

MEETING MINUTES

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Technical Committee 9:30 a.m., Monday, January 8, 2026

The MPO TTC held a live/virtual meeting on January 8, 2026. Before the meeting, the MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the TTC representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on January 2, 2025.

Representatives Present:

John Dostart | City of Altoona
Amy Quartell | City of Ankeny
Mark Mueller | City of Ankeny
Isaac Pezley | City of Bondurant
Al Miller | Dallas County
Tony Filippini | DART
Jennifer Dakovich | City of Des Moines
Steve Naber | City of Des Moines
Michael Ludwig | City of Des Moines
Matt Ahrens | City of Grimes
Heather Stancil | Madison County**
Luke Parris | City of Norwalk
Madeline Sturms | City of Pleasant Hill
Mike Schulte | City of Polk City
Brian McDonough | Polk County
John Larson | City of Urbandale
Tim Hill | Warren County
Eric Petersen | City of West Des Moines
Jim Dickinson | City of West Des Moines
Justin Ernst | City of Windsor Heights
Julia Castillo | HIRTA*

Representatives Absent:

Mitch Holtz | City of Carlisle
Jeff May | City of Clive
Rita Connor | City of Cumming**
Ron Cornwell | City of Elkhart**
Eric Stevens | City of Indianola**
Rose Schroder | City of Johnston
Adam McCann | City of Mitchellville
Dave Herman | City of Van Meter**
Nick Osbourne | City of Waukee
Shelby Ebel | Iowa DOT*
Bryan Belt | DSM International Airport *
Gerri Doyle | FTA*
Sean Litteral | FHWA*

Staff Present:

Dylan Mullenix | Executive Director
Gunnar Olson | Planning and Public Affairs Manager
Marcus Coenen | Senior Planner
Janet Slavick | Associate Planner
Tracey Deckard | Administrative Specialist

Others Present

Aaron Jarosh | City of Grimes
Doug Ollendike | City of Clive
Craig Boldman | Public

* Non-Voting, Advisory Representative

** Non-Voting, Associate Representative

1. Call to Order

TTC Chair, John Dostart recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made by Mueller and seconded by Larson to approve the MPO TTC November meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Senior Planner Marcus Coenen presented. Recommend approval of the amendments to the FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program from the Iowa DOT.

MOTION: A motion was made by Naber and seconded by Larson to approve the FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Proposed Change to Federal Function Classification

Senior Planner Marcus Coenen provided a report on a proposed change to Federal Function Classification. Recommend approval.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mueller and seconded by Naber to approve the proposed change to Federal Function Classification.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Regional Safety Performance Targets (PM1)

Senior Planner, Marcus Coenen provided a report on the MPO's Regional 2022-2026 safety performance targets. Questions and discussion ensued.

MOTION: A motion was made by Sturms and seconded by Mueller to approve the Regional Safety Performance Targets (PM1).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Safe Streets for All Partial Grant Award

Senior Planner Marcus Coenen reported that the MPO received a partial grant award totaling \$4.62 million. He provided an overview of which components of the grant were funded and identified the portions that were not awarded. He further discussed the match portions required for the grant funds. Report and discussion only.

8. Draft Public Participation Plan

Planning and Public Relations Manager Gunnar Olson provided a report on the drafted Public Participation Plan's upcoming public comment period. The Plan will be on the MPO Website for review and public comment until February 19. Board members and members of the public are encouraged to submit feedback. Report and discussion only.

9. Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program

Planning and Public Relations Manager Gunnar Olson discussed the process to develop the next work program and budget. Member governments are encouraged to provide input on any proposals for special studies, plans, or other activities as well as request for local planning assistance. Report and discussion only.

10. Upcoming Events

Information only.

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

- Reminder to members that they will be voting on TTC officers next month.
- BUILD Grant NOFO is out and 1.5 billion is available. MPO requests that any member government that applies, please notify the MPO.

12. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 5, 2026.

13. Adjournment

The MPO TTC's January meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.