

MEETING MINUTES

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

The MPO TTC held a virtual meeting at 9:31 a.m., January 9, 2025. Before the meeting, the MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the TTC representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on January 3, 2025.

Representatives Present:

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
Rita Connor | City of Cumming**
Al Miller | Dallas County
John A Davis | City of Des Moines
Steve Naber | City of Des Moines
Bert Drost | City of Des Moines
Luis Montoya | DART
Matt Ahrens | City of Grimes
Rose Schroder | City of Johnston
Mike Hackett | Madison County**
Luke Parris | City of Norwalk
Madeline Sturms | City of Pleasant Hill
Mike Schulte | City of Polk City
Aaron Putnam | Polk County
John Larson | City of Urbandale
Andy Kass | City of Waukee
Tim Hill | Warren County
Karen Marren | City of West Des Moines
Eric Petersen | City of West Des Moines
Justin Ernst | City of Windsor Heights
Clint Torp | DSM International Airport *
Shelby Ebel | Iowa DOT*

Representatives Absent:

Amy Quartell | City of Ankeny
Angie Schaffer | City of Elkhart**
Wade Wagoner | City of Indianola**
Adam McCann | City of Mitchellville
Dave Herman | City of Van Meter**
Dakin Schultz | FHWA*
Sean Litteral | FHWA*
Julia Castillo | HIRTA*

* Non-Voting, Advisory Representative

** Non-Voting, Associate Representative

Staff Present:

Dylan Mullenix | Executive Director
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

Aaron Jarosh | City of Grimes
Andy Larson | City of Windsor Heights
Dean Chamberlain | Toole Design Group
Shaun Murphy Lopez | Toole Design Group
Carol Maher | public

1. **Call to Order**
TTC Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
MOTION: A motion was made by Sturms and seconded by Kass to approve the MPO TTC's January meeting agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
MOTION: A motion was made by Sturms and seconded by Mueller to approve the MPO TTC December meeting minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. **Presentation: Draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan**
Shawn Murphy Lopez and Dean Chamberlain from Toole Design Group reported on the status of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan draft and timing of submission. Lengthy discussion ensued following the presentation.
5. **Target Goal for Comprehensive Safety Action Plan**
Planning and Public Affairs Manager, Gunnar Olson presented. Recommend approval of the target goal of zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2045 for including in the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Lengthy discussion ensued.
MOTION: A motion was made by Naber and seconded by Sturms to approve the target goal of zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2045 as required for the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
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. Report and discussion only.
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. Report and discussion only.
8. **Central Iowa Trail Counter Expansion**
Senior Planner, Carl Saxon presented. Report on the draft locations for Regional Trail counter expansion. Report and discussion only.
9. **Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program and Strategic Planning**
Executive Director, Dylan Mullenix presented. Discussion of the process to develop the next work program and budget. Discussion of additional items to be reviewed this year including strategic planning and a SWOT Analysis. Request for members to complete SWOT Analysis Form by the end of January. Report and discussion only.
10. **A. Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Set-Aside Program Schedule**
Planning and Public Affairs Manager, Gunnar Olson reported on the Federal Fiscal Year 2029 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Set-Aside Program Schedule. Report and discussion only.
11. **Upcoming Events**
Information only.

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

The Chair requested volunteers to be on an Ad Hoc Nominating Committee for appointing new officers. Executive Director introduced Marcus Coenen, who returned to the MPO to replace Zhi Chen.

13. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

14. Adjournment

The MPO TTC's January meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.