

MEETING MINUTES

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Technical Committee 9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 6, 2025

The MPO TTC held a live/virtual meeting on February 6, 2025. Before the meeting, the MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the TTC representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on January 30, 2025.

Representatives Present:

Amy Quartell | City of Ankeny
John Dostart | City of Altoona
Mark Mueller | City of Ankeny
Isaac Pezley | City of Bondurant
Mitch Holtz | City of Carlisle
Jeff May | City of Clive
John A Davis | City of Des Moines
Steve Naber | City of Des Moines
Michael Ludwig | City of Des Moines
Luis Montoya | DART
Adam McCann | City of Mitchellville
Luke Parris | City of Norwalk
Madeline Sturms | City of Pleasant Hill
Aaron Putnam | Polk County
John Larson | City of Urbandale
Rudy Koester | City of Waukee
Tim Hill | Warren County
Eric Petersen | City of West Des Moines
Karen Marren | City of West Des Moines
Shelby Ebel | Iowa DOT*
Dakin Schultz | FHWA*
Jared Austin | FTA*

Representatives Absent:

Rita Connor | City of Cumming**
Murray McConnell | Dallas County
Angie Schaffer | City of Elkhart**
Wade Wagoner | City of Indianola**
Rose Schroder | City of Johnston
Mike Hackett | Madison County**
Mike Schulte | City of Polk City
Dave Herman | City of Van Meter**
Justin Ernst | City of Windsor Heights
Clint Torp | DSM International Airport *
Sean Litteral | FHWA*
Julia Castillo | HIRTA*
* Non-Voting, Advisory Representative
** Non-Voting, Associate Representative

Staff Present:

Gunnar Olson | Planning and Public Affairs Manager
Carl Saxon | Senior Planner
Marcus Coenen | Senior Planner
Addison Williamson | Associate Planner
Tracey Deckard | Office Manager

Others Present

Ryan Marquardt | Madison County
Nick Osbourne | City of Waukee
Dean Chamberlain | Toole Design Group
Shaun Murphy Lopez | Toole Design Group
Tony Chavez | Congressman Nunn's office
Ellie Bulman | Congressman Nunn's office
Keegan Haines

1. Call to Order

TTC Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made by Sturms and seconded by Mueller to approve the MPO TTC's February meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made by Dostart and seconded by Koester to approve the MPO TTC January meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Election of Calendar Year 2025 Officers

TTC Chair called for nominations for committee officer positions and the following were nominated:

John Dostart, City of Altoona- Chair

Madeline Sturms, City of Pleasant Hill- Co-Chair

The Chair called for any other nominations or a motion to approve the nominated individuals.

MOTION: A motion was made by Koester and seconded by Mueller to approve the Calendar Year 2025 Officers, and the Chair was thanked for his service on the TTC Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. MPO Appointment to SUDAS Board of Directors

The Chair presented. Recommend reappointing Mark Mueller as the MPO representative on the Statewide Uran Design and Specifications Board of Directors.

MOTION: A motion was made by Sturms and seconded by Larson to approve the reappointment of Mark Mueller as the MPO SUDAS Representative.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Regional Safety Performance Targets (PM1)

Associate Planner, Addison Williamson presented. Report on the MPO's Regional 2021-2025 safety performance targets; recommend adopting the MPO's own safety targets that align with the MPO's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: A motion was made by Koester and seconded by Mueller to adopt the MPO's own safety targets that align with the MPO's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Iowa DOT 2022-2025 Pavement and Bridge Performance Targets (PM2) Adjustments

Associate Planner Addison Williamson presented. Report on the Iowa DOT's 2022-2025 pavement and bridge performance targets; recommend adopting the Iowa DOT's statewide pavement and bridge performance targets.

MOTION: A motion was made by Koester and seconded by Larson to adopt the Iowa DOT's statewide pavement and bridge performance targets.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Planning and Public Affairs Manager, Gunnar Olson along with Dean Chamberlain and Shawn Murphy-Lopez of Toole Design presented. Recommend approval of the final draft of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Discussion ensued. After considerable discussion it was determined that no vote would take place, and the vote would be postponed until a later date when additional information was released about the grant particulars.

9. **Regional SS4A Implementation Grant Application**
Planning and Public Affairs Manager Gunnar Olson presented along with members from Toole Design. Discussion of the next steps for developing scope of regional grant application for Safe Streets for all implementation funding. Report and discussion only.
10. **Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives Applications**
Planning and Public Affairs Manager, Gunnar Olson provided an update on applications received for the Federal Fiscal Year 2029 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Set-Aside Program Schedule. Report and discussion only.
11. **Multimodal Economic Impact Study**
Senior Planner, Marcus Coenen presented. An update on a Multimodal Economic Impact Study was provided. An RFP was issued and sent out in late January. An anticipated schedule was presented. Informational only.
12. **Legislative Update and DC List**
Planning and Public Affairs Manager Gunnar Olson provided an update of recent legislative activity and development of a DC list. Report and discussion only.
13. **FY 2026 Unified Planning work Program and Strategic Planning**
Planning and Public Affairs Manager, Gunnar Olson presented. Discussion of the process to develop the next work program and budget which will also include strategic planning. The MPO is working with 2 The Top to develop a strategic framework as a first step and committee representatives are requested to provide input through a Swot Analysis which are due by the end of January. Report and information only.
14. **Upcoming Events**
Information only.
15. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
John Dostart advised that another meeting conflicts with the April TTC meeting and an alternate date should be found.
16. **Next Meeting Date**
The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 5, 2025.
17. **Adjournment**
The MPO TTC's February meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.