



# DES MOINES AREA MPO

Policy Committee Meeting

June 16, 2022

# APPROVAL OF AGENDA

# June 16, 2022 Agenda

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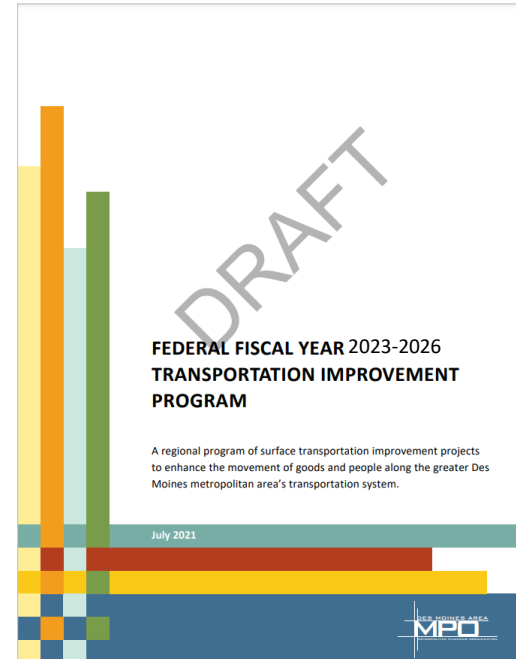
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Davis-Brown Law Firm	Legal Fees		\$4,494.00

# **DRAFT FFY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**



# Draft FFY 2023-2026 TIP

- Project list and funding information updated from information submitted from member governments
- Draft TIP submitted to the DOT on **June 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Public input meeting (hybrid) on **June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**
- Final TIP due to the Iowa DOT on **July 15<sup>th</sup>**



# Draft FFY 2023-2026 TIP

- Review your jurisdiction's projects for accuracy, completeness, and **status**
- Send edits to Aspen ASAP
  - Received edits from Ankeny, Waukee, West Des Moines, and Windsor Heights since sending the project list out with the agenda.
- Full draft available on the MPO website, which includes background information and legislation, funding summaries, and performance targets in addition to project list.



# **FFY 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

# FFY 2022-2025 TIP Amendments (1 of 4)

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- Sponsor: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Project: Polk County I-80 Interchange Pavement Markings (Item 52546)
- Federal Aid Amount: \$382,500
- Total Cost: \$425,000
- Type of Funding: HSIP, PRF
- Project Modifications: None necessary.
- Change: **Add project to FFY 2022** of the *FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program*.

# FFY 2022-2025 TIP Amendments (2 of 4)

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- Sponsor: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Project: Polk County I-235 Interchange Pavement Markings (Item 52551)
- Federal Aid Amount: \$630,000
- Total Cost: \$700,000
- Type of Funding: HSIP, PRF
- Project Modifications: None necessary.
- Change: **Add project to FFY 2022** of the *FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program*.

# FFY 2022-2025 TIP Amendments (3 of 4)

- Sponsor: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Project: Warren County I-35 Interchange Pavement Markings (Item 52547)
- Federal Aid Amount: \$585,000
- Total Cost: \$650,000
- Type of Funding: HSIP, PRF
- Project Modifications: None necessary.
- Change: **Add project to FFY 2022 of the FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program and modify project scope to start S of IA 92 instead of N of IA 92.**

# FFY 2022-2025 TIP Amendments (4 of 4)

- Sponsor: Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Project: Warren County IA 28 Pavement Rehab (Item 52595)
- Federal Aid Amount: \$4,800,000
- Total Cost: \$6,000,000
- Type of Funding: STBG, PRF
- TIP Project Modifications: None necessary.
- Change: **Add project to FFY 2022** of the *FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program*.

# SAFE STREETS FOR ALL GRANT



# Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program

- New discretionary funding program under the IIJA/BIL
- NOFO recently released in May – applications due September
- \$1 billion available for FY 23 (\$1 billion also available each of next 4 years)
- Two uses of funds – Safety Action Plan or Implementation
  - Action Plan - \$200,000 minimum award; \$1 million max for individual jurisdictions or \$5 million max for MPOs/multi-jurisdictional applications
  - Implementation - \$5 million minimum award; \$30 million max for individual jurisdictions or up to \$50 million for MPOs/multi-jurisdictional
  - Must have Action Plan or equivalent to qualify for Implementation dollars; cannot apply for both

# Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program

- MPO staff has reviewed the NOFO and does not believe any existing plans qualify as an existing Action Plan
- Recommends pursuing a regional application to develop an Action Plan
  - Similar effort to develop safety plan/vision zero plan included in FY 2023 UPWP
  - Multi-jurisdictional application has stronger chance of being awarded
  - Ensures MPO communities qualify for future implementation dollars through program

# Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program

- Items the MPO is currently considering:
  - Joint Application – MPO/CIRTPA
  - Amount Requested
  - Local Match
- Seeking feedback from MPO members - would you be supportive of this direction?

# FISCAL YEAR 2023 INVESTMENT POLICY

# Fiscal Year 2023 Investment Policy

- MPO currently holds checking account and money market account with First National Bank
- MPO also has an investment account at Iowa Public Agency Trust, administered by Wells Fargo
- MPO is required to review and approve investment policy annually
- Policy updated last year to add savings and money market accounts to list of approved investment instruments
- Finance Subcommittee does not recommend any changes for this year

# SELF-CERTIFICATION

# Self-Certification

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- MPO must self-certify its planning process annually
  - MPO includes a statement in the TIP
  - US DOT recommended additional emphasis during recent certification review
- MPO must comply with various federal rules and regulations, including:
  1. 3-C planning process (US Code)
  2. Clean Air Act
  3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act
  4. Older Americans Act
  5. Disadvantaged/Minority Business Enterprise provisions of transportation bill
  6. Americans with Disabilities Act
  7. Fiscally constrained TIP and Long-Range Plan (US Code)
  8. Prohibitions of using federal funds for lobbying

# **DES MOINES INDUSTRIAL'S REIMBURSEMENT TO THE MPO**



# Transload Update

- Ziegler Caterpillar – 6-year lease for 100% of warehouse + 3 acres laydown
- DSMI anticipates having an additional 4-6 laydown yard tenants in next 45 days.

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# Des Moines Industrial's Reimbursement to the MPO

- On October 7, 2019, DSMI and the MPO entered a Transload Development and Operation agreement.
- Agreement required DSMI to reimburse the MPO for up to \$250,000 for costs incurred as the fiscal agent for the project
- Staff has determined that a total of \$250,832 in costs have been accrued over the life of the project

# Des Moines Industrial's Reimbursement to the MPO

- The agreement outlines the following payment terms:
  - Quarterly installments
  - Eight (8) year payment period from commencement date
  - Commencement date is the twenty-fifth month after the first advance of funds
- The first advance for funds was on February 12, 2020, making the commencement date March 2022
- Since the facility is just operational, staff is proposing that the payment commencement date move to January 1, 2023.

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNUAL REVIEW AND COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT**

# ED Annual Review and Compensation Adjustment

- The MPO Chair has appointed the Executive Director Review committee
- The 2022 Review Committee members include:
  - Ted Weaver, City of Clive – Chair
  - Jeff Walters, Polk City
  - Ruth Randleman, City of Carlisle
- The Review Committee is currently scheduling time to meet and will report back to the Executive Committee at the July meeting.

# FEDERAL AID SWAP FUNDS TO FEDERAL AID CONVERSION

# Federal Aid Swap Funds to Federal Aid Conversion

- 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.

# Federal Aid Swap Funds to Federal Aid Conversion

- 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)



# Federal Aid Swap Funds to Federal Aid Conversion

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- Cities must convert projects starting with the February 21, 2023 Iowa DOT bid letting.
- 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.

# PURPLE HEART HIGHWAY UPDATE

# Purple Heart Highway Update

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- IDOT is wrapped up meetings with stakeholders
  - Meetings have included Altoona, Carlisle, Norwalk, Pleasant Hill, West Des Moines, Greater Des Moines Partnership; ag stakeholders;
  - Meetings being scheduled with state DOTs that have recently received gone through federal exception process.
- IDOT has shared a summary of findings from the stakeholders meeting.
  - A full version of the findings is forthcoming
  - To include detailed action plan and notes on all stakeholder meetings.
- On DMDC Trip, the congressional delegation seemed supportive.
- A small working group will be formed to begin discussing next steps.

# WATER TRAILS UPDATE

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- The requested scope change while keeping the \$25 million was approved by OST on Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- The only condition is that the MPO initiate construction on Birdland and Prospect before September 30, 2027
- The amended agreement is in the process of being signed by MPO, DOT, and FHWA

# Water Trails Update



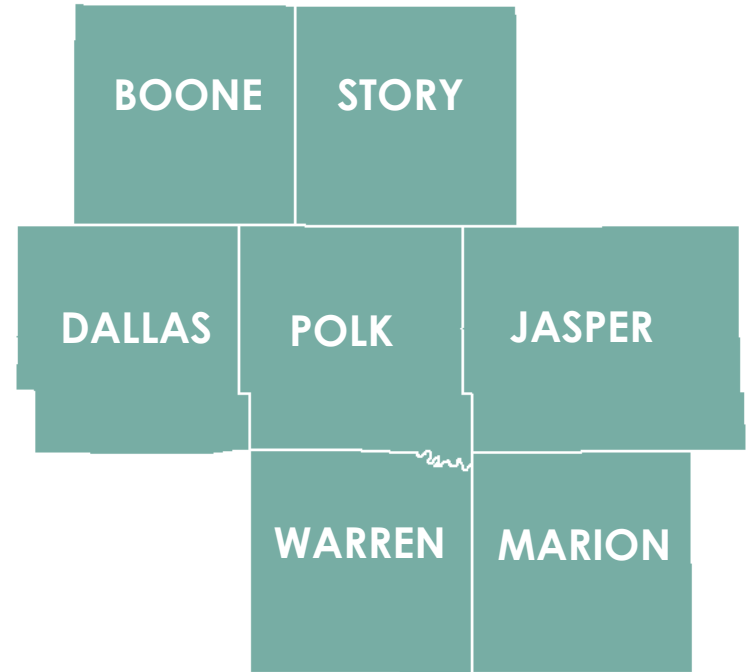
- Tentative Schedule:
- July – City/DOT review of updated SP and check plans
- August – Finalize changes to SP and check plans
- September – Approval of updated sub-agreements
- November 1<sup>st</sup> – Special Letting of Scott Ave through Iowa DOT system
- November 17 – Public Hearing at MPO Policy Committee meeting/Award of Contract

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

# MID-IOWA PLANNING ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (MIPA)



- First MIPA Board Meeting May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Continuing discussing the benefits of joining to nonmember communities
- Have visited Ogden, Indianola, and Elkhart. Scheduling more visits
- Working on grants



MID-IOWA

**MIPA**

PLANNING ALLIANCE  
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT





# MEMBERSHIP: 54 Jurisdictions

Adel	Grimes	Mitchellville	Roland
Ames	Hartford	Monroe	Runnells
Ankeny	Huxley	Nevada	Story City
Baxter	Indianola	Newton	Story County
Bondurant	Jasper County	Norwalk	Sully
Boone	Johnston	Oakland Acres	Urbandale
Cambridge	Kellogg	Ogden	Valeria
Carlisle	Knoxville	Pella	Van Meter
Clive	Lambs Grove	Perry	Waukee
Colfax	Lynnville	Pleasant Hill	West Des Moines
Cumming	Marion County	Pleasantville	Windsor Heights
Des Moines	Melcher-Dallas	Prairie City	Zearing
Dallas County	Milo	Polk County	
Elkhart	Mingo	Reasnor	

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**Membership as of May 19, 2022**

**91% of Mid-Iowa population is covered**

# FUNDING SCORECARD TO DATE



County	Jurisdiction	Grant Program	FY	Amount Requested	Funded?	Project
Dallas County	City of Adel	WTFAP	2022	\$300,000	Y	Wastewater facility
Warren County/Polk County	City of Carlisle	WTFAP	2022	\$500,000	Y	Waterline to Avon Lake
Warren County	City of Carlisle	CDBG-CV	2022	\$80,000	Y	Daycare business
Warren County	City of Hartford	WTFAP	2022	\$500,000	Y	Wastewater facility
Warren County	City of Indianola	WTFAP	2022	\$500,000	Y	Wastewater facility
Marion County	City of Knoxville	CDBG-CV Façade	2022	\$400,000	Y	Downtown façade
Warren County	City of Martensdale	USDA Wastewater	2019	\$350,000	Y	Wastewater facility
Marion County	City of Melcher-Dallas	CDBG Water-Sewer	2019	\$500,000	Y	Sewer lines
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Marion County	City of Melcher-Dallas	WTFAP	2021	\$300,000	Y	Sewer facility
Dallas County	City of Perry	WTFAP	2022	\$500,000	Y	Sewer facility
Polk and Jasper Counties	City of Ankeny, Des Moines, Urbandale, and DMACC	EDA – Travel and Tourism	2022	\$5,800,000	N	Various
Total Awarded				\$4,430,000		

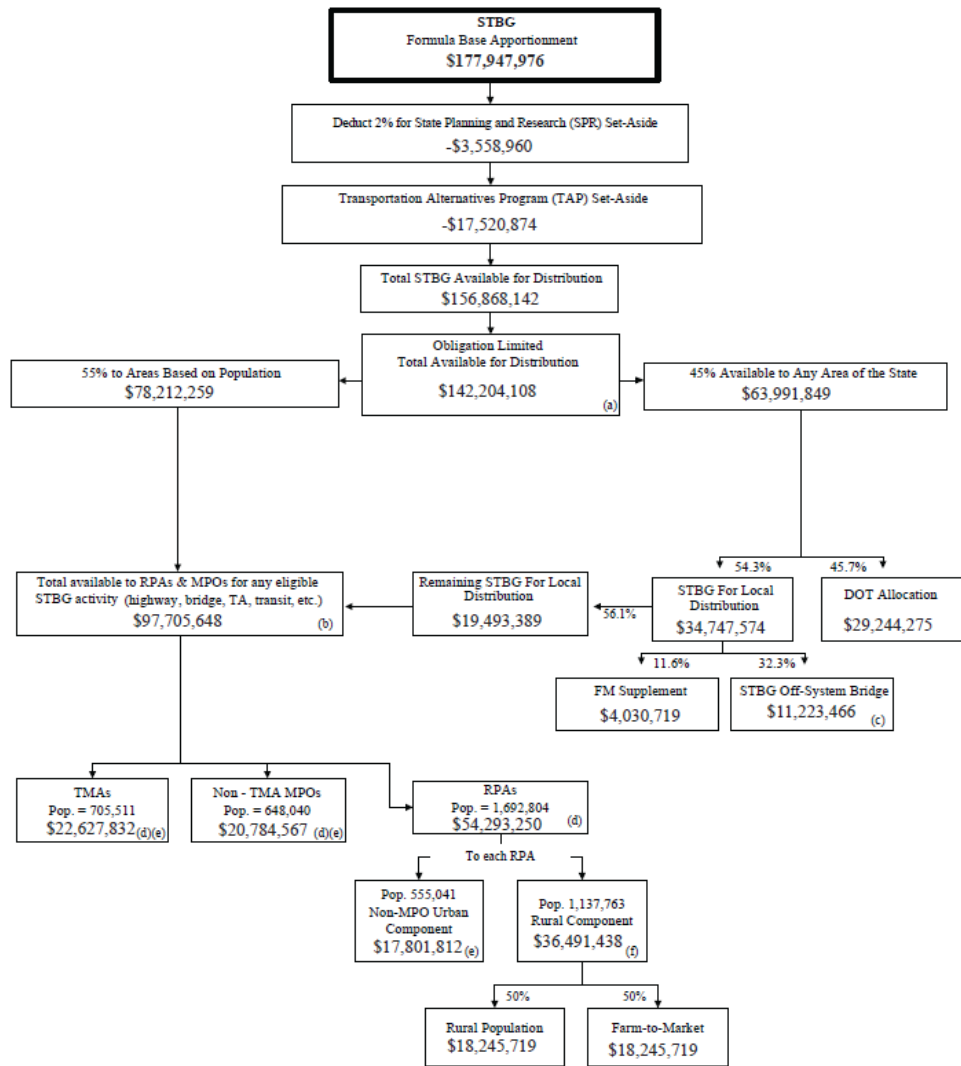
# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

# National Legislation

- Appropriations Bill/Community Funded Projects
  - Rep. Axne has submitted her 15 projects for consideration in the FFY 2023 bill to the Appropriations Committee
  - Transportation projects from MPO:
    - \$7 million for Des Moines International Airport terminal
    - \$7 million for Broadway Ave reconstruction

# National Legislation

- Infrastructure Bill Implementation
  - Iowa DOT has convened a stakeholder group to address how to implement funding programs included in the infrastructure bill; recommendations from group released last week
  - Workshop about recommendations held with Iowa Transportation Commission on Monday, and webinar for MPOs, RPAs, and local governments held on Wednesday
  - MPO staff has reviewed recommendations as they relate to STBG and TAP funding
    - STBG funds for MPO should increase by ~ \$2 million, from ~\$13 million to ~\$15 million annually
    - TAP funds should see a modest increase of a few hundred thousand dollars annually



# UPCOMING EVENTS

# Growing Transportation – Mobility for All



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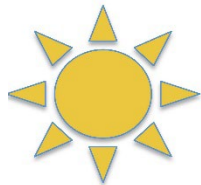
Innovative solutions through the exploration of case study and tapping into expertise from throughout the country.

- July 25 - 27, 2022
- Iowa Events Center
- Early Bird rates apply through March 15, 2022.
- Public and Private Sector rates available.
- Register at **[maasto2022.com](https://maasto2022.com)**



# Tour: Solar-powered municipal operations

- City of Perry's municipal operations
- Johnston City Hall installation
- Tuesday, June 21, 12:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
  - Start at Johnston City Hall
  - Bus to/from Perry
  - Refreshments and light lunch on bus
- RSVP to [kari@1000friendsofiowa.org](mailto:kari@1000friendsofiowa.org).



***Polk Clean  
Energy District***



*1000 Friends of Iowa*



Stone City, Iowa 1939

Grant Wood, 1931-1942

Citizens United for Responsible Land Use

# OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST



# ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT

- Infrastructure bill requires states to develop an EV plan
- IDOT developed a survey to gain feedback
- Details and Survey at [iowadot.gov/iowaevplan](http://iowadot.gov/iowaevplan)



# Funding Notice: Bridge Investment Program

- New Infrastructure Bill program
- \$2.36 billion available nationally
  - \$20 million available for planning grants available for u
  - Remainder for construction. Two grant programs: one for projects > \$100 million, and one for smaller projects
- States, MPO's, cities, and counties all eligible to apply
- Application due dates:
  - Planning grants: July 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Large Bridge (>\$100 million): August 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Other Bridge (<\$100 million): September 8<sup>th</sup>



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