

NOTICE OF MEETING

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

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9:30 a.m. April 2, 2026

Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. VOTE:** Approval of Agenda
- 3. VOTE:** Approval of March Meeting Minutes Page 2
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- 10. OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE**
- 11. NEXT MEETING DATE:** 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2026

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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April 2026
Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the March 5, 2026, meeting minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of March 5, 2026, Transportation Technical Committee meeting are included on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the March 5, 2026, Transportation Technical Committee meeting.

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

The MPO TTC held a live/virtual meeting on March 5, 2026. Before the meeting, the MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the TTC representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on February 27, 2026.

Representatives Present:

John Dostart | City of Altoona
Amy Quartell | City of Ankeny
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
Ron Cornwell | City of Elkhart**
Matt Ahrens | City of Grimes
Matt Greiner | City of Johnston
Heather Stancil | Madison County**
Luke Parris | City of Norwalk
Madeline Sturms | City of Pleasant Hill
John Larson | City of Urbandale
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*
Brooke Ramsey | HIRTA*

Representatives Absent:

Jeff May | City of Clive
Rita Connor | City of Cumming**
Bryce Johnson | City of Indianola**
Adam McCann | City of Mitchellville
Mike Schulte | City of Polk City
Aaron Putnam | Polk County
Dave Herman | City of Van Meter**
Tim Hill | Warren County
Bryan Belt | DSM International Airport *
Gerri Doyle | FTA*
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
Tracey Deckard | Administrative Specialist

Others Present

Jim Hagelie | City of Clive

1. **Call to Order**
TTC Chair, Madeline Sturms recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
MOTION: A motion was made by Ludwig and seconded by Larson to approve the MPO TTC's March meeting agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
MOTION: A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Naber to approve the MPO TTC February meeting minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. **Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget**
Executive Director Dylan Mullenix discussed the proposed draft Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget and recommended approval.
MOTION: A motion was made by Dostart and seconded by Larson to approve the draft Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. **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 Iowa Department of Transportation. (IDOT) Recommend approval.
MOTION: A motion was made by Aherns and seconded by Dostart to approve the FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program requested by the IDOT.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
6. **FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Development**
Associate Planner Addison Williamson provided a report on the process to develop the Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. Report and discussion only.
7. **Active Transportation Plan Update**
Associate Planner Addison Williamson provided a report on the MPO's Active Transportation Plan. Report and discussion only.
8. **Legislative Update and DC List**
Executive Director Dylan Mullenix provided an update on pending State and Federal legislative activity. Lengthy discussion ensued. Report and discussion only.
9. **MPO Funding Process Review**
Executive Director Dylan Mullenix provided an update on continued efforts to review the MPO's funding process. Various funding scenarios were provided and discussed. Report and discussion only.
10. **Upcoming Events**
Information only.
11. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
 - Steve Naber from the City of Des Moines announced that Mike Ludwig from the City of Des Moines was retiring and this would be his last MPO meeting. He further thanked him for all of his hard work and dedication to the City of Des Moines and wished him well.
 - Chair Madeline Sturms advised that she would not be present at the next meeting and Vice-Chair John Larson would chair the April meeting.

12. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 2, 2026.

13. Adjournment

The MPO TTC's March meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

April 2026
Item No. 4

ISSUE: Public Participation Plan Update

REPORT and VOTE: Report and vote on the final Public Participation Plan.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Participation Plan defines the process by which the MPO provides continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning for the region. The Public Participation Plan is one of the MPO's four federally required plans, was last updated in 2021, and is due for an update this year.

Staff completed a draft in January 2026. The update incorporates the newly adopted MPO Mission, Vision, Guiding Principles, and Strategic Framework. Staff also ensured that the updated version remained compliant with any federal regulatory changes.

The public comment period opened in January 2026 and closed on February 19. Final edits have been made, and the plan is now before the MPO committees for review and approval.

[The final Public Participation Plan can be found on the MPO website.](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the Public Participation Plan.

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April 2026
Item No. 5

ISSUE: FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Development

REPORT: Report on the process to develop the *Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program*.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires that the MPO annually develop a four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that details the use of federal funds for transportation projects in the Metropolitan Planning Area.

The MPO staff will begin working on the *Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program* (FFY 2027-2030 TIP) by providing each MPO member government a report on their current TIP projects for review and update. Staff requests that members complete them by April 30.

Additionally, staff requests that members determine if projects currently programmed for FFY 2026 will receive authorization to proceed with development before October 1, 2026. If a project does not receive FHWA authorization before October 1, 2026, then the project will need to “roll-over” to a future year in the TIP.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 6

ISSUE: Mobilizing Tomorrow Goal Three Performance Measures

REPORT: Update on the long-range transportation plan performance measures for Goal 3.

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.

One performance measure tracks progress toward *Mobilizing Tomorrow* Goal 3, which reads:

Creating and maintaining natural resource corridors, natural stormwater management systems, urban forest canopies, and parks embody the concept of natural stewardship. Good land stewardship ensures long-term environmental and economic health, and its effects improve the mental and physical well-being of people. A green infrastructure network gives people access to nature, recreation, quiet, and views. Trees and other green infrastructure mitigate the negative environmental and economic impacts of natural disasters, extreme weather events, and poorly designed developments. Ultimately, green systems make communities more resilient and help to attract people and employers. The transportation system can play a significant role in how Greater Des Moines residents experience the natural environment.

Staff will present the Goal 3 Performance Measures Report at the April meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 7

ISSUE: Legislative Update and DC List

REPORT: Discussion on recent legislative activity and development of DC List.

BACKGROUND:

Staff will share updates on various legislative issues and invite updates and discussion among representatives.

Related, the MPO works has been working with its member governments to develop a list of priority transportation projects to be discussed with Iowa's Congressional delegation during [DMDC 2026](#), the annual lobbying trip to Washington DC that is organized by the Greater Des Moines Partnership. This year's trip is June 3-5. The MPO's DC list includes projects that are actively seeking funding, along with any important policy initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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April 2026
Item No. 8

ISSUE: Final Funding Scenario Recommendation

REPORT: Update on a final funding scenario recommendation.

BACKGROUND:

In August, the MPO committees agreed to postpone the awarding of FFY 2030 funds by one year, with the cycle starting in concurrence with the application for FFY 2031 funds. The pause made time to review the funding process.

The MPO Chair appointed a Funding Review Subcommittee, which worked with staff to develop three scenarios for consideration by the MPO committees. Based on feedback, a final funding scenario has been developed that includes:

- **SCHEDULE:** Advanced six months to start in July.
- **LOW MINIMUM:** Increase weight of safety scores and set low minimum score.
- **LEADER:** MPO funds 80% of new Vision Zero Program, including roadway safety audits and countermeasures on corridors with elevated safety concerns, as well as increasing staff capacity.
- **COMMITTED:** Update the targets in the Long-Range Transportation Plan to introduce a new 15% target dedicated to Safety.
- **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.

At the April meeting, staff will review the scenario and ask for consensus on moving into the buildout phase of the funding review process. In May, staff anticipate coming back to the committees with final deliverables and a request to approve a series of administrative actions to implement the recommended funding scenario. These include:

- Revision of *Mobilizing Tomorrow* to reflect new funding targets.
- Direction to develop a pilot program for federal funding swap.
- Direction to develop updated Funding Guidelines.
- Establishment of a Vision Zero Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion.

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Item No. 9

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

- [CTS: Industry and International Perspectives on AI Integration](#) – 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., April 1
- [How to Create a Simple, Streamlined Safe Routes Project Action Plan: Part 2](#) – 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., April 7
- [ITE: All-Way Stops – Improving Rural Safety](#) – 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., April 9
- [APA Iowa: Des Moines Bike Bus Program with Jeff Wiggins](#) – 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., April 16
- [Talking TIM](#) – 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., April 22
- [Trailblazers Wanted: Intensive Training for Tomorrow’s Trail Technicians](#) – 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., April 23
- [CTS: EV Infrastructure and Fuel Policy – Understanding the Transportation and Economic Impacts](#) – 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., April 23
- [TRB: Legal Issues Relating to DOT’s Collection and Use of Data](#) – 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., April 30
- [Iowa LTAP: Using the Potential for Crash Reduction \(PCR\) Tool for Local Safety Project Funding](#) – 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., May 14
- [FHWA: Innovative Funding Processes for Rural Road Safety](#) – 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., May 21

Events

- [Iowa LTAP: Accessible Sidewalks and Curb Ramps: Design to Installation](#) – April 7 – Ames
- [Iowa Rural Summit](#) – April 9-10 – Dubuque
- [IAP2 USA Midwest Chapter Conference](#) – April 15-16 – Dubuque
- [National Planning Conference](#) – April 25-28 – Detroit, MI
- ['Yes in My Neighborhood' Housing Matters Symposium](#) – April 30 – Des Moines
- [NACTO: Designing Cities Conference](#) – May 12-15 – Minneapolis, MN
- [PCHTF DART Route 4 Bus Tour](#) – May 29 – Des Moines
- [Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Conference](#) – August 10-12 – Pittsburgh, PA

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Informational only.

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