

MEETING MINUTES

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Technical Committee 9:30 a.m., Monday, February 5, 2026

The MPO TTC held a live/virtual meeting on February 5, 2026. Before the meeting, the MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the TTC representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on January 29, 2026.

Representatives Present:

John Dostart | City of Altoona
Mark Mueller | City of Ankeny
Isaac Pezley | City of Bondurant
Mitch Holtz | City of Carlisle
David Hockett | Dallas County
Tony Filippini | DART
John Davis | City of Des Moines
Steve Naber | City of Des Moines
Michael Ludwig | City of Des Moines
Matt Greiner | City of Johnston
Luke Parris | City of Norwalk
Brian Dunkelberger | City of Pleasant Hill
Mike Schulte | City of Polk City
John Larson | City of Urbandale
Tim Hill | Warren County
Nick Osbourne | City of Waukee
Eric Petersen | City of West Des Moines
Jim Dickinson | City of West Des Moines
Justin Ernst | City of Windsor Heights
Shelby Ebel | Iowa DOT*
Julia Castillo | HIRTA*
Gerri Doyle | FTA*

Representatives Absent:

Amy Quartell | City of Ankeny
Jeff May | City of Clive
Rita Connor | City of Cumming**
Ron Cornwell | City of Elkhart**
Matt Ahrens | City of Grimes
Eric Stevens | City of Indianola**
Heather Stancil | Madison County**
Adam McCann | City of Mitchellville
Aaron Putnam | Polk County
Dave Herman | City of Van Meter**
Bryan Belt | DSM International Airport *
Sean Litteral | FHWA*

* Non-Voting, Advisory Representative

** Non-Voting, Associate Representative

Staff Present:

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

Others Present

Chief McClusky | City of Waukee
Jeff Wiggins | City of Des Moines
Gene Gettys | JEO
Madeline Schmitt | FHU
Michael Delp | City of Johnston
Mindy Moore | unknown

1. Call to Order

TTC Chair, John Dostart recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Mueller to approve the MPO TTC's February meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Presentation: Electric Scooter Model Ordinance

Waukee Police Chief Chad McCluskey provided an overview of the background, rationale and status of the work of Polk County Law Enforcement Executives Association (PLEXA) regarding a recently developed electric scooter model ordinance language. Report and discussion only.

5. Election of Calendar Year 2026 Officers

Chair, John Dostart called for nominations for committee officer following the January TTC meeting. The individuals who were nominated were Madeline Sturms, City of Pleasant Hill as Chair and John Larson, City of Urbandale as Vice Chair. The Chair called for any other nominations from the committee and no other names were brought forward.

MOTION: A motion was made by Dostart and seconded by Naber to appoint the new officers, Madeline Sturms as Chair and John Larson as Vice Chair.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Associate Planner, Addison Williamson provided a report on amendments to the FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program requested by the Polk County Conservation Board and the City of Norwalk.

MOTION: A motion was made by Naber and seconded by Dunkelberger to approve the FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program requested by the Polk County Conservation Board and the City of Norwalk.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Freight Plan Update

Associate Planner Janet Slavick provided a report on the development of a regional Freight Plan. Report and discussion only.

8. Brenton Slough Transportation Study

Senior Planner Allison Riley reported that the MPO has been approached by the City of Grimes and Polk County to coordinate a transportation study of the Brenton Slough. The primary goal is to determine how to best activate the buildout of a safe recreational trail connecting Jester Park, Brenton Slough and neighboring communities while preserving the ecological integrity of the area. 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. Legislative Update and DC List

Planning and Public Relations Manager Gunnar Olson provided information on DMDC 2026, which will be held on June 3-5, 2026. Members are encouraged to let the MPO staff know if you have a project seeking federal funding that should be on the DC list. Report and discussion only.

11. MPO Funding Process Review

Executive Director Dylan Mullenix provided an update on efforts to review the MPO's funding process. The Funding Subcommittee has met three times. A discussion was held on the efforts of the subcommittee and options to consider. Report and discussion only.

12. Upcoming Events

Information only.

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

- Senior Planner Marcus Coenen attended a debrief regarding the SS4A grant and provided information as to how to potentially improve future applications.
- Planning and Public Relations Manager Gunnar Olson advised that the Norfolk Southern Rail line section that runs from Grimes to downtown filed for abandonment. Wanted members to be aware as this opens property that might be of use or of interest to the MPO or members.
- Executive Director Dylan Mullenix thanked John Dostart for chairing the TTC meeting over the past couple of years

14. Next Meeting Date

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

15. Adjournment

The MPO TTC's February meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.