

NOTICE OF MEETING

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

—

9:30 a.m. May 1, 2025

Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. VOTE:** Approval of Agenda
- 3. VOTE:** Approval of April Meeting Minutes Page 2
- 4. PRESENTATION:** Iowa DOT Regional Projects Update..... Page 6
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- 11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
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- 12. OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE**
- 13. NEXT MEETING DATE:** 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 5, 2025

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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May 2025
Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the April 10, 2025, meeting minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the April 10, 2025, meeting minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee are included on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the April 10, 2025, meeting minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee.

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MEETING MINUTES
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Technical Committee
9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 10, 2025

The MPO TTC held a live/virtual meeting on April 10, 2025. Before the meeting, the MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the TTC representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on April 4, 2025.

Representatives Present:

John Dostart | City of Altoona
Amy Quartell | City of Ankeny
Mark Mueller | City of Ankeny
Isaac Pezley | City of Bondurant
Jeff May | City of Clive
John A Davis | City of Des Moines
Steve Naber | City of Des Moines
Bert Drost | City of Des Moines
Tony Filippini | DART
Brian Belt | DSM International Airport *
Matt Ahrens | City of Grimes
Rose Schroder | City of Johnston
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
Tim Hill | Warren County
Nick Osbourne | City of Waukee
Shelby Ebel | Iowa DOT*
Jared Austin | FTA*

Representatives Absent:

Mitch Holtz | City of Carlisle
Rita Connor | City of Cumming**
Murray McConnell | Dallas County
Angie Schaffer | City of Elkhart**
Wade Wagoner | City of Indianola**
Heather Stancil | Madison County**
Adam McCann | City of Mitchellville
Dave Herman | City of Van Meter**
Eric Petersen | City of West Des Moines
Karen Marren | City of West Des Moines
Justin Ernst | City of Windsor Heights
Brian Belt | DSM International Airport *
Sean Litteral | FHWA*
Julia Castillo | HIRTA*

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

Others Present

John Gade | City of Grimes
Keegan Haines | DART
Carol Mahor | Public

* Non-Voting, Advisory Representative
** Non-Voting, Associate Representative

1. **Call to Order**
TTC Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
MOTION: A motion was made by May and seconded by Sturms to approve the MPO TTC's April meeting agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
MOTION: A motion was made by Sturms and seconded by Ahrends to approve the MPO TTC March meeting minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. **Presentation: Reimagine DART**
Tony Filippini from DART presented an update on Reimagine DART, the planning process to redesign the regional bus network. Presentation only.
5. **DC List**
Planning and Public Affairs Manager Gunnar Olson reviewed the final draft of the DC list; recommend approval.
MOTION: A motion was made by May and seconded by Larson to approve the DC List.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
6. **FFY 2029 Funding Recommendation**
Planning and Public Affairs Manager Gunnar Olson discussed the Funding Subcommittee's award recommendation for the Federal Fiscal Year 2029 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Report and discussion only.
7. **Safe Streets and Roads for All NOFO and Application**
Senior Planner Marcus Coenen presented an update on the recent Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and Application Development. Report and discussion only.
8. **Multimodal Economic Impact Study**
Senior Planner Marcus Coenen presented an update on the development of the Multimodal Economic Impact Study. Report and discussion only.
9. **FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Development**
Associate Planner, Addison Williamson provided an update on the process to develop the Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Report and discussion only.
10. **Pavement Forecasting Update**
Associate Planner, Addison Williamson provided a report and requested feedback on pavement treatment unit cost estimates to be utilized in the development of a regional pavement forecast report. A link was provided to member governments and agencies with a due date of April 23, 2025. Report and discussion only.
11. **Active Transportation Plan**
Senior Transportation Planner Carl Saxon provided an update on the development of a new Active Transportation Plan to succeed the Connect Plan adopted in 2009 and to supplement the recently adopted long-range transportation plan, Mobilizing Tomorrow. He advised of two open houses being hosted by the MPO's Bike Ped Roundtable to kick off the planning process. Open houses will be held on May 6 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Confluence Brewing in Des Moines and May 8 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Brightside Aleworks. Report and discussion only.

12. Legislative Update

- Executive Director Dylan Mullenix and Public Affairs and Planning Manager, Gunnar Olson provided an update of the status of I-435- House and Senate bills were introduced in February that will provide guarantee of federal weight exemption prior to interstate designation ; provide minimum speed exemption; agreed to appropriate \$250,000 toward an Alternatives Analysis. Note this bill is funnel proof; activity has been picking up toward end of session. It has passed out of Senate Commerce Committee and headed to Senate Appropriations Committee; it has passed out of the House Subcommittee and headed to the House Appropriations Committee MPO want to thank the THANK YOU! Several corridor communities who have attended subcommittee meetings and advocated for the bill.
- Also advised that the Iowa Department of Transportation has removed “Planning Emphasis Areas” from MPO work programs;
- House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee has launched an online portal for stakeholders to submit legislative proposals for consideration in the next reauthorization bill

13. Upcoming Events

Information only.

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

Executive Director Dylan Mullenix advised the Committee that the recertification of the MPO occurred April 1 and review some of the findings; discussion about a survey sent out by the bike-ped roundtable regarding right turn on red restrictions.

15. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 10, 2025.

16. Adjournment

The MPO TTC’s March meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

May 2025
Item No. 4

ISSUE: Iowa Department of Transportation Regional Projects Update

PRESENTATION: Representatives from the Iowa Department of Transportation will provide an update on projects in the region.

BACKGROUND:

Representatives from the Iowa Department of Transportation will provide an update on current and future projects happening in the Greater Des Moines region.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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May 2025
Item No. 5

ISSUE: FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the amendments to *Federal Fiscal Year 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program*.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Polk City has requested the following amendment to the *FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program*:

Sponsor: Polk City

Project: High Trestle Trail Connection through Polk City

Federal Aid Amount: \$541,440

Total Cost: \$3,558,000

Type of Funding: TAP

Location: In the city of Polk City, on S 3rd St; trail between Bluff St. & Broadway St.; Trail between Grimes St. and 3rd St.; Trailhead by 3rd and Broadway

Change: Adjust project alignment to go along the rear to the property located at 301 N. 3rd Street instead of along the street frontages. Update map in TPMS.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend approval of the proposed *Federal Fiscal Year 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program* amendments.

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May 2025
Item No. 6

ISSUE: Safe Streets and Roads for All Application Development

REPORT and VOTE: Update on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Application Development; consider approval.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO hired Toole Design Group in fall 2023 to develop the region's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The plan identifies safety concerns and provides safety countermeasures to support the Des Moines Area MPO safety target of zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2045. The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan was adopted by the Policy Committee on March 27, 2025. Included in the contract with Toole Design Group is the development of an implementation grant application for a future round of SS4A funding.

On March 28, 2025, the U.S. DOT released the FY2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the SS4A program. The NOFO lists several changes from previous funding cycles as well as updated items requiring self-certification from a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The FY2025 SS4A Implementation Grant NOFO is available here: [FY2025 SS4A NOFO](#). Grant applications for the FY2025 SS4A NOFO are due by June 26, 2025, by 5 p.m. EDT.

MPO staff will provide an update on the development of the application materials including the draft list of infrastructure projects, planning or demonstration projects, and non-infrastructure strategies. Staff will also provide an update on the timing of letters of support and matching fund commitments.

The list of proposed projects will be available prior to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend approval of the project list for inclusion in the SS4A grant application.

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May 2025
Item No. 7

ISSUE: *Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget Final Draft*

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the *FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program* and budget.

BACKGROUND:

MPO staff have developed the *Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (FY 2026 UPWP)* and budget, which covers the year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The MPO approved the draft FY 2026 UPWP in March. The MPO must submit the final UPWP to the Iowa DOT by June 1, 2025.

MPO staff sent the draft UPWP to the Iowa DOT for review following the draft's approval in March. Updates made to the final FY 2026 UPWP based on the Iowa DOT's review were minor clarifications.

[A copy of the FY 2025 UPWP and budget final draft is available on the MPO website \(click to access\).](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the final *Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget*.

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May 2025
Item No. 8

ISSUE: Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles

REPORT: Overview of new Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles for the MPO.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO has updated Vision and Mission statements, as well as new Guiding Principles, following months of strategic planning work and adoption by the MPO Policy Committee in April.

Starting this year, the MPO is incorporating its strategic planning within the Unified Planning Work Program and budget. In February, the Policy Committee voted to approve a [Strategic Planning Framework](#) and participated in a facilitated discussion about the organization's Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles.

Staff then worked with the strategic-planning consultant, 2 The Top, to draft an updated Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles. The draft was reviewed and revised by the Strategic Planning Subcommittee on April 9. The subcommittee, which has met three times, includes the following MPO representatives:

- John Dostart, Altoona (TTC representative)
- Bobbi Bentz, Ankeny
- Connie Boesen, Des Moines
- Mark Holm, Polk County
- Bob Andeweg, Urbandale
- Tom Hadden, West Des Moines
- Mike Jones, Windsor Heights

The draft Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles were adopted April 17 by unanimous vote of the Policy Committee.

The updated Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles is attached on the following page.

[Click here to review the MPO Vision Analysis.](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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**MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
VISION, MISSION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES
RECOMMENDATION
APRIL, 2025**

Vision Statement (Existing)

Our region has a well-coordinated multi-modal transportation system that leverages our unique attributes in order to ensure a high-quality of life and economic success.

Vision Statement (PROPOSED)

Central Iowa has a well-coordinated and effective transportation system that ensures a high quality of life.

Mission Statement (Existing)

The MPO advances a safe, effective, fully integrated multi-modal transportation system that supports economic development, protects natural assets, and enhances overall quality of life.

Mission Statement (PROPOSED)

We collaborate across community boundaries to lead regional transportation planning, fund improvements, and drive transformative innovation for future generations.

Guiding Principles (PROPOSED)

Public Stewardship: We will demonstrate operational excellence and financial accountability as a foundation for serving the region.

Honorable Leadership: We will prioritize regional leadership over special interests; our actions will be transparent, civil, and driven by process over politics.

Regional Collaboration: We will partner with the stakeholders of the region to advance the vision.

Safety Minded: We will view all plans, programs, and projects through the lens of improving safety.

Future Focused: We will learn from the past and think long-term in all decisions.

May 2025
Item No. 9

ISSUE: Public Participation Plan Update & Opportunity

REPORT: MPO staff will provide information on the coming Public Participation Plan update and a reminder of upcoming outreach opportunities.

BACKGROUND:

MPO staff is updating the 2021 Public Participation Plan and will be reaching out to all TTC members for input and discussion in the coming days and weeks. These discussions will help inform the MPO's engagement with its member communities and their representatives, as well as outward public outreach in MPO planning processes.

Today, MPO staff wants to make you aware of a new public survey for the Active Transportation Plan available on the [MPO website](#), and give a friendly reminder about the upcoming open houses the Bike-Ped Roundtable is hosting in May. Staff ask that you share the survey through your channels to help boost participation.

Bike Ped Open Houses

6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 6th @ Confluence Brewing Company - Des Moines

6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 8th @ Brightside Aleworks - Altoona

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Report and discussion only.

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May 2025
Item No. 10

ISSUE: Legislative Update and DC Trip Preparation

REPORT: Discussion on recent legislative activity.

BACKGROUND:

Staff has been monitoring various directions from the new administration that may impact federal transportation funding. Staff will provide updates on what is known at the time of the meeting and invite updates and discussion among committee representatives.

Additionally, staff will share preparations being made for [DMDC 2025](#), the annual lobbying trip to Washington, DC, organized by the Greater Des Moines Partnership. The trip is May 7-9.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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May 2025
Item No. 11

ISSUE: Upcoming Events

INFORMATIONAL: Report on upcoming events of regional interest.

BACKGROUND:

The following events, trainings, and other opportunities may be of interest to representatives of MPO member governments.

Webinars

- [American Trails: OPDMD or Wheelchair: Where Can They Go?](#) – May 1, 2025, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- [American Trails: Plan Trails to Minimize Wildlife Disturbance](#) – May 22, 2025, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- [Collaboration in Action \(Don't Reinvent the Wheel!\) - ITE's New Transportation Safety Campaign Resource Hub](#) – May 1, 2025, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
- [Back to Basics -- Active Transportation](#) – May 13, 2025, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Events

- [Iowa Passenger Transportation Summit](#) – May 13, 2025 – Ankeny, IA
- [NACTO Designing Cities Conference](#) – May 28-31, 2025 – Washington, DC
- Iowa DOT Commission Meeting – June 10, 2025 – West Des Moines, IA
- [TRB Tools of the Trade](#) – June 23-25, 2025 – Albuquerque, NM
- [National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices Midyear Meeting](#) – June 11-13, Des Moines
- [Planners' Day on Capitol Hill 2025](#) – June 25, 2025 – Virtual
- [NADO: National Regional Transportation Conference](#) – July 15-17, 2025 – Des Moines, IA

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Informational only.

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