b>

**TOTAL INCOME/DEPOSITS - October 2022** **\$59,564.92**

### Expenses

Cleared Transactions October 31, 2022- 1st National	-175,668.54
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**TOTAL EXPENSES - October 2022** **-175,668.54**

**NET INCOME - October 2022** **-\$116,103.62**

## Reconciliation Summary for Month Ended October 2022

### BEGINNING CHECKING BALANCES (as of October 1, 2022)

<b>1st National</b>		<b>\$705,027.70</b>
Cleared Checks & Payments	-\$175,668.54	
Cleared Deposits & Credits	\$57,068.00	
Total Cleared Transactions	<u>-\$118,600.54</u>	
	<b>\$586,427.16</b>	

**ENDING CHECKING BALANCE (as of October 31, 2022)** **586,427.16**

### CHECK REGISTER BALANCES(as of October 31, 2022)

1st National Account Balance (as of October 31, 2022)	<b>\$586,427.16</b>
IPAIT Account Balance (as of October 31, 2022)	<b>\$1,058,738.99</b>
MPO Reserve Account (as of October 31, 2022)	<b>\$308,624.61</b>
Total Account Balance	<u><b>\$1,953,790.76</b></u>

**TOTAL CASH BALANCE (as of October 31, 2022)** **\$1,953,790.76**

November 2022  
Item No. 5

**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
Story County Housing Trust Fund	Amended Contract	Amend the existing contract to increase contract amount and staff support for the next two years due to ARPA funding received by HTF	\$40,000

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approval of the above expense.

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November 2022  
Item No. 6

**ISSUE: Public Comment of MPO Actions**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Opportunity for public comment on actions taken by the MPO board.

**BACKGROUND:**

The MPO's *Public Participation Plan* provides an opportunity for the public to comment on items on the agenda.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Public comment only.

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November 2022  
Item No. 7**ISSUE: Calendar Year 2023 Meeting Dates**

REPORT and VOTE: Report on the proposed meeting dates in Calendar Year 2023 for the MPO's Transportation Technical Committee; consider approval.

**BACKGROUND:**

The MPO staff annually issues a proposed MPO meeting schedule for the upcoming calendar year. The MPO is required to issue its upcoming meeting dates to comply with the State of Iowa's Open Meetings Law. MPO staff asks for feedback on any known conflicts with the proposed schedule.

Included, immediately following, is the proposed Calendar Year 2023 MPO meeting schedule.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Approve the meeting dates for Calendar Year 2023.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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## MPO COMMITTEE 2023 MEETING DATES

### TTC COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 5
Thursday, February 2
Thursday, March 2
Thursday, April 6
Thursday, May 4
Thursday, June 1
Thursday, July 6
Thursday, August 3
Thursday, September 7
Thursday, October 5
Thursday, November 2
Thursday, December 7

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 11
Wednesday, February 8
Wednesday, March 8
Wednesday, April 12
Wednesday, May 17
Wednesday, June 7
Wednesday, July 12
Wednesday, August 9
Wednesday, September 13
Wednesday, October 11
Wednesday, November 8
Wednesday, December 13

### POLICY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 19
Thursday, February 16
<b>**No Meeting</b>
Thursday, April 20
Thursday, May 18
Thursday, June 15
<b>**No Meeting</b>
Thursday, August 17
Thursday, September 21
Thursday, October 19
Thursday, November 16
<b>**No Meeting</b>

***\*Meeting date revised due to DMPDC trip which is scheduled for May 10-12***

***\*\*MPO Executive and Policy Committee approved the elimination of Policy meetings in March, July, and December***

November 2022  
Item No. 8

**ISSUE: FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Des Moines has requested the following amendment to the *FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*:

Sponsor: City of Des Moines  
Project: Walnut Street Bridge Replacement (Item 36675)  
Federal Aid Amount: \$3,400,000  
Total Cost: \$11,000,000  
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*.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) has requested the following amendment to the *FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*:

Sponsor: DART  
Project: DART Transit Shelters (Item 45483)  
Federal Aid Amount: \$200,000  
Total Cost: \$337,000  
Type of Funding: STBG-TAP  
TIP Project Modifications: None necessary.  
Change: Add project to the *FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*.

The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) has requested the following amendment to the *FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*:

Sponsor: IDOT  
Project: US 65 Bridge Deck Overlay (Item 39327)  
Federal Aid Amount: \$2,016,000  
Total Cost: \$2,520,000  
Type of Funding: HBP  
TIP Project Modifications: None necessary.  
Change: Increase HBP funding from \$1,139,200 to \$2,016,000 and PRF funding from \$284,800 to \$504,000 in the *FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

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November 2022  
Item No. 9

**ISSUE: Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Schedule**

REPORT: Report on the Federal Fiscal Year 2027 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Schedule.

**BACKGROUND:**

The MPO will award Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds to critical projects throughout the region. The MPO will begin the process for selecting and awarding Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 STBG funds in December 2022.

MPO staff will post applications on the MPO website by December 1, 2022. Completed applications are due to the MPO office by **January 6, 2023**.

Applications, guidelines, schedule and scoring criteria will be posted on the MPO website by December 1, 2022

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2022  
Item No. 10**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.

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November 2022  
Item No. 11**ISSUE: MPO Representative Selection Process**

REPORT: Review of the process for MPO members to appoint representatives and for the MPO to select officers for 2023.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the end of the calendar year, MPO staff begins the process of soliciting MPO member representatives for the new year. This agenda item is to review the process outlined in the MPO's [bylaws](#) and to discuss steps staff intends to take to facilitate this process.

**Proposed Process:**

- By November 15<sup>th</sup>, MPO staff will send a request to each member government requesting the names of their primary and alternate representatives for the Policy and Technical Committees, as well as their Executive Committee representative (for those with designated representatives) or their Executive Committee nominee (for communities under 50,000), due by the end of December (Article III, Section 5 of the bylaws). Staff will provide a sample resolution for the members to use. New representatives take their positions beginning in January.
- Executive Committee representatives for the three subareas are to be appointed by a vote of a selection committee, comprised of each subarea city's mayor or their county board chair. Each community's appointment must be approved in advance by their city or county. Each subarea may appoint two representatives. This process is to be completed prior to the February Executive Committee meeting where a nominating committee will propose their slate of officers (Article V, Section 2 of the bylaws). To aid in this process, staff will provide each subarea's selection committee with the Executive Committee nominations from each subarea community. Staff will also organize a meeting in late January for each subarea's selection committee to meet to vote on their selection.
- The MPO chair will appoint a three-person nominating committee prior to the February Executive Committee meeting. The nominating committee will present their slate of officers, to be selected from among the 11 Executive Committee members – at the February Executive and Policy meetings (Article VIII, Section 3 of the bylaws). The Policy Committee will vote to elect officers at its February meeting (Article VI, Section 5 of the bylaws).
- New officers serve from March 1 through the end of February (Article VI, Section 6 of the bylaws).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2022  
Item No. 12

**ISSUE: Fiscal Year 2023 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Report**

REPORT: Update on the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023.

**BACKGROUND:**

The MPO staff has developed a status report for the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. The report compares expenditures as compared to budgeted amounts as well as the status of the MPO's federal planning funds.

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget report is included on the following page.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Report and discussion only.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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MPO Budget Update FY 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 20, 2023)

FY 2023 Expenitures

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2023 BUDGET	1ST QUARTER July - September	AMOUNT REMAINING	%
Salaries & Wages	\$ 861,835.00	\$ 229,116.06	\$ 632,718.94	27%
Fringe Benefits	\$ 705,845.00	\$ 124,396.30	\$ 581,448.70	18%
<b>Personnel Costs TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,567,680.00</b>	<b>\$ 353,512.36</b>		
Facilities	\$ 141,000.00	\$ 32,173.23	\$ 108,826.77	23%
Professional Services (Attorney, Audit, Payroll)	\$ 74,750.00	\$ 50,852.50	\$ 23,897.50	68%
Computers & Software	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 10,929.26	\$ 44,070.74	20%
Telecommunications	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 5,509.90	\$ 17,490.10	24%
Printing and Postage	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 960.31	\$ 9,239.69	9%
Travel & Training	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 10,251.79	\$ 49,748.21	17%
Dues/Memberships	\$ 14,170.00	\$ 13,428.05	\$ 741.95	95%
Equipment	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 559.98	\$ 17,440.02	3%
Office Supplies	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,432.86	\$ 9,567.14	20%
Publications	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 125.39	\$ 4,874.61	3%
Sponsorships	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 310.50	\$ 14,689.50	2%
Food & Beverages	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,904.43	\$ 5,095.57	27%
Meeting Rooms	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	0%
Non-Personnel Costs	\$ 194,500.00		\$ 194,500.00	0%
MPO Audit (Task 6)	\$12,000	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	0%
CXR Sponsorship (Task 4)	\$30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	0%
Strategic Planning (Task 6)	\$25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	0%
Travel Demand Model Consultant (Task 1)	\$10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	0%
Speaker Series (Task 3)	\$15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	0%
Data bike software/ Intrans (task 2)	\$60,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	0%
Website Overhaul (task 3)	\$15,000	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	57%

November 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. Notable highlights include:

- MPO staff and its partners at the Greater Des Moines Partnership continue to meet with stakeholders in the ag community. America's Cultivation Corridor has been helping schedule and facilitate meetings with key stakeholders. Recent meetings include Bill Northey, Agribusiness Association of Iowa, and Mike Steenhoek, Soy Transportation Coalition.

Staff will provide a full update at the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 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 November meeting.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2022  
Item No. 15

**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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November 2022  
Item No. 16

**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.

November 2022 events include:

11/8/22 – [World Town Planning Day](#)

11/12/22 - [Mitigation and Recovery From Natural Disasters: A One-Day Interactive Workshop](#)

11/17/22 – [Planning on Tap: Climate Change](#)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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