



DES MOINES AREA MPO

Policy Committee Meeting

March 12, 2026



APPROVAL OF AGENDA

March 12, 2026, Agenda



1. Call to Order
2. VOTE: Approval of Agenda
3. VOTE: Approval of Meeting Minutes
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. CONSENT and VOTE:
 - a. February Financial Statements
 - b. FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments
6. REPORT and VOTE: Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Work Program and Budget
7. REPORT: Audit Services Search
8. REPORT: MPO Office Lease
9. REPORT: FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Development
10. REPORT: Funding Review Update
11. REPORT: 28E Agreement and Bylaws Review
12. REPORT: Legislative Update and DC List
13. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
14. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee
15. Next Meeting Date – 4 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2026
16. Adjournment

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AND VOTE

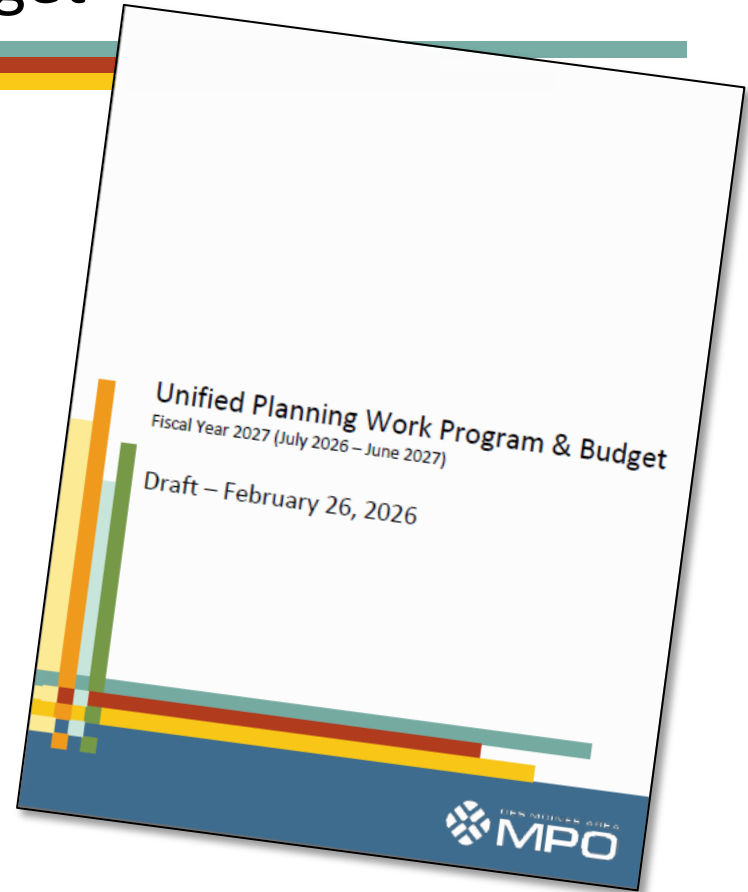
CONSENT and VOTE

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- b. FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

**FISCAL YEAR 2027
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

DRAFT FY 2027 UPWP and Budget

- Describes the scope of work and budget for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
 - Justifies the MPO's use of federal planning funds.
 - Communicates to member communities and the public the MPO's intended work.
 - Draft due April 1.
 - Final due June 1.



	Strengthen MPO Governance & Operations	Regional Planning & Federal Excellence	Enhance Partnerships & Services	Purpose-Driven Innovation
STRATEGIC VISION	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.
	Financial & Operations Evaluation	Streamline Processes	Simplify Access to Services	Wildly Important Projects
2025-2026 OUTCOMES & OBJECTIVES	Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Financial outlook (dues, funding). ➤ Consider office space/shared services. ➤ Determine MPO ROI (quantitative and qualitative). 	Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assessment of technology. ➤ Establish funding priorities. ➤ Refine the application process and scoring criteria for funding. 	Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assessment of technology. ➤ Design an application process for supplemental services. ➤ Create awareness of available MPO services. 	Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Future 435 ➤ Safety ➤ STPG & TAP – intentional funding efforts ➤ Multimodal Impact Study ➤ Data Visualization
	Organizational Development	Regional Priorities Alignment	Advocacy & Policy Monitoring	Define the Potential of the MPO
	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 	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. 	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. 	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	Maintain a Future Focus	Collaboration, Education & Resource Sharing	Become the Model for MPO Best Practices
	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 	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. 	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. 	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.

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
NEW: 28E Agreement and MPO Bylaws Review	Lead	Federally Recommended /Periodic

Regional Planning & Federal Excellence	MPO Role	Notes
Awarding of Federal Funds (STBG, TAP, CRP)	Lead	Federally Required
Transportation Improvement Program	Lead	Federally Required
Transportation Capital Improvement Program	Lead	Member Service
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
NEW: Brenton Slough Transportation Plan	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 Implementation	Lead / Support	Ongoing

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

Purpose-Driven Innovation	MPO Role	Notes
US 65/IA 5 (Future 435) Interstate Designation	Lead	Ongoing Project
NEW: Grimes Line Abandonment	Lead / Support	Developing Situation
NEW: Vision Zero Program	Lead	Strategic Implementation of CSAP
Peer Collaboration	Lead	Strategic Planning Initiative
Emerging Technology	Lead	Strategic Planning Initiative

FY 2027 Draft Budget

Anticipated Expenditures

	Amount	Percent of Total
Salaries	\$812,190	14.2%
Wages	\$21,600	0.4%
Fringe Benefits	\$438,006	7.7%
Other Direct Costs	\$4,080,575	71.3%
Eligible Indirect	\$316,438	5.5%
Ineligible Indirect	\$50,500	0.9%
TOTAL	\$5,719,309	100.0%

Anticipated Revenues

	Amount	Percent of Total
US DOT Funds	\$4,637,945	78.2%
Local Assessments (\$1/capita)	\$622,191	10.5%
Altoona/Bondurant PEL Study Match	\$140,000	2.4%
Brenton Slough Local Funds	\$100,000	1.7%
Data Bike Assistance	\$7,500	0.1%
SS4A Match from Members	\$400,000	6.7%
Interest Income	\$25,000	0.4%
TOTAL	\$5,932,636	100.0%

Surplus/Deficit

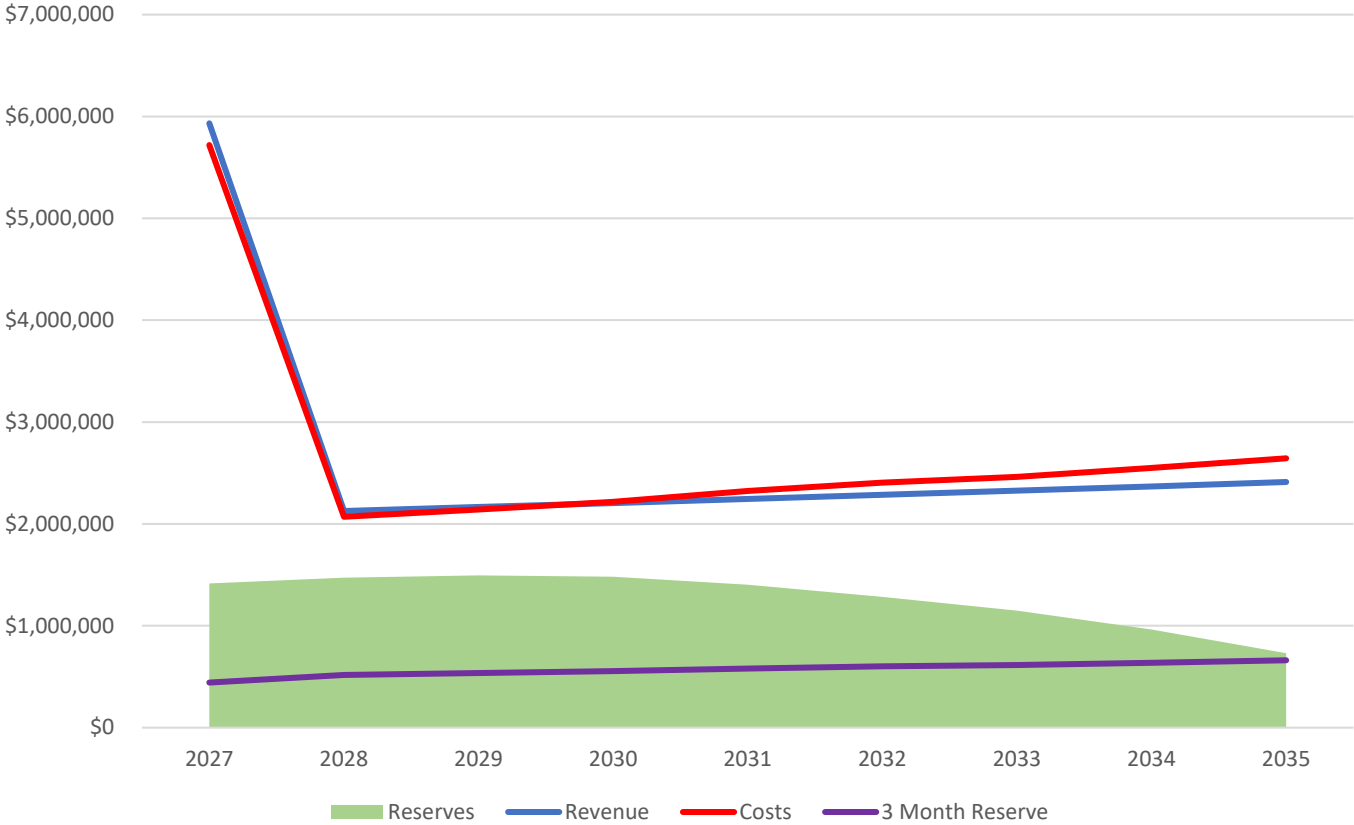
\$213,327

FY 2027 Draft Budget

Other Direct Costs

	Amount
Professional Services (legal, audit, payroll, etc.)	\$131,575
Sponsorships	\$5,000
Transportation Data/Analytics Software	\$200,000
SS4A Supplemental Planning	\$2,750,000
Brenton Slough Study	\$100,000
Altoona PEL Study	\$700,000
Future 435 Alternatives Analysis	\$120,000
Funding Swap Program Development	\$30,000
Strategic Planning	\$10,000
Travel Demand Model Consultant	\$10,000
Speaker Series	\$20,000
dTIMS Licenses for MPO	\$3,000
Data bike software/Intrans	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$4,080,575

Budget Forecast, FY 2027-2035



AUDIT SERVICES SEARCH

Audit Services Search

- MPO Policies and Procedures calls for an RFP for audit services every 5 years. Last RFP issued in 2020.
- Current auditor, Denman CPA LLP, estimated their costs will increase.
- Staff worked with Finance Subcommittee to develop an RFP, which was issued February 26. Responses are due April 3.
- Staff anticipates a recommendation for approval at the April Policy Committee meeting.

MPO OFFICE LEASE

MPO Office Lease

- MPO's office lease is through November 30, 2028.
- Provides for one-time option to terminate on November 30, 2026, if 6-months notice is given.
- Staff explored other options with assistance of R&R Realty.
 - Approximately 6 other sites toured
 - RFPs issued to current location and 2 others

MPO Office Lease

- RFP Responses:
 - Current landlord, KC Real Estate LC (Knapp Properties), put forth 3-year and 5-year extension options
 - 800 Walnut: ~ \$10/square foot more than current rate, or ~\$30,000 more annually, plus parking
 - 3rd location withdrew from consideration
- Other:
 - High-level discussion with DART about DART Central Station.

Knapp Options Compared

Option A: 3 Year Extension				Option B: 5 Year Extension			
	\$/SF	Monthly	Annual		\$/SF	Monthly	Annual
Thru Nov 2026	\$ 14.95	\$ 10,000	\$ 120,004	Thru Nov 2026	\$ 14.95	\$ 10,000	\$ 120,004
Dec 2026 - Nov 2027	\$ 15.25	\$ 10,201	\$ 112,211	Dec 2026 - Nov 2027	\$ 15.00	\$ 10,034	\$ 100,338
Dec 2027 - Nov 2028	\$ 15.25	\$ 10,201	\$ 122,412	Dec 2027 - Nov 2028	\$ 15.25	\$ 10,201	\$ 122,412
Dec 2028 - Nov 2029	\$ 15.50	\$ 10,368	\$ 124,419	Dec 2028 - Nov 2029	\$ 15.25	\$ 10,201	\$ 122,412
Dec 2029 - Nov 2030	\$ 15.50	\$ 10,368	\$ 124,419	Dec 2029 - Nov 2030	\$ 15.50	\$ 10,368	\$ 124,419
Dec 2030 - Nov 2031	\$ 15.75	\$ 10,535	\$ 126,425	Dec 2030 - Nov 2031	\$ 15.75	\$ 10,535	\$ 126,425
December 2031	\$ 15.75	\$ 10,535	\$ 10,535	Dec 2031 - Nov 2032	\$ 15.75	\$ 10,535	\$ 126,425
				Dec 2032 - Nov 2033	\$ 16.00	\$ 10,703	\$ 128,432
				Dec 2033-Jan 2034	\$ 16.00	\$ 10,703	\$ 21,405

8027 square feet

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Current Lease			
	\$/SF	Monthly	Annual
Thru Nov 2026	\$ 14.95	\$ 10,000	\$ 120,004
Dec 2026 - Nov 2027	\$ 15.25	\$ 10,201	\$ 122,412
Dec 2027 - Nov 2028	\$ 15.25	\$ 10,201	\$ 122,412

8027 square feet

Notes:

- Option A: 1 month free and ~\$40,000 in tenant improvements
- Option B: 2 months free and ~ \$64,000 in tenant improvements
- Both options include building improvements and same parking as current

FFY 2027-2030 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Development

- MPO develops a four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) annually.
- MPO member governments and associated agencies receive current TIP projects for review and update.
- Federally funded FFY 2026 programmed projects must have FHWA authorization to proceed by **September 30, 2026**.
- If not, a rollover to FFY 2027 is required.
- Staff will be sending out the TIP status reports in late March/early April.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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

FUNDING REVIEW UPDATE

PHASE	DATE	TIME	POTENTIAL TOPICS
Discovery	October 16	2:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Scoring Tool • Emphasis on Safety • How to Spread the Peanut Butter
Discovery	November 20	2:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local funding swap • Other best practices • Economic Impact Study (TBD, covered during buildout)
Discovery	December		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible Swap Presentation with NCTCOG • Develop Funding Swap Case Study
Discovery	January 22	2:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief on Funding Swap Case Study • Workshop draft scenarios • Advance preferred scenarios for refinement
Scenarios	February 19	2:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present refined scenarios for comments and feedback
Review draft scenarios with Policy (February 19) and TTC (March 5).			
Scenarios	March 12	2:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report back on committee feedback and comments. • Review and discuss any needed revisions.
Build out	April 16	2:45 p.m.	Staff presents draft schedule and application.
Staff presents draft schedule and application to Policy (April 16) and TTC (May 7)			
Build out	May 21	2:45 p.m.	

Based on committee feedback ...

SCENARIO 4: “SAFETY PLEDGE”

What We Heard

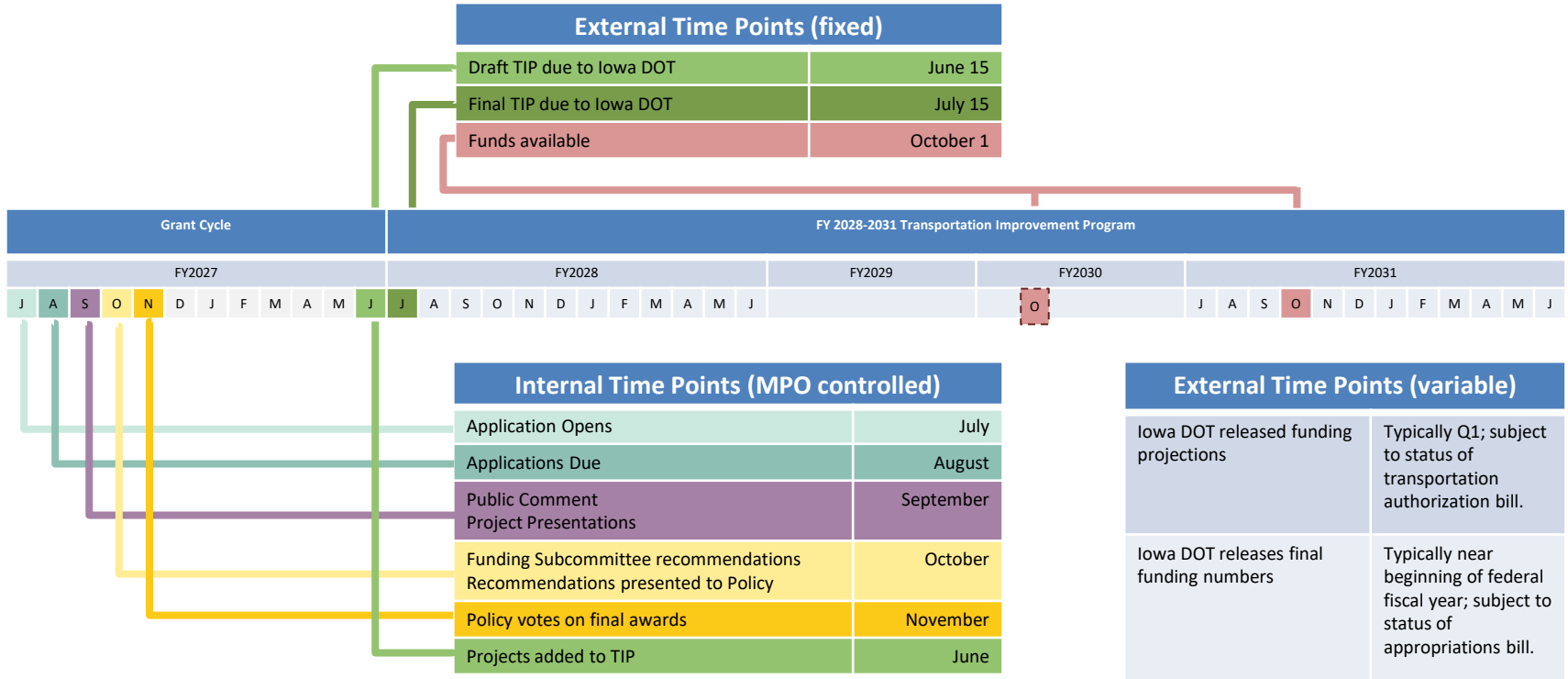
Safety Score	More Weight	Low Minimum	Medium Minimum	High Minimum
Vision Zero Program	Catalyst	Foundation	Leader	Champion
Funding Targets	Limited	Dedicated	Committed	Pillar
Local Swap	Status Quo	More Study	Pilot Program	Strategic Leap

Scenario 4: Safety Pledge

- SCHEDULE: Advanced six months to start in July.
- LOW MINIMUM: Increase weight of safety scores and set low minimum score.
- LEADER: Funds 80% of audits and countermeasures – with focus on High and Critical Corridors.
 - Hire regional Vision Zero coordinator.
- COMMITTED: Set safety funding target at 15%.
- PILOT: Hire firm to help set up a pilot program, using funding swap to fund some or all of Vision Zero Program with local dollars.

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING CYCLE

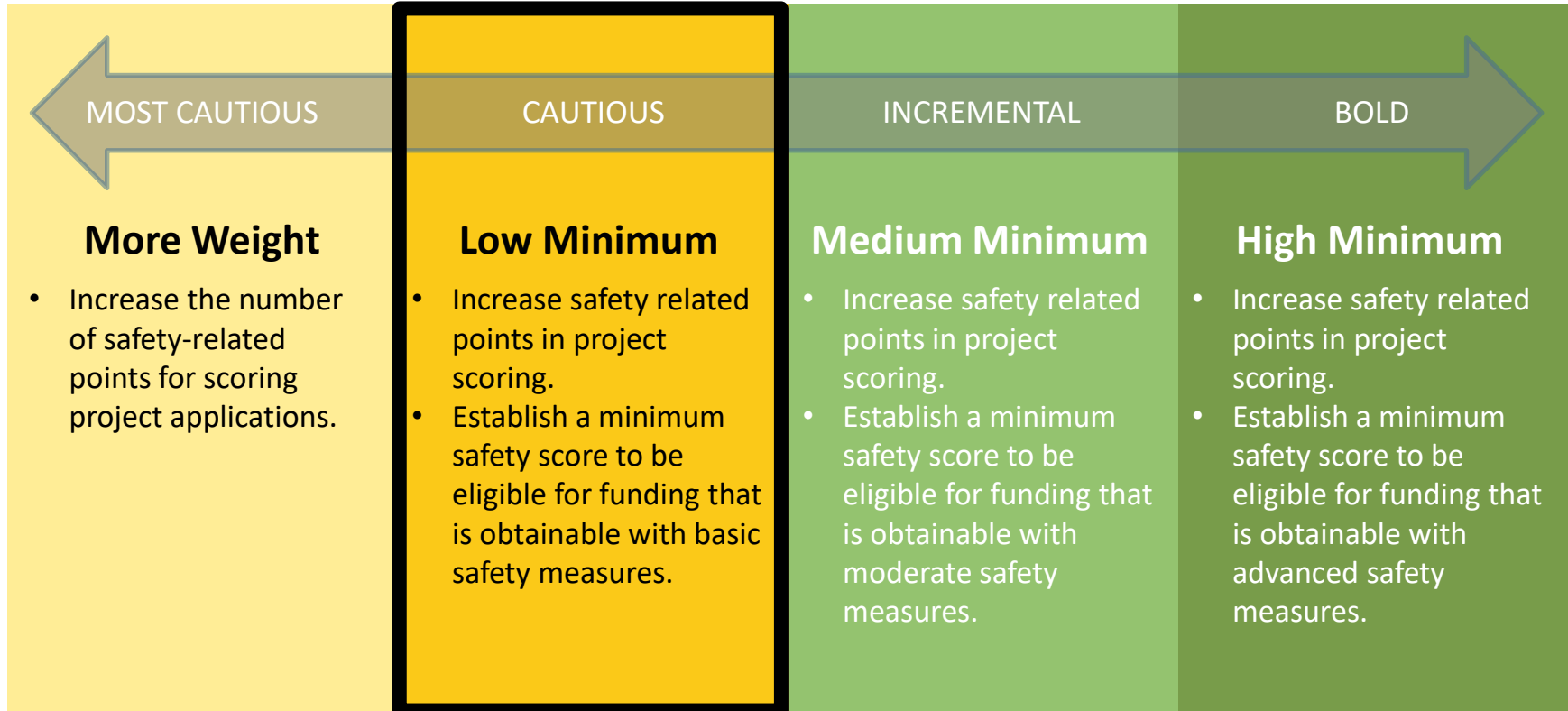
Schedule of Funding Cycle



Variable 1

WEIGHT OF SAFETY SCORING

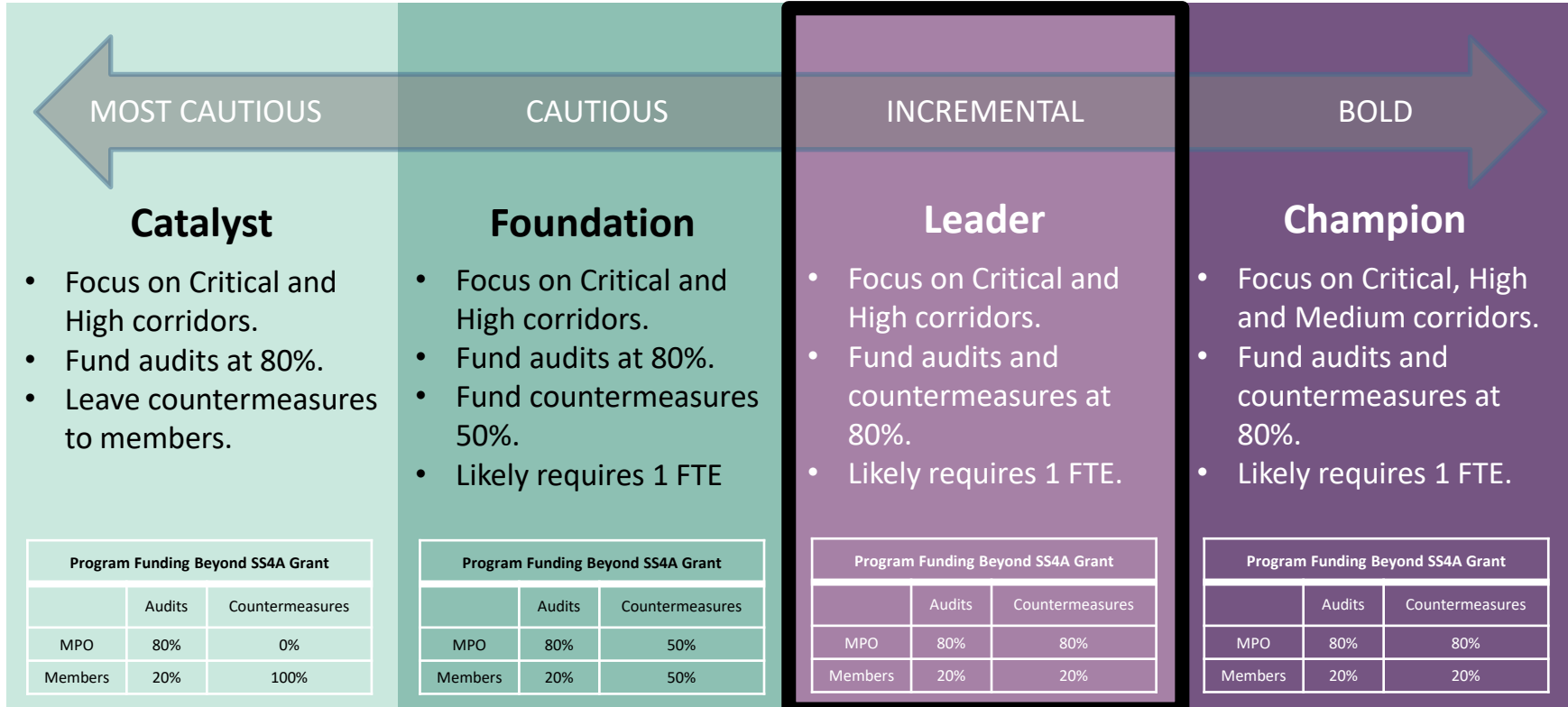
Variable 1: Weight of Safety Scoring



Variable 2

EXTENT OF VISION ZERO PROGRAM

Variable 2: Vision Zero Program (beyond SS4A funding)



Annual cost allocation of program scenarios

		Catalyst			Foundation			Leader			Champion		
		Audits	Counter-measures	Totals	Audits	Counter-measures	Totals	Audits	Counter-measures	Totals	Audits	Counter-measures	Totals
		MPO 80% Members 20%	MPO 0% Members 100%		MPO 80% Members 20%	MPO 50% Members 50%		MPO 80% Members 20%	MPO 80% Members 20%		MPO 80% Members 20%	MPO 80% Members 20%	
MPO	Member	\$756,000	\$0	\$756,000	\$756,000	\$945,000	\$1,701,000	\$756,000	\$1,512,000	\$2,268,000	\$1,360,000	\$2,720,000	\$4,080,000
		\$189,000	\$1,890,000	\$2,079,000	\$189,000	\$945,000	\$1,134,000	\$189,000	\$378,000	\$567,000	\$340,000	\$680,000	\$1,020,000

Variable 3

LEVEL OF INVESTMENT IN VISION ZERO PROGRAM (FUNDING TARGETS)

Variable 3: Level of Investment



Funding Targets by Scenario

	Limited		Dedicated		Committed		Pillar	
	No Carveout (Current)		Small Carveout		Medium Carveout		Large Carveout	
	Target %	Annual \$	Target %	Annual \$	Target %	Annual \$	Target %	Annual \$
System Capacity	30%	\$5,608,500	25% ↓	\$4,673,750	20% ↓	\$3,739,000	20% ↓	\$3,739,000
Bridge	20%	\$3,739,000	20%	\$3,739,000	20%	\$3,739,000	15% ↓	\$2,804,250
Reconstruction	25%	\$4,673,750	20% ↓	\$3,739,000	20% ↓	\$3,739,000	20% ↓	\$3,739,000
System Optimization	15%	\$2,804,250	15%	\$2,804,250	15%	\$2,804,250	10% ↓	\$1,869,500
Transit	10%	\$1,869,500	10%	\$1,869,500	10%	\$1,869,500	10%	\$1,869,500
Safety	NA	\$0	10% ↑	\$1,869,500	15% ↑	\$2,804,250	25% ↑	\$4,673,750

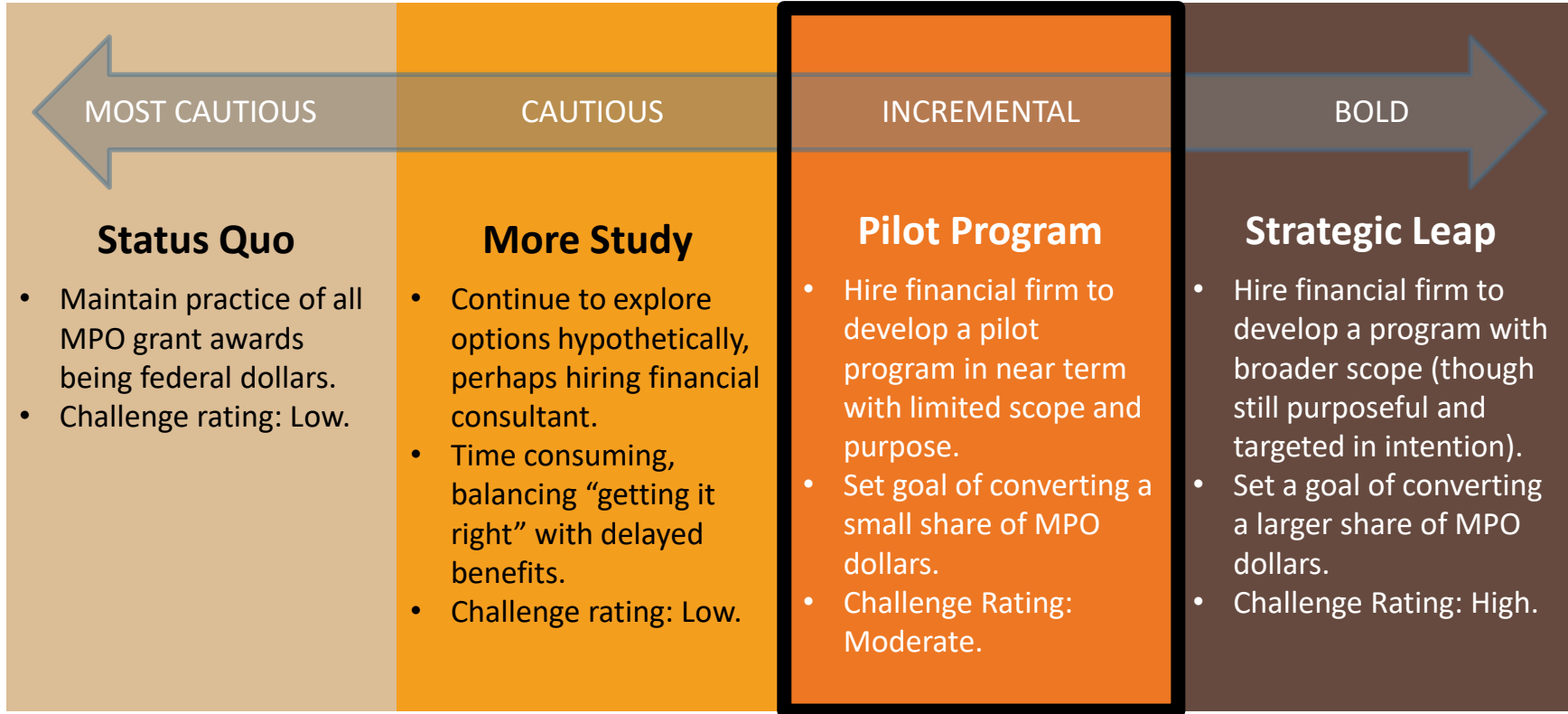
Target Scenarios Applied to Vision Zero Program



Variable 4

LEVEL OF INTEREST IN LOCAL SWAP PROGRAM

Variable 4: Local Swap



DISCUSSION: Do we have consensus?

- Does **Scenario 4: Safety Pledge** reflect the guidance of this subcommittee?
- Do we have consensus that this is the general direction we'd like to head as we move out of the Scenarios Phase and into the Build Out Phase?
- It is understood that we have work to do to further refine and define details in the Build Out Phase.

28E AGREEMENT AND BYLAWS REVIEW

28E Agreement and Bylaws Review

- Last updated in 2018
- Changes since then:
 - Population shifts (2020 census)
 - Expanded MPO planning area
 - Organizational evolution
- Review Prompted by:
 - Recommendation from US DOT 2025 review to update to reflect current population information and clarify committee roles
 - 2024 Governance Insights to align written provisions with current practice and continue to refine operations

28E Agreement and Bylaws Review

- Focus areas identified:
 - Population sources/timing for representation, assessments, and voting
 - Clarify and simplify certain procedures
 - Remove outdated provisions
- Goal: Ensure governance remains effective and inclusive
- Next steps:
 - Confirm alignment on need to review/update
 - Gather input from Exec and Policy Committees
 - Undertake review and present recommendations

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND DC LIST

State

SUDAS Bill

- [House File 2667](#): Would restructure SUDAS board. PASSED
- [Senate File 2394](#): Would restructure SUDAS board. PLACED ON CALENDAR

Planning Bill

- [House File 2618](#): Would eliminate smart planning principles. PASSED
- Senate subcommittee held today today.

Bike Safety Bill

- [House Study Bill 637](#): Relating to nonvehicular personal transportation. REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Property Tax Bills

- [SSB 3034/HSB 563](#): Governor's Property Tax Bill. REFERRED TO WAYS AND MEANS
- [HSB 596](#): House Property Tax Bill. REFERRED TO WAYS AND MEANS

Federal: Annual DC List

- DMDC 2026, the annual trip to Washington DC organized by the Greater Des Moines Partnership, is June 3-5.
- 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.
- Draft list is available as a handout.
- Please submit materials by Friday, March 27.
- Materials can be submitted to golson@dmampo.org.

#	Sponsor	Project	Total Cost	Program	Request
1	Altoona	Adventureland Drive Reconstruction	\$12,700,000	Community Project Funding	\$5,600,000
2	Altoona	1st Ave. S	\$11,100,000	BUILD	\$11,100,000
3	Altoona, Bondurant	New East Polk County Interchange		Community Project Funding	
4	Bondurant	Land Acquisition and Phase I Construction for Grant Street South Realignment / Central District Stormwater Improvements	\$28,000,000	BUILD	\$25,000,000
6	DART	New Operations and Maintenance Facility	\$111,000,000	FTA Bus and Bus Facilities	\$45,000,000
7	Des Moines	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant	\$16,300,000	Safe Streets for All	\$13,000,000 (awarded; needs signed grant agreement)
8	Des Moines Polk County	NE 23rdStreet/Easton Blvd. Reconstruction	\$11,000,000	Community Project Funding	\$2,500,000
9	Des Moines Airport	New Terminal	\$500,000,000	Various	
10	Johnston Iowa DOT	Highway 141 / Towner Drive Interchange	\$31,855,000	BUILD	\$15,492,000
11	Polk City Polk County Conservation	Trail Connection -- Neal Smith to High Trestle	\$5,192,500	Community Project Funding	\$831,000
12	Urbandale	86th Street Pedestrian Bridge over I-35/80	\$4,500,000	Community Project Funding	\$3,500,00
13	Waukee	University Avenue Area Transportation Improvements	\$48,000,000	BUILD	\$25,000,000
14	West Des Moines	Ashworth Road Reconstruction and Reconfiguration	\$10,000,000	Various	
15	Windsor Heights	73rd Street Reconstruction	\$21,070,000	BUILD	\$14,214,000
16	Various / MPO	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant	\$32,500,000	Safe Streets For All	\$25,000,000
17	Various	Future 435	\$3,000,000	NA	NA

Federal: Tracking Reauthorization



- Transportation Reauthorization Bill development is underway (current bill expires September 30, 2026).
 - House and Senate Committees drafting reauthorization language.
 - BASICS (Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success) Act introduced in House.



Association of
Metropolitan
Planning
Organizations

AMPO Member Briefing: BASICS Act

March 4, 2026

The LOT Coalition

Local Officials in Transportation (LOT) Coalition amplifies the voices of thousands of organizations and individuals across the nation with a vested interest in the long-term success of our transportation system. Together, our members own, maintain, plan for, and support about half of the federal-aid highway system and the bridges nationwide.



How the BASICS Act fits into Reauthorization

Congress is currently working on the next surface transportation reauthorization (IIJA was the last surface bill – Expires Sept. 30)



We expect Congress to release legislative text this Spring



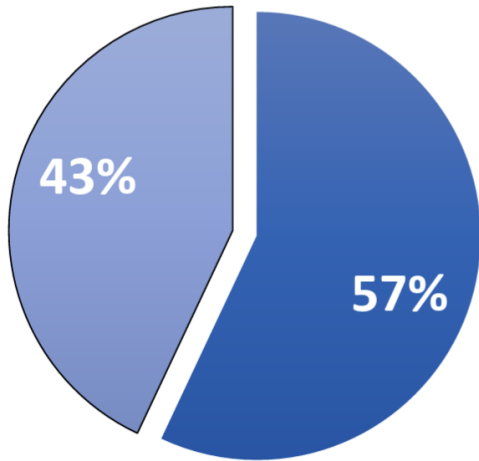
The BASICS Act is AMPO's and the LOT Coalition's marker bill for the next surface transportation reauthorization

Signals the priorities of local and regional governments

Part or all of the bill could be included in the surface bill – not guaranteed!

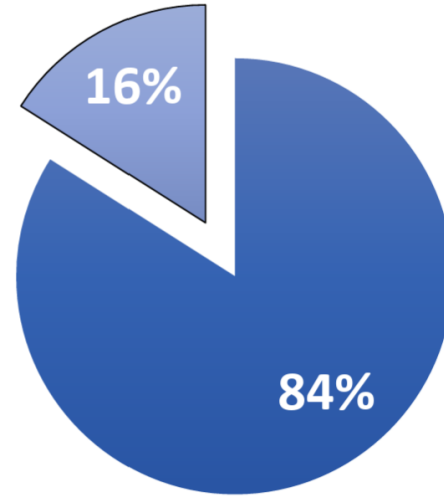
The BASICS Act has been introduced but still needs yours and Congress' support!

Local Governments own **43%** of the Federal-Aid Highway System and **75%** of all U.S. Road Miles



■ States ■ Locals

Yet Communities Only See **16%** of the Federal-Aid Highway Funding

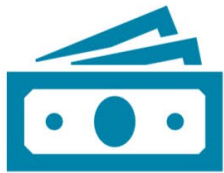


■ States ■ Locals

Responsibility ≠ Resources

*The distribution is out of **balance***

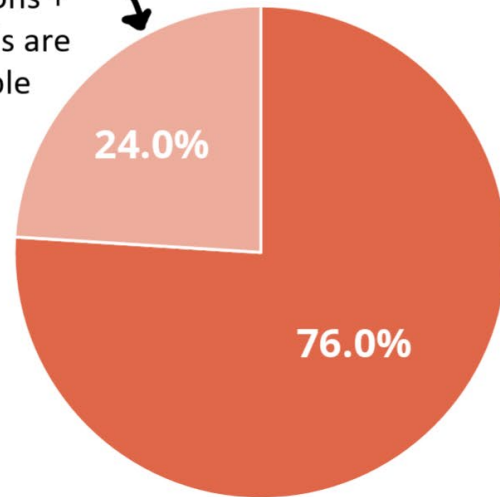
IIJA Funding



\$567 billion
investment in
surface
transportation

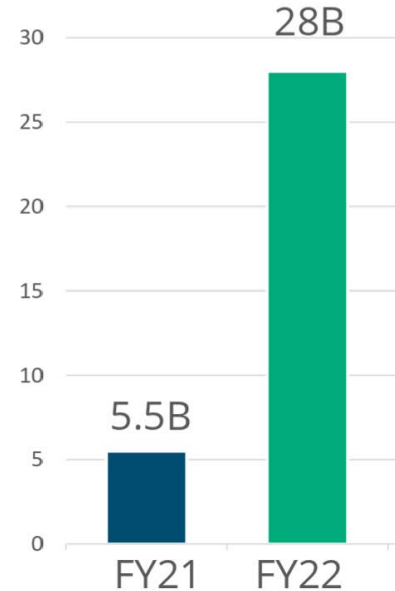
Total Funding Split FY22 – FY26

Regions +
Locals are
eligible



■ Formula ■ Discretionary

Discretionary Funding FAST ACT → IIJA/BIL



Regions & Locals Need to Maintain their Share



If Congress shifts funding from discretionary programs to formula programs without requiring suballocation to regions,

Local governments could lose access to funding that previously flowed to them under the IIJA, roughly 25 percent of total federal transportation funding.

BASICS (Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success) Act (H.R. 7437)

- **Modernizes Planning Funds (PL)**
 - Increases PL Funds (2.5% of the overall program)
 - 100% Federal Share
 - MPO Option to be Direct Recipients of PL funds (opt-in)
 - Expands Eligibilities
- **Increases Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Overall Funds**
- **Increases Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Overall Funds**
 - 25% Suballocation
- **Continues Bridge Formula Program**
 - 25% suballocation
- **Reaffirms MPO Project Selection**
- **Strengthens Consultation with areas below 50,000 in Population**
- **Federal Financial Management System (FMIS) Access**
- **Suballocated Funds Protected from Transfer**
- **Funding for Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs)**



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Strategic Framework Implementation

Strengthen MPO
Governance &
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Regional Planning
& Federal
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Purpose-Driven
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RECENT

- Welcome new officers.

UPCOMING

- Council/board presentations
- Office space lease
- Auditor selection
- 28E/Bylaw updates
- FY 2027 Budget/work program approval

Strategic Framework Implementation

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RECENT

- Funding review is on schedule.
- Revamped Roundtables are getting underway.
- PLEXA e-moto draft ordinance headed to Active Transportation Roundtable.

UPCOMING

- Public Participation Plan
- Active Transportation Plan
- Freight Study

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RECENT

- Response to proposed Grimes Line Abandonment is being coordinated among corridor communities and key partners.
- Assisted communities with grant applications.

UPCOMING

- Housing/Transportation coordination events:
 - April 1 technical workshop with local planners
 - April 30 housing symposium
 - May 29 bus tour

Housing Matters

Symposium

Yes in my neighborhood

Local housing solutions that lift up communities

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- Future 435 Alternative Corridor Study
 - Kickoff meeting with steering committee Feb. 20.

UPDATE

- Water Trails
 - BUILD grant funding fully expended
 - Harriet Street change orders in April
 - Future phases moving forward

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

March 12, 2026, Agenda



1. Call to Order
2. VOTE: Approval of Agenda
3. VOTE: Approval of Meeting Minutes
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. CONSENT and VOTE:
 - a. February Financial Statements
 - b. FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments
6. REPORT and VOTE: Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Work Program and Budget
7. REPORT: Audit Services Search
8. REPORT: MPO Office Lease
9. REPORT: FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Development
10. REPORT: Funding Review Update
11. REPORT: 28E Agreement and Bylaws Review
12. REPORT: Legislative Update and DC List
13. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
14. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee
15. Next Meeting Date – 4 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2026
16. Adjournment