

NOTICE OF MEETING

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

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9:30 a.m. May 7, 2026

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
- 3. VOTE:** Approval of April Meeting Minutes Page 2
- 4. PRESENTATION:** Polk County Health Department Traffic Safety Campaign Page 5
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- 11. OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE**
- 12. NEXT MEETING DATE:** 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 4, 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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May 2026
Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the April 2, 2026, meeting minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of April 2, 2026, Transportation Technical Committee meeting are included on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the April 2, 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, April 2, 2026

The MPO TTC held a live/virtual meeting on April 2, 2026. Before the meeting, the MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the TTC representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on March 27, 2026.

Representatives Present:

John Dostart | City of Altoona
Amy Quartell | City of Ankeny
Mark Mueller | City of Ankeny
Jeff May | City of Clive
David Hockett | 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
Matt Greiner | City of Johnston
Luke Parris | City of Norwalk
Brian Dunkelberger | City of Pleasant Hill
John Larson | City of Urbandale
Justin Ernst | City of Windsor Heights
Shelby Ebel | Iowa DOT*
Julia Castillo | HIRTA*

* 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
Addison Williamson | Associate Planner

Others Present

None

Representatives Absent:

Isaac Pezley | City of Bondurant
Mitch Holtz | City of Carlisle
Rita Connor | City of Cumming**
Ron Cornwell | City of Elkhart**
Bryce Johnson | City of Indianola**
Heather Stancil | Madison County**
Jacobe Parks | City of Mitchellville
Mike Schulte | City of Polk City
Aaron Putnam | Polk County
Dave Herman | City of Van Meter**
Tim Hill | Warren County
Nick Osbourne | City of Waukee
Eric Petersen | City of West Des Moines
Jim Dickinson | City of West Des Moines
Bryan Belt | DSM International Airport *
Gerri Doyle | FTA*
Sean Litteral | FHWA*

1. **Call to Order**
TTC Vice Chair, John Larson recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
MOTION: A motion was made by Dostart and seconded by Naber to approve the MPO TTC's April meeting agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
MOTION: A motion was made by Ahrens and seconded by Naber to approve the MPO TTC March meeting minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. **Public Participation Plan**
Senior Planner Allison Riley presented the final Public Participation Plan and recommended approval.
MOTION: A motion was made by Naber and seconded by Greiner to approve the final Public Participation Plan.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. **FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Development**
Associate Planner Addison Williamson discussed the status of the development of the FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development. Report and discussion only.
6. **Mobilizing Tomorrow Goal 3 Performance Measures Report**
Senior Planner Marcus Coenen provided an update on the long-range transportation plan performance measures for Goal 3. Report and discussion only.
7. **Legislative Update and DC List**
Planning and Public Affairs Manager, Gunnar Olson provided an update on pending State and Federal legislative activity. Report and discussion only.
8. **Final Funding Scenario Recommendation**
Executive Director Dylan Mullenix and Planning and Public Affairs Manager, Gunnar Olson provided a final funding scenario recommendation. Report and discussion only.
9. **Upcoming Events**
Information only.
10. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
Senior Planner Marcus Coenen advised the board of the upcoming funding training called "Dollars & Donuts" which is scheduled for June 4, 2026, to assist members in learning the new funding system. Marcus Coenen also discussed the Polk County Traffic Safety Campaign and advised that the SS4A FY 26 NOFO is out.
Senior Planner Allison Riley asked for communities to confirm their Active Transportation Projects in the TCIP.
11. **Next Meeting Date**
The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 7, 2026.
12. **Adjournment**
The MPO TTC's April meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

May 2026
Item No. 4

ISSUE: Polk County Health Department Traffic Safety Campaign

PRESENTATION: Presentation from Polk County Health Department on a traffic safety campaign.

BACKGROUND:

The work to achieve Vision Zero is a multi-faceted process that includes many tactics and partners. Recently, the Polk County Health Department started working in this space, as well, with a traffic safety campaign called *We All Arrive*.

The department's proposed mission: To reduce fatal and serious crashes in Polk County by promoting safer behaviors, supporting proven engineering solutions, and coordinating a unified message across all road safety partners.

Department staff will provide an update on this effort and discuss ways that MPO members and partners can support and participate in this campaign.

Related, the department is hosting a webinar on the campaign at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, via Teams. [Click here to register.](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Presentation only.

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May 2026
Item No. 5

ISSUE: Safe Streets and Roads for All Application Development

REPORT and VOTE: Update on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Application Development; consider approval.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO adopted the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan on March 27, 2025. Included in the contract with Toole Design Group for the development of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan was an implementation grant application for the FY2025 SS4A funding round. The MPO was awarded \$4,620,000 in supplemental planning funds.

On March 27, 2026, the U.S. DOT released the FY2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the SS4A program. The NOFO lists several changes from previous funding cycles as well as updated items requiring self-certification from a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The FY2026 SS4A Implementation Grant NOFO is available here: [FY2026 SS4A NOFO](#). Grant applications for the FY2026 SS4A NOFO are due by May 26, 2026, by 5 p.m. EDT.

MPO staff will provide an update on the development of the application materials including the list of infrastructure projects. Staff will also provide an update on the timing of letters of support and matching fund commitments. The list of proposed projects is shown in the table below.

Project #	Implementation Project
1	Ankeny – Oralabor Rd & Ankeny Blvd (U.S. 69)
2	Clive and Urbandale – 86th Street
3	Des Moines – SW 9th Street
4	Grimes – IA 44 – Phase I
5	Johnston – Pedestrian Crossings
6	Norwalk – Sunset Dr from Gordon Ave to North Ave
7	Waukee – Waukee Regional Trail Connection and Safety Improvements
8	West Des Moines – Ashworth Road
9	Windsor Heights – 73rd Street

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend approval of the project list for inclusion in the SS4A grant application.

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May 2026
 Item No. 6

ISSUE: Final Recommended Funding Scenario

REPORT and VOTE: Update on the final recommended funding scenario developed through the funding review; consider approval.

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 a range of scenarios for consideration by MPO committees. Three scenarios were developed and shared with the MPO committees for review and feedback.

A final scenario was developed based on committee feedback and is now presented to the committees for consideration. The final scenario includes the following:

- **SCHEDULE:** Advanced five months to start in July.
- **LOW MINIMUM:** Increase weight of safety scores and set low minimum score.
- **LEADER:** Funds 80% of Vision Zero Program, including roadway safety audits and countermeasures on corridors with elevated safety concerns and hiring additional staff to increase 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.

Today’s vote on final approval serves to direct staff to complete the buildout of the funding scenario through a series of administrative actions. These actions include:

- Administrative 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:

Recommend approval.

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May 2026
Item No. 7

ISSUE: Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget

REPORT and VOTE: Discussion on the Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget; consider approval.

BACKGROUND:

MPO staff has completed the Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (FY 2027 UPWP) and budget, which documents all planning activities the MPO will perform from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. A draft version was presented to the MPO committees in March, submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation for review, and is back before the committees for final approval.

[Click here to access the Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget.](#)

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) requires the UPWP to describe the MPO's proposed planning activities – including task objectives, previous work, project descriptions, and work products – as well as the budget and funding sources to carry out the planning activities. The final UPWP is due to the Iowa DOT by June 1, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget.

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May 2026
Item No. 8

ISSUE: FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

REPORT and VOTE: Amendments to *FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program*; consider approval.

BACKGROUND:

The Iowa Department of Transportation has requested the following amendments:

Sponsor: Iowa Department of Transportation

Project: US 65 Resurfacing

Federal Aid Amount: \$4,377,600

Total Cost: \$5,472,000

Type of Funding: National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), Primary Road Fund (PRF)

Location: US 65: S of I-80 to 0.2 mi N of Lincoln St SE (NB/SB)

Change: Add project to the TIP

Sponsor: Iowa Department of Transportation

Project: US 6 Resurfacing

Federal Aid Amount: \$1,676,000

Total Cost: \$2,100,000

Type of Funding: National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), Primary Road Fund (PRF)

Location: US 6: US 65 to S of I-80 in Altoona (NB/SB)

Change: Add project to the TIP

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend approval.

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May 2026
Item No. 9

ISSUE: Legislative Update

REPORT: Discussion on recent legislative activity.

BACKGROUND:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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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

- [Polk County “We All Arrive” Traffic Safety Campaign Webinar](#) – 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., May 6
- [IGIC May Lunch & Learn: Accessibility in ArcGIS](#) – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., May 12
- [America Walks: Walkability from the Bottom Up: Tactics for Engaging Your Community](#) – 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., May 13
- [Iowa LTAP: Using the Potential for Crash Reduction \(PCR\) Tool for Local Safety Project Funding](#) – 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., May 14
- [AMPO: Active Transportation Projects at the Regional & Local Scale](#) – 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., May 18
- [NLC: Road to Zero Annual Meeting](#) – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., May 19
- [FHWA: Innovative Funding Processes for Rural Road Safety](#) – 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., May 21
- [Aggregate Trail Surfacing: From Fundamentals to Field Application](#) – 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., May 28
- [Mapping What Matters: Using Ripple Effects Mapping to Reveal the Full Story of Trails Work](#) – 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., June 11

Events

- [Bike & Roll to School Day](#) – May 6 – Nationwide
- [NACTO: Designing Cities Conference](#) – May 12-15 – Minneapolis, MN
- [Bike to Work Day](#) – May 15 – Nationwide
- [County Planning and Zoning Officials of Iowa Conference](#) – May 20-22, Pella
- [PCHTF DART Route 4 Bus Tour](#) – May 29 – Des Moines
- [Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Conference](#) – August 10-12 – Pittsburgh, PA
- [Western Planner Conference](#) – August 26-28 – Sioux Falls, SD
- [2026 APA Quad State Conference](#) – October 28-30 – Kansas City, MO

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Informational only.

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