

## Des Moines Area MPO

### ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

JUNE 3, 2026 - 10AM

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#### WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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#### PARTNERS & PATHWAYS

##### *Polk County Public Health - We All Arrive*

*The work to achieve Vision Zero is a multi-faceted process that includes many tactics and partners. Recently, the Polk County Public Health Department started working in this space as well. 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.*

##### *Des Moines Police Department - Vision Zero Blitz*

*Since 2023, 12 pedestrians have been struck by vehicles and killed in Des Moines, and several others have been injured. Many were simply trying to cross a street.*

*Safety is essential to having walkable neighborhoods, and marked crosswalks are an important support measure for pedestrians. Two simple things need to happen for them to be effective: vehicles need to yield to pedestrians within the crosswalk, and pedestrians need to use the crosswalk.*

*Through Vision Zero, the City of Des Moines has invested in implementing HAWK crossings, curb bumpouts, retroreflective backplates, and roundabouts throughout the city, with the goal of improving safety for everyone on the roadway. While their implementation has made a notable impact in improving traffic safety, the biggest impact comes from people following the rules of the road.*

*In January, during an Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau-supported project, officers with the Traffic Unit focused on violators failing to yield to pedestrians at crosswalks near Drake University and on Ingersoll Avenue.*

*In two hours, 28 citations were issued, 22 of which were for vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians.*

*Enforcement will be repeated at various times throughout 2026.*

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#### MPO & MEMBER UPDATES

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**NEXT MEETING:** September 2, 2026 @ 10am