

NOTICE OF MEETING

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

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**9:30 a.m., September 7, 2023
Virtual Meeting**

OR Dial 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 890 559 757 21

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 1. Call To Order**
- 2. VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
- 3. VOTE: FFY Approval of the Meeting Minutes** Page 2
 - Approve the August 3, 2023, meeting minutes.
- 4. PRESENTATION: SS4A Project Applications in Des Moines** Page 5
 - Update from City of Des Moines on projects pursuing funding from the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program, for which other members will soon be eligible.
- 5. REPORT and VOTE: FFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments** Page 6
 - Report on FFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program amendments from the City of Des Moines, Johnston, and Polk City; consider approval.
- 6. REPORT and VOTE: FFY 2025 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program Applications** Page 7
 - Report regarding Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program applications; consider approval.
- 7. REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: MPO 2020 Urban Area Boundary Update** Page 9
 - Report on the proposed MPO 2020 Urban Area Boundary; consider approval.
- 8. REPORT: Upcoming Events** Page 10
- 9. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
- 10. Next Meeting Date – October 5, 2023, 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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September 2023
Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the August 3, 2023, MPO Technical Committee meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the August 3, 2023, MPO Technical Committee meeting are included on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the August 3, 2023, MPO Technical Committee meeting.

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September 2023
Item No. 4

ISSUE: Safe Streets and Roads for All

PRESENTATION: Update from the City of Des Moines on its project applications to the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program.

BACKGROUND:

The Des Moines Area MPO will soon kick off the planning process for a regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, thanks to a \$800,000 grant award from the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Once the plan is complete, MPO members will be eligible for future rounds of SS4A funding for project implementation. The discretionary program will provide \$5 billion to \$6 billion in funding over the next five years.

The City of Des Moines is one year ahead of the regional curve, having recently adopted a Vision Zero action plan with a goal of eliminating road traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2040. Now, the City is applying for project implementation dollars.

Des Moines City Engineer Steve Naber, Chair of the MPO Transportation Technical Committee, will provide an overview of the City's Vision Zero plan, its proposed implementation projects, and the grant-application process. The presentation will be relevant to other MPO members considering an SS4A grant application in the near future.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Presentation only.

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September 2023
Item No. 5

ISSUE: FFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the amendments to *Federal Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program*.

BACKGROUND:

The following amendments to the *FFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program* have been requested:

Sponsor: City of Des Moines
Project: SE Connector (Item 39393)
Federal Aid Amount: \$11,284,000
Total Cost: \$26,000,000
Type of Funding: STBG
Change: Update total project cost to \$58,000,000

Sponsor: City of Johnston
Project: Merle Hay Road Corridor Traffic Signal Improvements (Item 52457)
Federal Aid Amount: \$621,470
Total Cost: \$776,840
Type of Funding: CMAQ (ICAAP)
Change: Move project to FFY 2024

Sponsor: City of Polk City
Project: N. 3rd Street Reconstruction (Item 45474)
Federal Aid Amount: \$1,164,651
Total Cost: \$2,226,651
Type of Funding: STBG
Change: Update total project description to “In the City of Polk City, On N. 3rd Street, from 300’ south of E. Northside Drive to E. Vista Lake Avenue” and update map

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend approval of the proposed *Federal Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program* amendment.

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Item No. 6

ISSUE: FFY 2025 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program Applications

REPORT and VOTE: Report on Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program applications.

BACKGROUND:

Pre-applications for Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program applications are due on July 31, 2023. Staff provided an overview of the applications at the August meeting.

The ICAAP Schedule moving forward is as follows:

- **July 31, 2023** – Pre-Applications were due to the MPO
- **August 2023** – Pre-Applications were presented to the Transportation Technical, Executive, and Policy Committee’s for review.
- **September 2023** – Pre-Applications presented to Technical, Executive, and Policy Committee’s for approval and ICAAP resolutions are forwarded to project sponsor to include in the final application to the Iowa Department of Transportation.
- **October 1, 2023** – Project sponsors submit their application to the Iowa Department of Transportation (sponsors are required to send an electronic copy of final application to the MPO staff).

The list of submitted pre-applications is included on the following page.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend Approval of the FFY 2025 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program applications.

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Item No. 7

ISSUE: MPO 2020 Urban Area Boundary Update

REPORT and OPTIONAL VOTE: Consider approval of the updated MPO 2020 Urban Area Boundary.

BACKGROUND:

Following each Decennial census, Federal law requires cooperation between the State and MPO to update the Urban Area Boundary (UAB). The US Census Bureau defines urban areas as any densely settled areas consisting of 2,000 or more housing units or 5,000 or more people. All other areas are considered rural. Prior to 2020, the Census Bureau relied solely upon population density and defined areas of 2,500 people or more as urban.

The Iowa DOT provided a memo to MPO's on UAB adjustments that outlines the update process ([click here for a copy of the memo](#)). As outlined in the memo, the MPO has partnered with the Iowa DOT to conduct a review, facilitate adjustments, and adopt the adjusted UAB. Adjustments to UABs will be approved by the Iowa DOT and FHWA Division Office by December 29, 2023.

Based on the provided information, staff is creating an online map that shows the proposed UAB for the Des Moines Area MPO. Because the MPO Urban Area and the Polk City Urban Area are within close proximity, additional consideration was given to the UABs between the two areas.

A link to the online UAB map will be provided before the meeting.

After approval of the UAB, the MPO will begin reviewing the Planning Area (PA) Boundary which will encompass all future growth anticipated to occur within the next 20 years. Staff will begin the process by reviewing each community's Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use map to determine what extensions of the PA are necessary. Please forward to staff links for your community's Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use map (if in a separate document).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend approval of the proposed MPO 2020 Urban Area Boundary.

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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.

- [2023 Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas \(MINK\) Local Roads Meeting](#) – September 13-14 – St. Joseph, MO
- [Iowa DOT Traffic Incident Management Conference](#) – September 26 - Ames
- [Iowa Trails Summit](#) – October 6 - Marshalltown
- [APA Upper Midwest Annual Conference](#) – October 11-13 – Cedar Falls
- [Safe Routes to School Summit 2023](#) – October 24-26 – Online
- [Iowa State University \(ISU\) Institute for Transportation \(InTrans\) Traffic and Safety Forum](#) - November 8 – Ames
- [ISU InTrans Municipal Streets Seminar](#) - November 14 - Ames
- [TRB Transportation Resilience 2023 – International Conference on Extreme Weather & Climate Change Challenges](#) – November 13-15th – Washington, D.C.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- None. Presentation only.

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