

**TENTATIVE  
Meeting Minutes  
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
(DMAMPO)  
January 17, 2008 – 4:00 p.m.  
Des Moines Botanical Center's Willow Room  
Des Moines, Iowa**

The DMAMPO held a meeting on January 17, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., at the Des Moines Botanical Center's Willow Room. Before the meeting, the DMAMPO staff sent agenda packets to the DMAMPO Policy Committee's representatives and posted the agenda at the DMAMPO office on January 11, 2007, 10:33 a.m. **The year-to-date publication cost of Meeting Minutes for the DMAMPO: \$1,120.86. In addition to these published tentative minutes, there also may be additional Meeting Notes on file with the DMAMPO staff that are public records and available upon request as provided by law. These tentative minutes reflect all action taken at the meeting.**

**Representatives Present:**

Michelle Sloan, City of Altoona  
Skip Conkling, City of Altoona  
Carl Metzger, City of Ankeny  
Steve Van Oort, City of Ankeny  
Craig Block, City of Ankeny  
Mark Arentsen, City of Bondurant  
Neil Ruddy, City of Carlisle  
John Edwards, City of Clive  
Scott Cirksena, City of Clive  
Jim Gifford, City of Cumming\*\*  
Mark Hanson, Dallas County  
Chris Coleman, City of Des Moines  
Christine Hensley, City of Des Moines  
Tom Vlassis, City of Des Moines  
Robert Mickle, City of Des Moines  
Richard Clark, City of Des Moines  
Robert Mahaffey, City of Des Moines  
Merrill Stanley, City of Des Moines  
Brian Laurenzo, City of Johnston  
Paula Dierenfeld, City of Johnston  
Peggy Olson, City of Mitchellville  
Jim Lane, City of Norwalk  
Martha Miller, City of Pleasant  
Gary Mahannah, City of Polk City  
Angela Connolly, Polk County  
Tom Hockensmith, Polk County  
Robert Andeweg, City of Urbandale  
Robert Layton, City of Urbandale  
Mike Carver, City of Urbandale  
Kevin Middleswart, Warren County  
Bill Peard, City of Waukee  
Ted Ohmart, City of West Des Moines  
Jim Sandager, City of West Des Moines  
Steve Gaer, City of West Des Moines  
Marketa George Oliver, City of Windsor Heights

**Representatives Absent:**

Frank Cownie, City of Des Moines  
Tom Armstrong, City of Grimes

**Staff Present:**

Tom Kane, Executive Director  
Jonathan Wilson, General Counsel  
Jenna Good, Secretary  
Adam Noelting, Transportation Planner  
Zac Bitting, Transportation Planner  
Dylan Mullenix, Transportation Planner

**Others Present:**

Brad Miller, Des Moines Area Regional  
Transit Authority\*  
Craig Smith, Des Moines International Airport\*  
Lorne Wazny, Iowa Department  
of Transportation\*  
Jay Byers, Greater Des Moines Partnership  
Jeffrey Horne, City of Mitchellville  
Gary Fox, City of Des Moines  
Ruth Randleman, City of Carlisle

\*\* Associate/Non-Voting Representatives

\* Advisory/Non-Voting Representatives

**I. Call to Order**

DMAMPO Chair Angela Connolly recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Jim Sandager moved approval of the DMAMPO's January 17, 2008, agenda, as amended. Second by Scott Cirksena.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**III. Approval of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's December 20, 2007, Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Jim Sandager moved approval of the DMAMPO's December 20, 2007, Meeting Minutes. Second by John Edwards.

**NAYS:** None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**IV. Calendar Year 2008 Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Election of Officers**

**MOTION:** John Edwards moved approval of the DMAMPO's Nominating Committee's slate of candidates as the Calendar Year 2008 DMAMPO Officers and three At-Large Representatives to serve on the DMAMPO Executive Committee, as presented:

Chair: Ted Ohmart

Vice Chair: Chris Coleman

Secretary/Treasurer: Tom Hockensmith

At Large Rep: Scott Cirksena

At Large Rep: Brian Laurenzo

At Large Rep: Robert Mahaffey

Past Chair: Angela Connolly

Second by John Edwards.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTENTIONS:** Conkling

**MOTION CARRIED**

Bill Peard arrived 4:07 p.m.

**V. Consent Items**

**MOTION:** Scott Cirksena moved approval of the DMAMPO's December 2007 Financial Statement. Second by Skip Conkling.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION:** Scott Cirksena moved to approve having Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Chair Angela Connolly sign a resolution in support of the Iowa Department of Transportation's *Transportation Investment Moves the Economy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* proposal, as presented and as attached. Second by Skip Conkling.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Neil Ruddy arrived 4:09 p.m.

Marketa George Oliver arrived 4:10 p.m.

**VI. Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Surface Transportation Program and Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Project Scores/Technical Ranking**

**MOTION:** Jim Sandager moved to  
1. Receive, accept, and concur with the subcommittee's Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Surface Transportation Program evaluations, and forward the following projects, scoring 50 points or more to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Surface Transportation Funding Subcommittee:

**Major Construction – Existing:**

- City of Ankeny's South Ankeny Boulevard project;
- City of Des Moines' Indianola Avenue project;
- City of Des Moines' Park Avenue project;
- City of Grimes' NW 54th Avenue project;
- City of Johnston's NW 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue project;
- City of Johnston's, Urbandale's, and Grimes' NW 100th Street at NW 54th Avenue intersection project;
- Polk County's NW 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue project;
- City of Urbandale's Meredith Drive project; and,
- City of West Des Moines' Grand Avenue South project.

**Major Construction – New:**

- City of Ankeny’s NE 18<sup>th</sup> Street Overpass project;
- City of Ankeny’s NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange project;
- City of Des Moines’ SE Connector project;
- Polk County’s NW 26<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange project; and,
- City of Waukee’s Alice’s Road project.

**Minor Construction:**

None.

**Preservation:**

- City of Clive’s 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Phase 3, project;
- City of Des Moines’ 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge project;
- City of Des Moines’ Evergreen Drive Bridge project;
- Iowa DOT’s U.S. 65 project;
- Polk County’s NW/NE Aurora Avenue project;
- Polk County’s NW/NE 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue project;
- Urbandale’s Meredith Drive (Aurora Avenue) project; and,
- Urbandale’s Douglas Avenue project.

**Alternative Transportation:**

- Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority’s Purchase of Six Fixed-Route Buses.

And for the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Surface Transportation Planning Subcommittee to select recommended projects from this listing for funding and inclusion in the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s *Federal Fiscal Years 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program*, and to forward those recommended projects to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee. .

2. Receive accept, and concur with the subcommittee’s Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement evaluations of Scenic/Environmental projects, and forward the following projects, scoring 50 points or more, to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee:

**Scenic/Environmental:**

- City of Ankeny’s North Ankeny Boulevard – NE 18<sup>th</sup> Street to NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street Landscaping Improvements project;
- City of Des Moines’ Drake Area Streetscape project;
- City of Des Moines’ Beaverdale Village Streetscape project;

- City of Des Moines' Ingersoll Avenue Streetscape project; and,
- City of West Des Moines' Jordan Creek Town Center District Corridor Beautification project.

And for the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Surface Transportation Planning Subcommittee to select recommended projects from this listing for funding and inclusion in the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's *Federal Fiscal Years 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program*, and to forward those recommended projects to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee.

3. Receive, accept, and concur with the subcommittee's Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement evaluations of Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities projects, and to forward the following projects scoring 50 points or more to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee:

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities:**

- City of Ankeny and Polk County Conservation Board's Gay Lea Wilson Trail – Carney Marsh to Des Moines project;
- City of Des Moines' and Polk County Conservation Board's Ewing Park – Easter Lake Park Trail Connection project;
- City of Grimes' Grimes Regional Trail Connection (East) project;
- City of Grimes' Grimes Regional Trail Connection (West) project;
- City of Urbandale's Little Walnut Creek Trail Connection to City of Clive project;
- City of Urbandale's Walnut Creek Regional Park – Trail Connection to Meredith Drive project;
- City of Waukee's Sugar Creek Trail Connection project; and,
- City of West Des Moines' Pedestrian Underpass – South 35<sup>th</sup> Street south of Mills Civic Parkway project.

And for the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Surface Transportation Planning Subcommittee to select recommended projects from this listing for funding and inclusion in the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's *Federal Fiscal Years 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program*, and to forward those recommended projects to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee.  
Second by Martha Miller.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- VII. (A.) Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization/Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance Population and Employment Projections
- VII. (B.) *Federal Fiscal Years 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions*
- VII. (C.) *Federal Fiscal Years 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program Development*
- VII. (D.) *Federal Fiscal Years 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment*
- VII. (E.) *Fiscal Year 2008 Unified Planning Work Program Budget Amendment*
- VII. (F.) *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Year of Expenditure and Operations and Maintenance Requirements*
- VII. (G.) Priority Projects for the Greater Des Moines Partnership's 2008 Trip to Washington, D.C.
- VII. (H.) Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee's January 2008 Meetings
- VII. (I.) Stakeholders Working Group
- VII. (J.) Travel Time Survey 2007
- VII. (K.) Complete Streets Audio/Web Conference
- VII. (L.) Updates
  
- VIII. DMAMPO December 2007 Progress Report
  
- IX. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee
  
- X. Next DMAMPO Meeting Date: 4:31 p.m., Thursday, February 21, 2008, Des Moines Botanical Center's Willow Room
  
- XI. Adjournment

Hearing no objection to the contrary, Chair Connolly adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.