DES MOINES AREA MPO
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

# Notice of Meeting

## Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
## Executive Committee
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## 11:30 a.m., November 5, 2026
## Des Moines Area MPO Burnham Conference Room
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# Tentative Agenda

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8. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** 11:30 a.m., Thursday, February 4, 2027
9. **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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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 Executive Committee of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization are available for review.

- Meeting Minutes, October 2026, Executive Committee

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the October meeting minutes.

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November 2026
Item No. 4a

**ISSUE: FFY 2030 and 2031 STBG Funding Update**

INFORMATIONAL: 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. 4b

**ISSUE: Excess Funding Update**

INFORMATIONAL: 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. 4c

**ISSUE: Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

REPORT and DISCUSS: Information on 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:**

None. Discussion only ahead of possible Policy Committee action.

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November 2026
Item No. 4d

**ISSUE: MPO Strategic Framework**

INFORMATIONAL: Facilitated discussion on updating the MPO's Strategic Framework

**BACKGROUND:**

The MPO Policy Committee in February 2025 adopted the MPO Strategic Framework to aid in organizational strategy, notably for the development of its annual work program and budget. The Strategic Framework was intended as a two year document and is due for a refresh.

- MPO Strategic Framework

Staff facilitated a discussion with the Executive Committee at its October meeting. At the November meeting, staff will summarize the discussion to date, provide requested follow-up in formation, and present additional discussion points for the committee's consideration.

Ultimately, the discussion will lead to an update of the Strategic Framework, which will inform the development of the FY2028 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2026
Item No. 5

**ISSUE: Enter Closed Session to Discuss Peronnel Matters**

VOTE: Consider action to enter closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(i) to discuss personnel matters.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Executive Director's performance review will be the subject of a report and vote at the November 19 meeting of the Policy Committee. As such, the Executive Committee may enter into closed session to discuss the performance review in advance of the Policy Committee meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider entering into closed session to discuss personnel matters.

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November 2026
Item No. 6a

**ISSUE: October Financial Statements**

INFORMATIONAL: October Financial Statements for Policy Committee approval.

**BACKGROUND:**

As of this agenda's distribution, the October Financial Statements were still being developed. Once complete, they will be reviewed by the MPO Finance Subcommittee and uploaded to the MPO website prior to the November meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Report only.

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November 2026
Item No. 6b

**ISSUE: Trail Crossing Study**

INFORMATIONAL: Information only ahead of a report to the Policy Committee.

**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

Staff will present on the findings of the study at the November meeting of the Policy Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Report only.

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November 2026
Item No. 6c

**ISSUE: FFY 2026 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects**

INFORMATIONAL: 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 only.

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November 2026
Item No. 6d

**ISSUE: 2027 Transportation Improvement Program Workshop**

INFORMATIONAL: 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 only.

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November 2026
Item No. 6e

**ISSUE: Regional Safety Performance Targets**

REPORT and DISCUSS: 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:**

None. Discussion only ahead of possible Policy Committee action.

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