Notice of Meeting

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Transportation Technical Committee
–
9:30 a.m., November 5, 2026
Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room
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Tentative Agenda

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14. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** 9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 4, 2027
15. **ADJOURNMENT**

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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November 2026
Item No. 3

ISSUE: Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the October meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the October 1, 2026, meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization are available for review.

- Meeting Minutes, October 2026, Transportation Technical Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the October meeting minutes.

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November 2026
Item No. 4

ISSUE: Iowa Department of Transportation Regional Projects Update

PRESENTATION: Update on Iowa Department of Transportation projects in the region.

BACKGROUND:

Iowa DOT District 1 Transportation Planner Shelby Ebel will provide an update on current and future projects happening in the Greater Des Moines region.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Presentation only.

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November 2026
Item No. 5

ISSUE: Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of amendments to the FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND:

Staff proposes amendments to the *FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program,* requiring Policy Committee approval. The public may comment on the proposed amendments at the Policy Committee meeting.

Polk County has requested the following amendment:

- Sponsor: Polk County
  - Project: Traffic Signal System Improvements
  - State or Federal Aid Amount: $506,000
  - Total Cost: $632,000
  - Type of Funding: CMAQ
  - Location: On various intersections in Polk County
  - Change: Add the project to the TIP

The Iowa DOT has recommended a reprogramming of remaining Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding. CRP funds are contract authority. CRP funds are available for obligation – meaning a legal liability to disburse funds immediately or later – for a period of 3 years after the last day of the federal fiscal year for which the funds are authorized. Any amounts that remain unobligated at the end of that period shall lapse. By comparison, Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding is guaranteed by the Iowa DOT. As such, the Iowa DOT recommends swapping any unobligated CRP funds with STBG funds to ensure these funds do not lapse. These changes would include:

- Sponsor: City of Ankeny
  - Project: SW/SE Oralabor Road/S Ankeny Boulevard Intersection Improvements
  - Amount being swapped: $1,500,000
  - Change: Replace CRP with STBG as funding source
- Sponsor: City of Des Moines
  - Project: 5th Street Complete Streets Projects
  - Amount being swapped: $2,018,066
  - Change: Replace CRP with STBG as funding source
- Sponsor: DART
  - Project: Bus Replacement
  - Amount being swapped: $3,518,066
  - Change: Replace STBG with CRP as funding source

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the TIP amendments.

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Item No. 6

ISSUE: FFY 2026 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

REPORT: Informational item regarding the FFY 2026 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

BACKGROUND:

The Infrastructure and Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requires the following:

> "An annual listing of projects, including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, for which Federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year shall be published or otherwise made available by the cooperative effort of the State, transit operator, and metropolitan planning organization for public review. The listing shall be consistent with the categories identified in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)."

The Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP) must be published no later than 90 calendar days after the end of the program year (December 30, 2026).

MPO staff coordinate with the Iowa DOT and DART to obtain FHWA and FTA obligation data. The report will be published under the Transportation Improvement Program webpage on the MPO website, and a description of the ALOP requirement will be added to the TIP at that time. For reference, an example of an ALOP produced by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) provided as a reference by the Iowa DOT may be found here. MPO staff invite comments or questions on the forthcoming report.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 7

ISSUE: 2027 Transportation Improvement Program Workshop

REPORT: Report and discussion on a proposed annual Transportation Improvement Program workshop

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.

MPO staff annually provides to MPO member governments and participating agencies a listing of their current projects in the TIP and associated information from the Transportation Program Management System (TPMS) for review and update. These reports assist in the development of the next TIP.

This year, MPO staff proposes to add a "TIP Workshop" in early 2027 to supplement this process. The workshop would include:

- Discussion of projects that are ready to move forward or that may be delayed.
- Considerations for financial capacity needed to continue moving the project forward in a timely manner.
- Updates on the status of multi-jurisdictional projects sponsored by two or more member governments.

The goal of the workshop would be to optimize federal funding and better document progress toward the regional goals of the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Staff will present this concept and seek committee feedback.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2026
Item No. 8

ISSUE: Regional Safety Performance Targets

REPORT: Consider approval of MPO's Regional 2023-2027 safety performance targets.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), MPOs can either support its state department of transportation's (DOT) targets or establish its own targets for its planning area. In September 2026, the Iowa DOT established statewide safety performance targets for the 2023-2027 period. The Des Moines Area MPO has 180 days, or until February 27, 2027, to either support the Iowa DOT's statewide targets or set its own regional targets.

Previously, the Des Moines Area MPO adopted the Iowa DOT's statewide safety performance targets. With the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), MPO staff propose the following regional safety targets to be consistent with the CSAP. There are no penalties for MPOs that do not meet or make significant progress toward the safety performance targets.

An MPO memo summarizing the targets and methodology will be available prior to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the presented regional safety targets.

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November 2026
Item No. 9

ISSUE: Trail Crossing Study

REPORT: Staff presentation on a study examining e-moto safety at trail crossings.

BACKGROUND:

E-moto use and user behavior has been an emerging safety concern across member communities, especially on regional trails. To better understand the issue, MPO staff conducted a study of e-moto use at intersections where trails cross roadways and documented its findings. The study utilizes the Safe System Approach, which was developed by the Federal Highway Administration to address traffic safety through a shared-responsibility model. This work is part of the MPO's broader efforts to support the Vision Zero goal of eliminating series deaths and series injuries from the regional transportation system by 2025.

- Trail Crossing Study

At the November meeting, staff will present on the findings of the study.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2026
Item No. 10

ISSUE: FFY 2030 and 2031 STBG Funding Update

REPORT: Report on the recommendations from the Funding Subcommittee.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO will award Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds to projects throughout the region that advance the goals established in the long-range transportation plan, Mobilizing Tomorrow.

Twenty-three applications were received for Federal Fiscal Years 2030 and 2031. Requests totaled more than $70 million, while approximately $41 million is available.

- STBG Applications -- FFY 2030-2031
- STBG Set-Aside Applications -- FFY 2030-2031

A public comment period was held August 19 through September 18.

- Public Comments

The Funding Subcommittee held three meetings in early October and delivered its recommendation to the Policy Committee on October 15.

- Funding Subcommittee's recommendation

The Policy Committee will consider approval of the recommendation at its November 19 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2026
Item No. 11

ISSUE: Excess Funding Update

REPORT: Report on the recommendations from the Funding Subcommittee.

BACKGROUND:

The Policy Committee established a policy in 2020 of spending any Excess Funding in the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program that is greater than $250,000. The amount of STBG funds above that threshold will be presented to the Funding Subcommittee, which will make a recommendation to the MPO Policy Committee for consideration.

The policy suggests allocating those funds in two basic categories:

1. Retroactively award the full asking amount on projects that received partial STBG or TAP awards in the past three years.
2. Invest in regionally significant projects.

The Funding Subcommittee reviewed Excess Funding during its meetings in early October and presented its recommendation to the Policy Committee on October 15.

- Funding Subcommittee Recommendations

The Policy Committee will consider approval of the recommendations at is November 19 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2026
Item No. 12a

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

- !T Happens: Leveraging Technology for Traceable Trail Management - 12 to 1:15 p.m., November 5
- Power of Place: Understanding Overburdened Communities Through Mapping - 12 to 1:30 p.m., November 6
- Building Community Through Bike Repair and Placemaking - 12 to 1 p.m., November 12
- Autonomous Vehicles and Their Relationship with Community and Climate Goals - 12 to 1:30 p.m., November 13
- After the Midterms: Transportation Planning and the Political Landscape - 12 to 1 p.m., November 17
- Traffic Gardens: Building Skills for Safer Walking, Biking, and Rolling - 12 to 1:30 p.m., November 18
- America Walks: Transit for Walkability - 1 to 2 p.m., November 19
- Iowa LTAP: Effective Communication: A Critical Skill - 12 to 1 p.m., November 24
- Training for a Future I Could Not See: How Conservation Experiences Build Lasting Capabilities - 11 to 12 p.m., December 10

Events

- Crash Responder Safety Week - November 2-6
- LTAP Worker Safety Workshop Series - November 12 - Cedar Rapids
- National Transportation in Indian Country Conference - November 15-19 - Chandler, AZ
- Tour de Lights Holiday Extravaganza - November 21 - Water Works Park, Des Moines
- Beaverdale Holiday Lights Bike Ride - December 5 - Des Moines
- APTA Safety and Risk Management Seminar - December 6-9 - Miami, FL
- Improving Outcomes: Communication Training - December 8-9 - Virtual
- Transportation Camp DC - January 9, 2027 - Washington, D.C.
- Iowa Bike Expo - January 23, 2027 - Des Moines
- National Civility Summit for Local Government: Building Trust in a Time of Change - February 17 - Virtual

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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