

Meeting Minutes
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
4:00 p.m., Thursday, November 17, 2022

The MPO held a hybrid in-person/ virtual meeting at 4:00 p.m. on November 17, 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:

Mark Holm | City of Ankeny
David Jones | City of Ankeny
Doug Elrod | City of Bondurant
Ruth Randleman | City of Carlisle
Ted Weaver | City of Clive
Elizabeth Presutti | DART
Scott Sanders | City of Des Moines
Joe Gatto | City of Des Moines
Josh Mandelbaum | City of Des Moines
Connie Boesen | City of Des Moines
Carl Voss | City of Des Moines
Pam Cooksey | City of Des Moines
Jake Anderson | City of Grimes
Stephanie Riva | City of Norwalk
Len Murray | City of Pleasant Hill
Tom Hockensmith | Polk County
Robert Andeweg | City of Urbandale
Courtney Clarke | City of Waukee
Russ Trimble | City of West Des Moines
Jamie Letzring | City of West Des Moines
Mike Jones | City of Windsor Heights
Johnnie Gibson | FHWA
Andy Loonan | IDOT *

MPO Representatives Absent:

Elizabeth Burns Thompson | City of Altoona
Kathie Hungerford | City of Cumming**
Mark Hanson | Dallas County
Colton Fors | City of Elkhart

Stephanie Erickson | City of Indianola**
Jim Evans | City of Johnston
Heather Stancil | Madison County**
Tammi Dillavou | City of Mitchellville
Jeff Walters | Polk City
Travis Brott | Van Meter**
Aaron Dekock | Warren County
Julia Castillo | HIRTA*
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 4:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made by Murray and seconded by Gatto to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization November 17, 2022, meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made by Hockensmith and seconded by Gatto to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's October meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of the Financial Statement

MOTION: A motion was made by Hockensmith and seconded by Holm to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organizations Financial Statements.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Contracts and Expenses

Executive Director presented. Recommend approval of the Story County Housing Trust Fund Amended Contract in the amount of \$40,000. Chair announced that a special meeting of the MPO Policy Committee would be scheduled to discuss the MPO accepting contracts and the Strategic Plan of the MPO. Extensive discussion ensued.

MOTION: A motion was made by Randleman and seconded by Clarke to approve the MPO amended contract with Story County Housing Trust in the amount of \$40,000. A roll call vote was requested.

MOTION CARRIED 11-6 WITH SANDERS, BOESEN, VOSS, GATTO, MURRAY AND HOCKENSMITH VOTING NO; ANDERSON ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Calendar Year 2023 Meeting Dates

Executive Director presented. A proposed Calendar Year MPO meeting schedule was provided in the meeting packet. Recommend approval of the meeting dates for CY 2023.

MOTION: A motion was made by Hockensmith and seconded by Murray to approve the Calendar Year 2023 Meeting Dates.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Staff presented. Recommend approval of the FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments from the City of Des Moines, DART and IDOT.

MOTION: A motion was made by Hockensmith and seconded by Gatto to approve the FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments from the City of Des Moines DART, and IDOT.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Schedule

Staff presented. Report on the Federal Fiscal Year 2027 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program schedule.

Report and discussion only.

10. 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.

11. MPO Representative Selection Process

Assistant Director presented. Review of the process for MPOI members to appoint representatives and for the MPO to select officers for calendar year 2023. Discussion ensued. Report and discussion only.

12. Fiscal Year 2023 1st Quarter Budget Report

Staff presented. Update on the 1st quarter expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023. Report and discussion only.

13. 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. MPO and partners continue to meet with stakeholders in the community. America's Cultivation Corridor has been helping schedule and facilitate the meetings. Recent meetings include Bill Northey, Agribusiness Association of Iowa, Mike Steenhoek and the Soy Transportation Coalition. Report and discussion only.

14. Water Trails Update

Executive Director presented. Contract have been signed and 10% will be forwarded to get the project off the stalled project list. Discussion ensued. Report and discussion only.

15. Legislative Issues Update

Assistant Director presented. No new items to report. Report and discussion only.

16. Upcoming Events

Staff advised that the Safe Streets and Roads for All grants submitted by the MPO and RPA's have been flagged as duplicative efforts. Staff has met with DOT to provide additional information which should clear up the flagged issues. Discussion also regarding the Hickman Road interchange public meeting. Also

17. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee

None.

18. Next Meeting Date- January 19, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (no December Meeting)

19. Adjournment

Hearing no objection to the contrary Chair Bob Andeweg adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.