

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 off 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.