

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

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

—  
**9:30 a.m. November 6, 2025**

**Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room**

**OR**

**Zoom, Meeting ID: 890 559 757 21 / Dial 1-312-626-6799**

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. VOTE:** Approval of Agenda
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- 14. OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE**
- 15. NEXT MEETING DATE:** 9:30 a.m. Thursday, December 4, 2025

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November 2025  
Item No. 3

**ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes**

VOTE: Consider approval of the October 6, 2025, meeting minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee.

**BACKGROUND:**

The minutes of the October 6, 2025, meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee are included on the following pages.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the October 6, 2025, meeting minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Technical Committee 9:30 a.m., Monday, October 6, 2025

The MPO TTC held a live/virtual meeting on October 6, 2025. Before the meeting, the MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the TTC representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on October 2, 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  
Al Miller | Dallas County  
Tony Filippini | DART  
John Davis | City of Des Moines  
Steve Naber | City of Des Moines  
Bert Drost | City of Des Moines  
Matt Ahrens | City of Grimes  
Rose Schroder | City of Johnston  
Luke Parris | City of Norwalk  
Brian Dunkelberger | City of Pleasant Hill  
John Larson | City of Urbandale  
Tim Hill | Warren County  
Nick Osbourne | City of Waukee  
Eric Petersen | City of West Des Moines  
Gerri Doyle | FTA\*  
Julia Castillo | HIRTA\*

#### **Representatives Absent:**

Mitch Holtz | City of Carlisle  
Rita Connor | City of Cumming\*\*  
Ron Cornwell | City of Elkhart\*\*  
Jacob Meshke | City of Indianola\*\*  
Heather Stancil | Madison County\*\*  
Adam McCann | City of Mitchellville  
Mike Schulte | City of Polk City  
Aaron Putnam | Polk County  
Dave Herman | City of Van Meter\*\*  
Jim Dickinson | City of West Des Moines  
Justin Ernst | City of Windsor Heights  
Bryan Belt | DSM International Airport \*  
Sean Litteral | FHWA\*  
Shelby Ebel | Iowa DOT\*

\* 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 | Administrative Specialist

#### **Others Present**

Garrett Brumfield | America Walks  
Ian Thomas | America Walks  
Andy Case | Dallas County  
Keegan Haines | DART  
Aaron Jarosh | City of Grimes  
Justin Peterson | City of Altoona

1. **Call to Order**  
TTC Chair recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**  
**MOTION:** A motion was made by Osbourne and seconded by Larson to approve the MPO TTC's October meeting agenda.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**  
**MOTION:** A motion was made by Osbourne and seconded by Nabor to approve the MPO TTC September meeting minutes.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
4. **Presentation- America Walks**  
Garrett Brumfield and Ian Thomas from America Walks discussed the recent Dogtown walkability workshop on October 1, 2025, in Des Moines Iowa. The workshop kicks off a series of walk audits that will be planned and executed by the MPO staff as part of the regional Active Transportation Plan process. Report only.
5. **Active Transportation Plan Update**  
Senior Planner Allison Riley provided an update on the process, opportunities for involvement, and what is to come in the fall of 2025. Report and discussion only.
6. **2025 Regional Trail Pavement Condition Report**  
Senior Planner Carl Saxon presented an update on the 2025 Regional Trail Pavement Condition Report. Report and discussion only.
7. **Proposed Calendar Year 2026 Meeting Dates**  
Senior Planner Marcus Coenen discussed the proposed meeting dates for calendar year 2026 for the MPO Transportation Technical Committee. Report and discussion only.
8. **Upcoming Events**  
Information only.
9. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
  - Associate Planner, Addison Williamson discussed Request Build 2025 Round 2 and encouraged everyone who applied for a BUILD Grant to share information/notes of the debrief with the MPO;
  - Senior Planner, Allison Riley advised that a funding review committee has been selected and that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held on October 16;
    - the basic process will be broken down into 3 phases;
      - phase 1- discovery, which will take place in the fall/winter;
      - phase 2, scenarios, which will take place in the spring;
      - phase 3 will be the buildout, which is anticipated to take place in Summer of 2026.
10. **Next Meeting Date**  
The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 6, 2025.
11. **Adjournment**  
The MPO TTC's September meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

November 2025  
Item No. 4

**ISSUE: Reimagine DART**

PRESENTATION: Presentation from representatives of the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) on Reimagine DART, the planning effort to restructure the transit network.

**BACKGROUND:**

DART has been working with its member communities and consultants to draft a new transit network for the Des Moines region. Following public input last spring, the DART Commission directed staff to design a new network that:

- Prioritizes high ridership for the region overall, with fewer routes that have more frequent service, with coverage service in Ankeny, Altoona and Clive.
- Maintains 90% of DART's current total hours of service to limit property tax growth for the next few years.

To align with this direction, the proposed new bus network features:

- 10 main routes along the busiest streets of the region, with buses running more often and more consistently throughout the day and week.
- Timed transfers at DART Central Station and bus stops spaced farther apart speed up travel time and increase efficiency in the system.
- Updated service hours reduce service at times when ridership is the lowest.
- Three microtransit zones that provide transit access to more places in less dense suburban areas.

DART representatives will give an overview of the final proposed bus network and share next steps in implementing the changes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Presentation only.

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Item No. 5

**ISSUE: Proposed Calendar Year 2026 Meeting Dates**

REPORT and Vote: Consider approval of the proposed meeting dates for calendar year 2026 for the MPO's Transportation Technical Committee.

**BACKGROUND:**

The MPO staff annually issues a proposed MPO meeting schedule for the upcoming calendar year. The MPO is required to issue its upcoming meeting dates to comply with the State of Iowa's Open Meetings Law. MPO staff presented a draft calendar to all committees during their October meetings and asked for feedback asks for feedback on any known conflicts. One change was made based on feedback.

Included, immediately following, is the revised proposed Calendar Year 2026 MPO meeting schedule.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Recommend approval.

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TECHNICAL	EXECUTIVE	POLICY
Meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.	Meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.	Meets at 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.
January 8*	January 8*	January 22*
February 5	February 5	February 19
March 5	March 5	March <del>19</del> 12 <sup>1</sup>
April 2	April 2	April 16
May 7	May 14**	May 21
June 4	June 4	June 18
No meeting <sup>2</sup>	No meeting <sup>2</sup>	No meeting <sup>2</sup>
August 6	August 6	August 20
September 3	September 3	September 17
October 1	October 1	October 15
November 5	November 5	November 19
No meeting <sup>2</sup>	No meeting <sup>2</sup>	No meeting <sup>2</sup>

\* All meetings are delayed one week due to New Year's Day holiday falling on the first Thursday of the month.

\*\* Executive Committee delayed one week to avoid annual trip to Washington, D.C., which is tentatively scheduled for May 6-8.

<sup>1</sup> Proposing to reestablish the March meeting of the Policy Committee due to frequent occurrence of having to schedule a meeting for needed Policy Committee actions. Meeting is in the second week to avoid Spring Break.

<sup>2</sup> Proposing to have no meetings for all committees in July and December due to these being slow times of year for MPO.

November 2025  
Item No. 6

**ISSUE: FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

REPORT and VOTE: Report on amendments to the *FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program*; consider approval.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Des Moines has requested the following amendment:

Sponsor: City of Des Moines

Project: Central Place Levee Trail Phase 2

Federal Aid Amount: \$1,600,000

Total Cost: \$2,800,000

Type of Funding: TAP, RTP

Location: Multiuse trail from Franklin to Inter-Urban and Trestle to Trestle Trail

Change: Termini description to read: "In the city of Des Moines, trl from TRSTL /INTRURBAN Trls, Hickman Rd and 9<sup>th</sup> St Modifications, Spur Chautauqua Prk."

Polk County has requested the following amendment:

Sponsor: Polk County

Project: Bridge 1271 Replacement

Federal Aid Amount: \$450,000

Total Cost: \$450,000

Type of Funding: HBP

Location: On NE 150<sup>th</sup> Ave 0.25 MI W of NE 72<sup>nd</sup> St

Change: Project termini corrected to read: "On NE 150<sup>th</sup> Ave over old channel S. Skunk River, W of NE 68<sup>th</sup> St."

The Iowa Department of Transportation has requested the following amendment:

Sponsor: Iowa DOT

Project: 48539

Federal Aid Amount: \$751,500

Total Cost: \$835,000

Type of Funding: NHPP

Location: I-80: Westbound I-80 ramp at W I-35/I-235 interchange.

Change: Increase federal aid amount by more than 30%. Total cost increases to \$2,144,950 and federal aid amount increases to \$1,930,455.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Recommend approval of the proposed amendments.

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November 2025  
Item No.7

**ISSUE: FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget Amendment #1**

REPORT and VOTE: Review a proposed amendment to the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and budget to add in the City of Altoona/City of Bondurant I-80 Intechnage Planning Environmental Linkages (PEL) study; consider approval.

**BACKGROUND:**

The MPO has awarded \$560,000 in US Department of Transportation (DOT) Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds to the Cities of Altoona and Bondurant for their Interstate 80 interchange PEL study. To ease the administrative process of using federal funds awarded for studies, the MPO typically requests the STBG funds be converted to US DOT Planning (PL) funds, and the MPO programs those funds in the UPWP. Once in the approved UPWP, the Cities of Altoona and Bondurant can procure consultant services and carry out the PEL study using federal funding.

The MPO's federal funding amount in the UPWP would increase by \$560,000 and its local funding amount would increase by \$140,000 to ensure the 80% federal to 20% local match ratio.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve amending the FY 2026 UPWP and budget to add the Interstate 80 PEL study.

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November 2026  
Item No. 8

**ISSUE: *Mobilizing Tomorrow* Revisions**

REPORT: Update on the final revisions to the region’s long-range transportation plan, *Mobilizing Tomorrow*.

**BACKGROUND:**

Revisions to *Mobilizing Tomorrow* are needed to update 2050 safety targets for fatalities and serious injuries, following the March adoption of the *Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP)*. The CSAP recommended elevating safety in the LRTP, which had been adopted four months earlier.

Additionally, MPO members had the opportunity to add projects to the LRTP. The MPO’s certification review recommended including 20 years of projects in the LRTP, which currently includes only 10 years of projects. However, no requests to add projects were received.

The LRTP includes a process for making “revisions” or “amendments,” which are described in Appendix I. Given the edits in question, the changes constitute a revision and can be made administratively.

Staff will provide a summary of the final revisions made to the LRTP.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2025  
Item No. 9

**ISSUE: Mobilizing Tomorrow Goal Four Performance Measures**

REPORT: Update on the long-range transportation plan performance measures for Goal Four.

**BACKGROUND:**

*Mobilizing Tomorrow 2025-2050*, which the MPO approved in November 2024, includes 37 measures which are key indicators of the performance of the regional transportation system. Performance measures are regularly evaluated using new data to determine if progress is being made toward plan goals.

Eleven of those performance measures track progress toward *Mobilizing Tomorrow* Goal Four, which reads:

One of Greater Des Moines' key competitive advantages is a high quality of life. The region is consistently recognized for its affordability, access to the outdoors, and family-friendly atmosphere. However, this way of life is being challenged by impediments to multiple systems, including the area's car-centered transportation system and decreasing levels of physical activity. For residents, regardless of age or disability, to be able to truly enjoy the high quality of life for which Greater Des Moines is known, health and well-being, in all senses of those terms, needs to be actively promoted throughout the region.

Staff will present the [Goal Four Performance Measures Report](#).

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2025  
Item No. 10

**ISSUE: Freight Plan Update**

REPORT: Report on freight planning process.

**BACKGROUND:**

MPO staff are working on an update to the 2006 Goods Movement Study through development of a regional Freight Plan. More recent planning efforts have focused on the implementation of freight projects in the metro, most notably the Des Moines Transload Facility. This plan will focus on the freight modes that move goods into and out of the Greater Des Moines area, identifying conflicts between land uses and the efficient movement of goods as well as safety concerns related to freight movement.

Through this process and final product, staff intend to connect freight transportation needs of the region, the newly adopted MPO mission, vision, and guiding principles, and the goals of the long-range transportation plan, *Mobilizing Tomorrow*, to develop realistic, localized actions and opportunities in the region.

Staff will provide an update on the process, opportunities for involvement, and what is to come in Fall 2025.

Additionally, staff request that each community respond to the [MPO's Freight Plan Survey](#) by 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2025  
Item No. 11

**ISSUE: Active Transportation Plan Update**

REPORT: Report on active transportation planning process.

**BACKGROUND:**

MPO staff are working on an update to the 2009 Connect Plan. This plan will focus on transportation outside of a vehicle such as walking or biking, with an emphasis on safety and the MPO's Vision Zero goals.

Through this process and final product, staff intend to connect active transportation needs of the region, the newly adopted MPO mission, vision, and guiding principles, and the goals of the long-range transportation plan, *Mobilizing Tomorrow*, to develop realistic, localized actions and opportunities in the region.

Staff will provide an update on the process, opportunities for involvement, and what is to come as we wrap up 2025 and enter 2026.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2025  
Item No. 12

**ISSUE: MPO Performance Survey**

REPORT: Update regarding an MPO Performance Survey.

**BACKGROUND:**

The MPO intermittently conducts a Performance Survey with its committees to assess the effectiveness of the MPO's current operations as well as to solicit guidance on prioritizing future planning activities and programs.

The MPO is conducting one of these surveys this month to help inform current and upcoming discussions about MPO programs and services. These include:

- FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program
- MPO Funding Review
- Implementation of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Staff will preview the MPO Performance Survey at the meeting and send it out in the post-meeting email.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2025  
Item No. 13

**ISSUE: Upcoming Events**

INFORMATIONAL: Report on upcoming events of regional interest.

**BACKGROUND:**

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

Webinars

- [Back to Basics – Leading Pedestrian Intervals \(LPIs\)](#) — November, 3, 2025, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- [RSCP: Countermeasures for Road Safety](#) – November 4, 2025, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- [RSCP: Integrating Public Health and Transportation to Enhance Road User Safety](#) – November 5, 2025, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- [Projecting the Economic Impact of Future Trails: DIY Forecasting Tools for Communities](#) — November 6, 2025, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- [Rising Construction Costs: Implications for Reauthorization](#) – November 6, 2025, 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- [Showcasing Iowa’s Speed Management Toolbox](#) – November 20, 2025, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- [WZPERFOMAT: A User-Friendly Tool for Monitoring Work Zone Performance](#) – December 18, 2025, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Events

- [Traffic and Safety Forum](#) – November 5, 2025 – Ames, IA
- [2025 Iowa Section of ITE Annual Meeting](#) – November 6, 2025 – Ames, IA
- [International Road Federation 2025 Annual Conference](#) – December 2-4, 2025 – Virtual

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Informational only.

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