



DES MOINES AREA MPO

Executive Committee Meeting

March 6, 2025



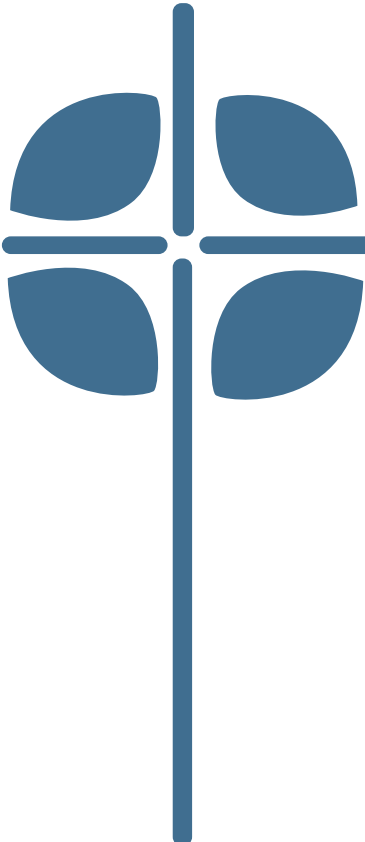
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN APPROVAL



DMAMPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Transportation Technical Committee
March 6, 2025

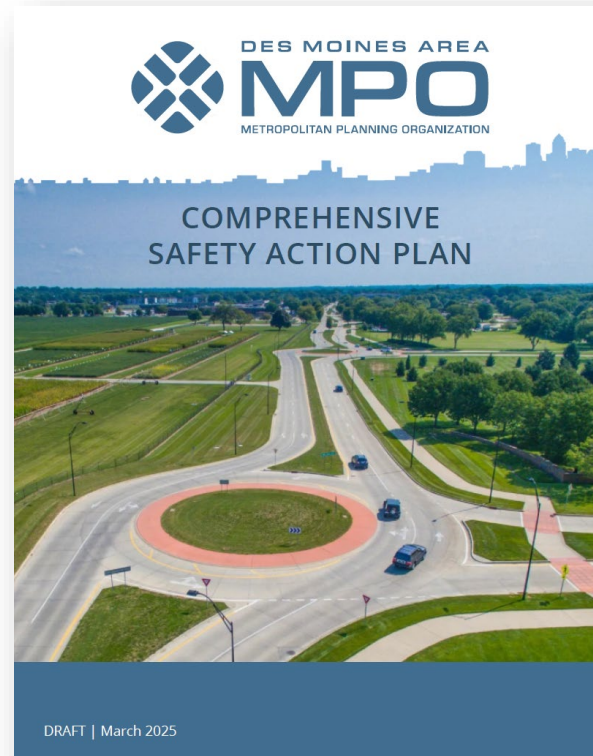


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Updates Since February 6th Meeting

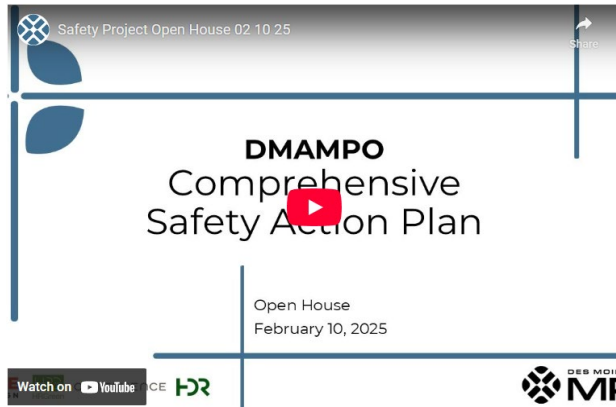
1. Open house
2. Survey
3. Main body of the Plan
4. Crash Analysis
5. Appendix E –
Countermeasures
Toolkit
6. Appendix F – Member
Community Projects
7. Grant application next
steps



The updated cover page of the Plan.

Open House

- ~12 attendees
- Thanks to TTC members who attended
- Presentation on project website



Attendees at the February open house.

Survey

- Available on project website
- Results will be merged with open house activities
 - Measuring support for 24 proven safety countermeasures
 - Soliciting feedback on top safety project priority
- Available through March 16th
- Press release and social media post content sent to member communities *(please share with others)*

Roundabouts

Reducing vehicle turning speeds and eliminating left-turns
Expected crash reduction: 78% to 82%

	Very Supportive	Supportive	Acceptable	Unsupportive	Very Unsupportive	Not Sure
Level of Support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>




An example of a question asking about the public's level of support for countermeasures.

Changes Made to Main Body of Plan

Thank you to TTC members for helpful feedback!

1. Transferred from Word to InDesign
2. Table of contents is linked to each chapter and appendix
3. Graphics were updated
4. Other edits include:
 - February open house (p. 23)
 - Countermeasure timeline definitions added (p. 29)
 - Scoring methodology clarified (p. 33)
 - Conclusion (p. 52)



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The table of contents is now linked to chapters and appendices.

Changes Made to Crash Analysis

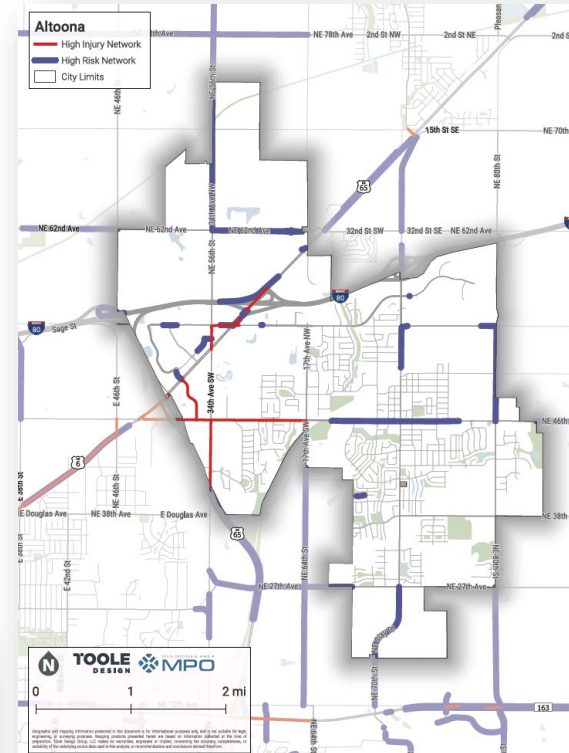
Thank you to TTC members for helpful feedback!

- Crash analysis key finding #1 was edited
- Miles were calculated for each High Injury Network (HIN) category
- Methodology for HIN analysis was clarified
- Caveat added about safety improvement projects since 2018 – 2022 data was collected
- HIN/High Risk Network (HRN) categories were aligned
- HIN/HRN maps were added for all member communities

For **motor-vehicle only** crashes the HIN categories were defined as:

- **Critical-High** - Contains the top 0 to 17.7% of crashes (**34 miles**)
- **Medium-High** - Contains the top 17.5% to 35.1% of crashes (**74 miles**)
- **Medium** - Contains the top 35.1% to 52.4% of crashes (**129 miles**)

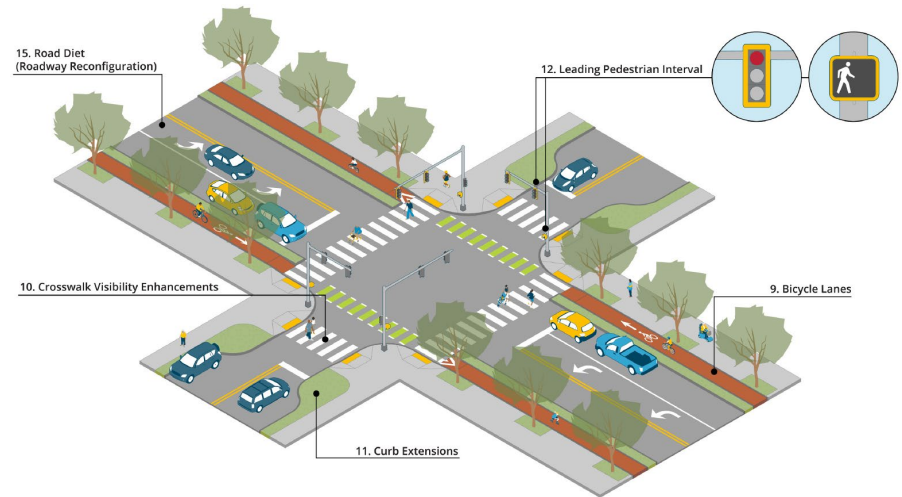
An example of edits made to the crash analysis.



A map showing the HIN/HRN in Altoona.

Changes Made to Countermeasures Toolkit

- Transferred from Word to InDesign
- Table of contents linked to each countermeasure
- Countermeasures numbered
- Graphics for countermeasures added

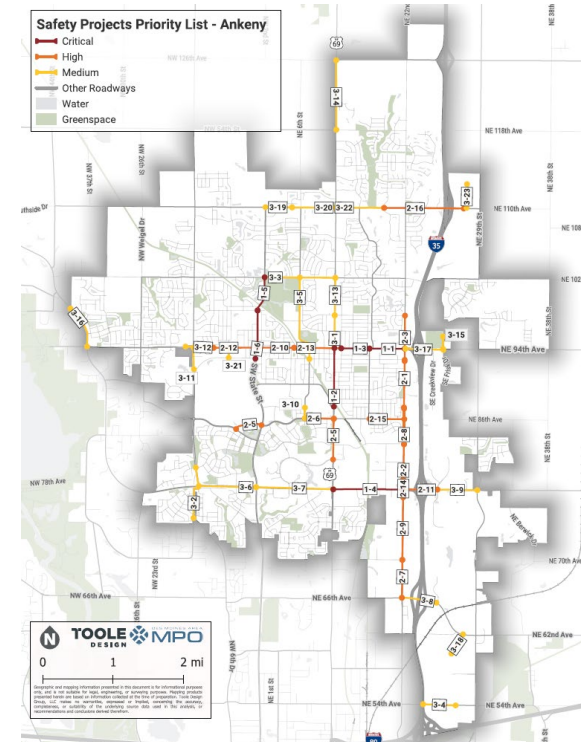


A graphic illustrating countermeasures in the pedestrian and bicycle category

Changes Made to Member Community Projects

Thank you to TTC members for helpful feedback!

- Countermeasure tables for each project were consolidated into categories
- High injury street profile types were removed
- Project errors on maps/tables were resolved
- Street names now begin with local designations and end with state/federal highway designations for cities
- Added headings to all tables



A map showing possible traffic safety projects in Ankeny

Updated Member Community Project Table

Project Number	Highway Designation and/or Street Name	Start Point	End Point	Length (miles)	Max Prioritization Score	Priority Tier	Countermeasures (See Appendix E)				
							Intersections	Pedestrians/Bicyclists	Roadway Departures	Crosscutting	Other
1-1*	IA 5	North River	City limits at North ROW	1.880	0.975	Medium	X	X	X	X	(1)
1-2	N 1st Street	North River	School Street	0.670	0.950	Medium	X	X	X	X	
1-3	S 1st Street	School Street	IA 5	0.300	0.950	Medium	X	X		X	
1-4	S 5th Street	Main Street	IA 5	0.240	0.950	Medium	X	X		X	
1-5	S 5th Street	IA 5	165th Place	1.000	0.950	Medium	X	X		X	
1-6	School Street	IA 5 Frontage Road	S 1st Street	0.530	0.950	Medium	X	X		X	(2)
1-7	Avon Drive	SE 60th Street	North River	0.840	0.650	Medium	X	X	X	X	(2)
1-8	Scotch Ridge Road	IA 5 Frontage Road	Bellflower Drive	0.180	0.650	Medium	X	X		X	
1-9*	IA 5	US 65	North River	0.850	0.521	Medium	X	X	X	X	(3)
1-10	Gateway Drive	Norgard Circle	IA 5	0.180	0.500	Medium	X	X		X	(3)
1-11*	Army Post Road	US 65	SE 57th Street	1.330	0.500	Medium	X	X	X	X	

* Project extends outside of municipal limits. Coordination with other jurisdictions will likely be required.

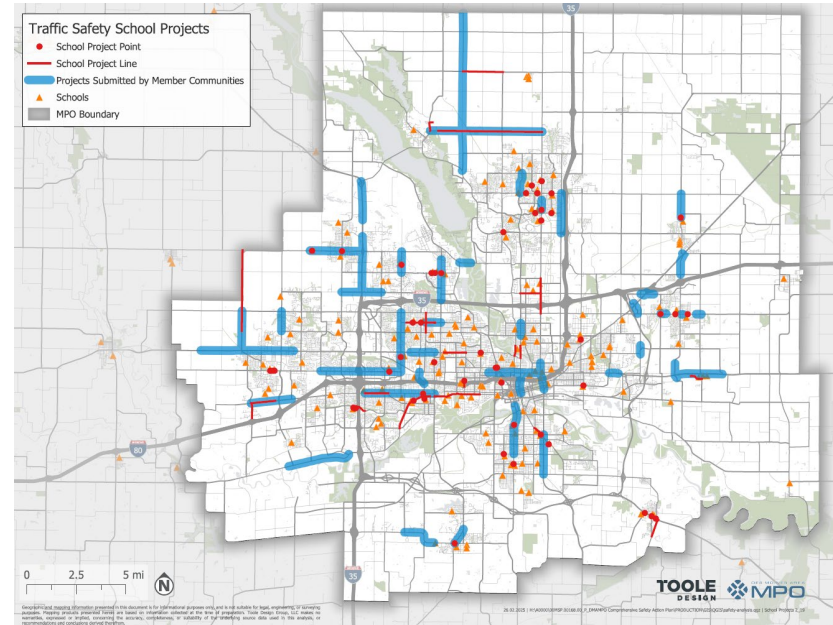
(1) Consider grade separation of paths and/or roadways to reduce conflicts with high speed vehicle traffic

(2) Realign skewed intersections

(3) Consider construction of frontage road system and/or grade separations to eliminate at-grade intersections

Grant Application Next Steps

1. Compile public feedback on preferred projects and countermeasures
2. Seek input from communities and agency partners about preferred project scopes
3. Return to TTC with recommendations



A map showing projects submitted by communities and potential school-focused traffic safety projects



Thank you!

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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Each MPO is required under 49 U.S.C. 5303(j) to develop an annual TIP.
- The TIP serves as a list of federal-aid eligible surface transportation improvements within the Des Moines Area MPO's MPA in a 4-year period.
- Projects in TIP must be consistent with the Des Moines Area MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan, *Mobilizing Tomorrow*.
 - Reflect investment priorities established in the current LRTP.
 - Address Performance Measures.
 - Demonstrates fiscal constraint.
 - Meaningfully engages the public.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



- Primary Sources of Federal Aid funding for TIP projects include:
 - Bridge Formula Program (BFP)
 - Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAAQ)
 - Discretionary grants—e.g., RAISE/BUILD, SS4A
 - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)
 - Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP)
 - Earmarks

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Primary Sources of State Aid funding for TIP projects include:
 - City Bridge Program
 - Highway Safety Improvement Program – Secondary (HSIP-Secondary)
 - Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP)

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Amendments: Require approval by the Policy Committee and an opportunity for public-comment.
 - Project cost increases FA by more than 30% or by more than \$2 million
 - Schedule changes – i.e., adding new projects to the TIP
 - Funding sources
 - Scope changes – e.g., change in project termini, type of work, change to road widening
- Administrative adjustments: Do not require public-comment period or Policy approval
 - Minor changes to the above categories

FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Development

- Since 1991, **fiscal constraint** must be documented by MPO for all programmed items.
- Fiscal constraint is demonstrated by confirming that TIP projects can be implemented using committed or available revenue sources.
- Types of documentation required to demonstrate fiscal constraint:
 - Forecasts of available revenue,
 - Estimated operation, maintenance, and project costs.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Basic Schedule for the TIP:
 - March: Review current TIP Projects
 - April: Update TIP project list
 - May: Review Draft TIP project list
 - June: Draft TIP is due to Iowa DOT
 - TIP Public Input Meeting
 - July: Final TIP review and submission to Iowa DOT

DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET

FY 2026 UPWP and Budget Development

- Describes the scope of work and budget for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026
 - Justifies the MPO's use of federal planning funds
 - Communicates to member communities and the public the MPO's intended work
 - Draft due April 1st - Final due June 1st
- **New – strategic planning will be incorporated within the UPWP process**
 - Will bridge the UPWP and the recent governance and staffing efforts

STRATEGIC VISION	Strengthen MPO Governance & Operations	Regional Planning & Federal Excellence	Enhance Partnerships & Services	Purpose-Driven Innovation
	Unify the MPO culture to align all stakeholders toward a common mission, stability, and positioning the organization as a dynamic, thriving regional leader.	Focus on regional planning that improves transportation systems and sparks meaningful public engagement, while ensuring compliance with federal MPO requirements.	Establish trusted and reliable partnerships with stakeholders by offering valuable support through data analysis, technical expertise, and collaborative efforts.	Encourage different ideas, celebrate achievements, and elevate new initiatives that advance member priorities, align with organizational capabilities, and drive region-wide impact.
2025-2026 OUTCOMES & OBJECTIVES	Financial & Operations Evaluation Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Financial outlook (dues, funding). ➤ Consider office space/shared services. ➤ Determine MPO ROI (quantitative and qualitative). 	Streamline Processes Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assessment of technology. ➤ Establish funding priorities. ➤ Refine the application process and scoring criteria for funding. 	Simplify Access to Services Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assessment of technology. ➤ Design an application process for supplemental services. ➤ Create awareness of available MPO services. 	Wildly Important Projects Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Future 435 ➤ Safety ➤ STPG & TAP – intentional funding efforts ➤ Multimodal Impact Study ➤ Data Visualization
	Organizational Development Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assessment of technology. ➤ Develop the MPO team, build new skills and expand the bench. ➤ Implement recommendations from Human Capital Plan. ➤ Build the MPO brand 	Regional Priorities Alignment Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Make the UPWP more strategic – using it to drive regional priorities and provide value to our members ➤ Better connection between STPG & TAP and the long-range plan. 	Advocacy & Policy Monitoring Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Offer collective advocacy for policy impact that benefits the region. ➤ Serve as the watchdog and communicate changes in federal and state funding/programs. 	Define the Potential of the MPO Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Determine gaps in community service needs. ➤ Find balance between varying city needs to create solutions that are inclusive and effective for all members.
	Enhance Governance Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continue working on governance (committees, building the structure out). ➤ Complete a membership evaluation. ➤ Identify 28E/By-law amendments. ➤ Expand Committee Member knowledge base, strengthen orientation 	Maintain a Future Focus Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Explore new technologies that support sustainable transportation systems. ➤ Identify emerging trends in mobility that enhance efficiency and accessibility. ➤ Identify opportunities for regional collaboration/projects to maximize available funding. 	Collaboration, Education & Resource Sharing Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Convene regional partners and stakeholders for discussion, planning and ideation. ➤ Provide learning opportunities from experts in the field in areas of interest. 	Become the Model for MPO Best Practices Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lead the region by adopting innovative policies and serving as a consultant to others. ➤ Learn from other MPOs and organizations, integrating best practices that align with our goals. ➤ Evaluate and implement strategies to improve regional collaboration and efficiency.
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FY 2026 UPWP and Budget Development

Governance & Operations	MPO Role	Notes
MPO Operating Grant Administration	Lead	Federally Required
Routine Office Administration	Lead	Ongoing
Unified Planning Work Program and Budget	Lead	Federally Required
Financial Operations	Lead	Ongoing
Committee Support	Lead	Federally Required
Organizational Development	Lead	Ongoing

FY 2026 UPWP and Budget Development

Regional Planning & Federal Excellence	MPO Role	Notes
Awarding of Federal Funds (STBG, TAP, CRP)	Lead	Federally Required
Transportation Improvement Program	Lead	Federally Required
Mobilizing Tomorrow Maintenance & Implementation	Lead	Federally Required
Passenger Transportation /Human Service Coordination	Lead	Federally Required
Performance Measure Tracking	Lead	Federally Required
Travel Demand Model Update & Assistance	Lead	Federally Required
ITS Architecture	Lead	Federally Required
Freight Plan	Lead	Member Request/Ongoing Project
Intercity Passenger Rail	Support	Member Request/Ongoing Project
Upkeep of Title VI, LEP, and Public Involvement Process	Lead	Federally Required
DART Planning Projects	Support	Per MOU with DART
Active Transportation Plan	Lead	Member Request/Ongoing Project

FY 2026 UPWP and Budget Development

Partnerships & Services	MPO Role	Notes
Access to Services	Lead	Strategic Framework Initiative
Pavement Forecast & Analysis	Lead	Ongoing Project – Includes Data Bike
Transportation Data/Software	Lead	Member Request – Includes Data Service Subscriptions
Bike/Ped Count Program	Lead	Ongoing Project/Member Request – Includes Trail Counters
Grant Assistance	Support	Member Requests
Convening & Educating	Support	Ongoing Project/Strategic Framework Initiative- Includes Speaker Series
Media Relations	Lead/Support	Ongoing/Situational
Public Meeting Support	Lead	Federally Required
Annual Report	Lead	Ongoing Project
Policy Monitoring	Lead/Support	Ongoing/Situational – Strategic Framework Initiative

FY 2026 UPWP and Budget Development

Purpose-Driven Innovation	MPO Role	Notes
US 65/IA 5 (Future 435) Interstate Designation	Lead	Ongoing Project
Passenger Rail Feasibility Study	Lead or Support	Member/Community Request
Multimodal Economic Impact Report	Lead	Member Request
Peer Collaboration	Lead	Strategic Planning Initiative
Emerging Technology	Lead	Strategic Planning Initiative

FY 2026 Draft Budget

Anticipated Expenditures

	Amount	Percent of Total
Salaries	\$662,347	25.5%
Wages	\$21,600	0.8%
Fringe Benefits	\$585,610	22.5%
Other Direct Costs	\$990,950	38.1%
Eligible Indirect	\$291,036	11.2%
Ineligible Indirect	\$50,500	1.9%
TOTAL	\$2,602,043	100.0%

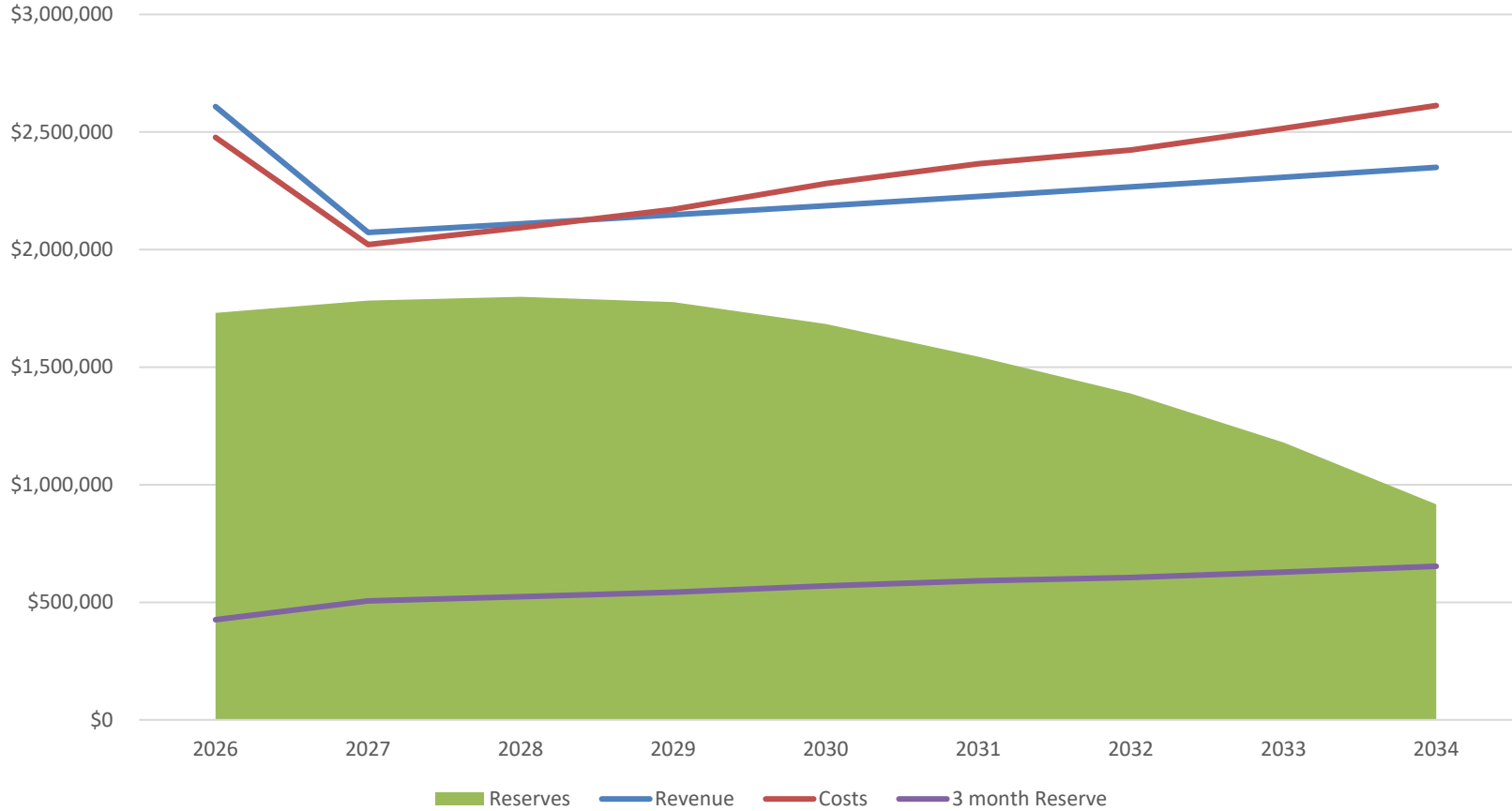
Anticipated Revenues

	Amount	Percent of Total
US DOT Funds	\$1,643,106	63.0%
Local Assessments (\$1/capita)	\$607,703	23.3%
DART Funds for Economic Impact Study	\$50,000	1.9%
State Funds for Future 435 Study	\$250,000	9.6%
Data Bike Assistance	\$7,500	0.3%
Rail Track Study Contributions	\$25,000	1.0%
Interest Income	\$25,000	1.0%
TOTAL	\$2,608,309	100.0%

Surplus/Deficit

\$6,226

Budget Forecast, FY 2026-2034



Reminder

- If you have not already done so, please provide feedback on Mission, Vision, and Guiding Principles
 - In-person exercise occurred at the February Policy Committee meeting
 - Online form available if needed

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND DC LIST

State: Future 435

- Bill introduced February 13 in House.
- Senate companion bill was filed February 25.
 - Provide guarantee that federal weight exemption will occur prior to interstate designation
 - Provide minimum speed exemption
 - Appropriate \$250,000 toward an Alternatives Analysis
- THANK YOU! Several corridor communities attended a Senate Subcommittee meeting on February 26 despite less than 24-hour notice.
- Staff will continue to apprise corridor communities of committee meetings.

SUDAS Participation

- SSB 1139 would require the Iowa DOT to ensure equal representation between governmental and nongovernmental entities in developing statewide urban design specifications.
- Bill is being supported by the Home Builders Association, Associated General Contractors, Iowa Manufactured Housing Association, and Developers Council.
- Intent appears to be to reduce recommended standards and potentially the funding SUDAS receives from the Iowa DOT. Potential implications are substandard construction, reduced life-cycle of infrastructure, and additional long-term costs to tax-payers.

Federal: Annual DC List

- DMDC 2025, the annual trip to Washington DC organized by the Greater Des Moines Partnership, is May 7-9.
- MPO is working with member governments to develop a list of priority transportation projects to be discussed with Iowa's Congressional delegation.
- The DC List includes only projects that are actively seeking funding, along with any important policy initiatives.
- Deadline to submit updates was Friday, February 21.
- Updated DRAFT list is available as a handout.
- Please advise if any revisions are needed.

Federal: Executive Orders

- Numerous Executive Orders have been released over the last several weeks. Many have been changed, rescinded, stayed by Federal judges and/or challenged in court, making for a confusing landscape. What we know as of now:
 - STIP/TIP amendments, UPWP amendments/approvals, and similar approvals will continue as normal following a brief order that anything requiring FHWA Division approval to go to US DOT general council first. NOTE: FHWA Iowa office has vacancies and there is a hiring freeze, so these may take more time
 - Reimbursements for MPO programs/grants are proceeding as normal; Safe Streets for All was paused for about a month.
 - Carbon Reduction Program funds are still eligible for programming and funding according to Iowa DOT and FHWA Iowa. However, funding will likely not continue beyond the expiration of the IIJA given the Administration's "Unleashing American Energy" executive order.

Federal: Appropriations



- Current continuing resolution through next week
- House and Senate leadership pushing for a “clean extension” through the end of September (end of FFY).
 - An extension of current funding levels. Note: this is more than what administration wants.
 - Essentially, kicking funding cuts that administration wants to the next FFY.
 - Gives more time for the justification of current programs and funding levels.

Proactive Steps



- FY 2026 UPWP draft does not include any buzzwords flagged by the Administration (e.g., climate change, equity, etc.)
- Staff participating in calls with other MPOs through national organizations to understand potential impacts and best practices
- Working with communities that have CRP funds to see if funds can be programmed sooner
 - Staff also exploring options to use other funds to backfill those projects if funds go away
- Staff looking at budget scenarios in case MPO planning funds are cut, delayed, etc.

MPO CERTIFICATION REVIEW

MPO Certification Review



- The MPO's quadrennial certification review will take place April 1-2
- Process involves representatives from FHWA, FTA, and Iowa DOT meeting with MPO staff to review planning process and work products to ensure the MPO meets federal requirements.
- Two opportunities for your feedback in the process as part of the review process's public involvement:
 - Survey available through April 11
 - Public input meeting on April 1 from 11-noon

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