

NOTICE OF MEETING

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee

9:30 a.m., June 2, 2022

Virtual Meeting

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. **Call To Order**
2. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
3. **VOTE: Approval of Meeting Minutes.....** Page 2
 - Approve the May 5, 2022, meeting minutes.
4. **PRESENTATION: Iowa DOT Regional Projects Update** Page 5
 - Representatives from the Iowa Department of Transportation will provide an update on projects in the region.
5. **REPORT and VOTE: Draft FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program** Page 6
 - Report regarding the draft *Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program*; consider approval.
6. **REPORT: Federal Aid Swap Funds to Federal Aid Conversion** Page 7
 - Report regarding the Iowa DOT's federal aid swap funds to federal aid conversion announcement.
7. **REPORT: Transload Facility Update.....** Page 8
 - Update on the development of the Des Moines Transload Facility.
8. **REPORT: Upcoming Events** Page 9
9. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest**
10. **Next Meeting Date – July 7, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.**
11. **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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June 2022
Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the May 5, 2022, MPO Technical Committee meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the May 5, 2022, 2022, MPO Technical Committee meeting is included on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the May 5, 2022, MPO Technical Committee meeting.

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MEETING MINUTES

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Technical Committee

9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 5, 2022

The MPO TTC held a virtual meeting at 9:30 a.m., May 5, 2022. Before the meeting, the MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the TTC representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on April 29, 2022.

Representatives Present:

John Dostart | City of Ankeny
Amy Quartell | City of Altoona
Mark Mueller | City of Ankeny
Maggie Murray | City of Bondurant
Jeff Schug | City of Carlisle
Jeff May | City of Clive
Al Miller | Dallas County
John A Davis | City of Des Moines
Steve Naber | City of Des Moines
Michael Ludwig | City of Des Moines
Luis Montoya | DART
Matt Ahrens | City of Grimes
Charlie Dissell | City of Indianola**
Dave Wilwerding | City of Johnston
Tom Leners | Madison County**
Heather Stancil | Madison County**
Luke Parris | City of Norwalk
Chelsea Huisman | City of Polk City
John Larson | City of Urbandale
David Carroll | Warren County
Rudy Koester | City of Waukee
Eric Petersen | City of West Des Moines
Karen Marren | City of West Des Moines
Dalton Jacobus | City of Windsor Heights
Andy Loonan | IDOT
Brian Belt | DSM International Airport
Julia Castillo | HIRTA

Representatives Absent:

Kathie Hungerfield | City of Cumming
Dustin Tieg | City of Elkhart
Paul Green | City of Mitchellville
Madeline Sturms | City of Pleasant Hill
Bret VandeLune | Polk County
Dave Herman | City of Van Meter
Darla Hugaboom | FHWA
Gerri Doyle | Federal Transit Administration*

* Non-Voting, Advisory Representative

** Non-Voting, Associate Representative

Staff Present:

Todd Ashby | Executive Director
Dylan Mullenix | Assistant Director
Zach Young | Planning Manager
Allison van Pelt | Senior Planner
Zhi Chen | Associate Planner
Aspen Pflanz | Planner II
Tracey Deckard | Office Manager

Others Present:

Jeremy Caron | City of Des Moines
Marcus Coenen | Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Matt Riesberg | Traffic Control Corporation

1. **Call to Order**
TTC Chair recognized a quorum and called the May 5, 2022, meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the MPO TTC's meeting agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the MPO TTC April 7, 2022 meeting minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
4. **PRESENTATION: Adapt Des Moines**
Jeremy Caron of the City of Des Moines provided an update regarding their Climate Action and Adaptation Plan – Adapt Des Moines.
5. **FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget**
Assistant Director presented. Recommend approval of the final Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program and budget.
MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the final Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program and budget.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
6. **FFY 2023- 2026 Transportation Improvement Program Development**
Staff presented. Report on the draft 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Development Program. Report only.
7. **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Update**
Assistant Director presented. Report on the upcoming grant opportunities stemming from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act / Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Report and discussion only.
8. **Upcoming Events**
Information only.
9. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
Staff advised that the scoring system of the STBG will be reviewed. Staff further advised of a webinar, June 6, 2022 beginning at 9:30 a.m. presented by Transportation for America.
10. **Next Meeting Date**
The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 2, 2022.
11. **Adjournment**
The MPO TTC's May 5, 2022, meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

June 2022
Item No. 4

ISSUE: Iowa Department of Transportation

PRESENTATION: Representatives from the Iowa Department of Transportation will provide an update on projects in the region.

BACKGROUND:

Representatives from the Iowa Department of Transportation will provide an update on current and future projects happening in the Greater Des Moines region.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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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: 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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Item No. 7

ISSUE: Des Moines Transload Facility

REPORT: Update regarding the Des Moines Transload Facility.

BACKGROUND:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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June 2022
Item No. 8

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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