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NOTICE OF MEETING

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 Executive Committee**

**11:30 a.m., Wednesday July 7, 2010
 MPO Meeting Room**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

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.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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VI. Approval of the July 15, 2010, MPO Agenda

VII. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee

VIII. Next Meeting Date

11:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 11, 2010, MPO Meeting Room

IX. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Executive Committee
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 8, 2010
MPO Meeting Room
Urbandale, Iowa**

The MPO Executive Committee held a meeting at 11:30 a.m. on June 8, 2010, in the MPO Meeting Room. Before the meeting, the MPO staff sent agenda packets to the MPO Executive Committee's representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office at 1:08 p.m. on June 3, 2010. **The fiscal year-to-date publication cost of meeting minutes for the MPO: \$1,419.66. In addition to these published tentative minutes, there also may be additional meeting notes on file with the MPO staff that are public records and available upon request as provided by law. These tentative minutes reflect all action taken at the meeting.**

Members Present:

Ted Ohmart, City of West Des Moines
Tom Hockensmith, Polk County
Angela Connolly, Polk County
Scott Cirksena, City of Clive
Brian Laurenzo, City of Johnston
Robert Mahaffey, City of Des Moines

Members Absent:

Chris Coleman, City of Des Moines

Others Present:

Lorne Wazny, Iowa Department of
Transportation*
Kara Tragesser, City of West Des Moines
Duane Wittstock, City of West Des Moines

Staff Present:

Tom Kane, Executive Director
Stephanie Ripperger, Executive Administrator
Jonathan Wilson, MPO General Counsel
Adam Noelting, Principal Transportation
Planner
Dylan Mullenix, Senior Transportation Planner
Zac Bitting, Associate Transportation Planner
John Robbins, MPO Intern

*Advisory/Non-Voting Member

I. Call to Order

MPO Chair Ted Ohmart recognized a quorum and called the June 8, 2010, meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 8, 2010, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 12, 2010, and May 20, 2010, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. (A.) *Federal Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Draft*

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the *Federal Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program* draft and submit the document to the Iowa Department of Transportation for inclusion into the Iowa Department of Transportation's *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program*.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. (B.) Fiscal Year 2011 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget Amendment – Intermodal Usage Survey

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the First Amendment of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's *Fiscal Year 2011 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget* to include the following special project:

Special Project 13.4 – Intermodal Usage Survey – An intermodal usage survey would determine the feasibility of developing a freight intermodal facility in central Iowa. The project includes hiring a consultant to determine the number of intermodal freight movements originating or terminating in central Iowa. Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) funding contribution to this survey would not exceed \$50,000.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Scott Cirksena exited 11:42 a.m.)

(Scott Cirksena returned 11:43 a.m.)

IV. (C.) Reaffirmation of Investment Policy

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization reaffirm the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Investment Policy, without change, for Fiscal Year 2011.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. (D.) Madison County Associate Membership

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to table the recommendation that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approve offering Madison County an associate, non-voting membership on the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Policy Committee and on the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Technical Committee.

MOTION TABLED

IV. (E.) *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Socioeconomic Projections Validation*

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization direct the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Technical Committee to validate and update the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* socioeconomic projections from Base Year 2005 to Base Year 2010.

NAYS: Mahaffey, Connolly, Hockensmith

MOTION FAILED

V. (A.) Purple Heart Highway Coalition

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization request the Iowa Department of Transportation undertake and complete, as soon as possible, an Operational Analysis Study in order to proceed with a request to redesignate U.S. 65/Iowa 5, from Interstate 80 south and west to Interstate 35, as an Interstate Highway Loop Route.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. (B.) MPO Executive Director Annual Review

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization concur with the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Director Annual Review Committee's recommendation to increase the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Director's annual compensation by three percent.

NAYS: Cirksena, Mahaffey

MOTION CARRIED

VI. Approval of the MPO Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 24, 2010, MPO agenda, as presented and as attached with changes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee

VIII. Next Meeting Date

11:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 7, 2010, MPO Meeting Room.

IX. Adjournment

Chair Ohmart adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

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IV. (A.) *Federal Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program*

Action Item

The MPO Transportation Technical Committee requests that:

“ . . . the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization **approve the final *Federal Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program* and submit the final document to the Iowa Department of Transportation for inclusion in the Iowa Department of Transportation’s *Iowa Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, 2011-2014.*”**

Background Information

The MPO staff:

- On June 15, 2010, sent the *Federal Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program* draft (FFY 2011-2014 TIP) to the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for their review and comment;
- Made minor formatting and grammar changes requested by the FHWA;
- Summarized and incorporated all public comments into the FFY 2011-2014 TIP; and,
- On July 16, 2010, will submit the final FFY 2011-2014 TIP to the Iowa DOT for inclusion in the *Iowa Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, 2011-2014.*

Staff Contact: Zac Bitting, zbitting@dmampo.org;
(515) 334-0075, extension #203.

IV. (B.) *Public Participation Plan Update*

Action Item

The MPO Transportation Technical Committee requests that:

“ . . . the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization **approve the update to the *Public Participation Plan.***”

Background Information

The MPO staff:

- Has updated the *Public Participation Plan (PPP)*, which defines a means to engage the public in the transportation planning process, in order to reflect current public participation strategies;
- **Has included, as a supplemental item, a copy of the PPP;**
- **Will hold a public meeting to receive comments at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at the Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines;**
and,
- Will incorporate these comments into the final PPP.

Staff Contact: Bethany Wilcoxon, bwilcoxon@dmampo.org;
(515) 334-0075, extension #208.

IV. (C.) *Fiscal Year 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget Amendment*

Action Item

The MPO Transportation Technical Committee requests that:

“ . . . the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization **approve the Fourth Amendment of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s *Fiscal Year 2010 Unified Planning Work Program* budget to transfer federal funds between approved work elements to cover expenses actually incurred to date and at no increase in the total budget, as presented and as attached.**”

Background Information

The MPO staff:

- Determined a need to amend the MPO’s *Fiscal Year 2010 Unified Planning Work Program* and Budget that the MPO created in Spring 2009:
 - To reflect the actual activities that have taken place to date; and,
 - To cover the expenses incurred in doing those activities;
- Prepared a Fiscal Year 2010 budget amendment worksheet illustrating the specific federal funds transfers between the Fiscal Year 2010 work program’s work elements; and,
- Has included, immediately following, a copy of the Fiscal Year 2010 budget amendment worksheet.

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(515) 334-0075, extension #206; and,
Tom Kane, tjkane@dmampo.org;
(515) 334-0075.

FY 2010 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
PROJECT BUDGET BY AGENCY
AMENDMENT #4 - July 15, 2010

UPWP CODE	WORK ELEMENT	DES MOINES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (DMAMPO)											DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT (DART)				GRAND TOTAL		
		FHWA PL Funds - Carryover	FTA 5303 Funds - Carryover	FHWA PL Funds - New	FTA 5303 Funds - New	Local Match Funds	Other Local Funds	CIRTPA Contract	DMAMPO STP Funds	SAFETEA-LU Funds	DMAMPO TOTAL	%	Federal Funds	Local Match Funds	DART TOTAL				
1.0	Long-Range Transportation Plan	\$ 91,148	\$ 10,419	\$ 77,332	\$ 12,589	\$ 47,872	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 239,360
2.0	Transportation Systems Planning	\$ 83,724 \$ 81,756	\$ 6,570 \$ 9,345	\$ 74,033 \$ 69,563	\$ 11,564 \$ 11,292	\$ 43,973 \$ 42,940	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 219,863 \$ 214,696
3.0	Public Involvement	\$ 18,242	\$ 2,085	\$ 15,477	\$ 2,519	\$ 9,581	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,904
4.0	Interagency Coordination	\$ 44,530	\$ 5,090	\$ 31,043	\$ 5,053	\$ 16,221	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 116,937
5.0	Transportation Improvement Program	\$ 16,218 \$ 18,186	\$ 1,854 \$ 2,079	\$ 13,760 \$ 15,429	\$ 2,240 \$ 2,512	\$ 9,518 \$ 9,551	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,690 \$ 47,757
6.0	CIRTPA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,120
7.0	Unified Planning Work Program	\$ 8,740	\$ 999	\$ 7,415	\$ 1,207	\$ 4,591	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,953
8.0	Transit Planning	\$ 28,838	\$ 3,296	\$ 24,467	\$ 3,983	\$ 15,146	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,731
9.0	Committee Support	\$ 41,455	\$ 4,739	\$ 35,171	\$ 5,726	\$ 21,773	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 108,863
10.0	Administration	\$ 38,784	\$ 4,433	\$ 32,905	\$ 5,357	\$ 20,370	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,849
11.0	Information Technology	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,547
12.0	Travel and Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,231
13.1	Special Projects - GDMF/DCA TMA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,000
13.2	Special Projects - Iowa DOT TMC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180,000
13.3	Special Projects - NASCO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,576
13.4	Special Projects - Central Iowa Bicycle-Pedestrian Transportation Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,795
13.5	Special Projects - Federal Emergency Management Agency Photometry® Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,641
13.6	Special Projects - Intermodal Usage Survey	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000
		\$ 371,679	\$ 42,486	\$ 308,602	\$ 50,238	\$ 199,744	\$ 224,995	\$ 60,120	\$ 270,000	\$ 46,795	\$ 1,574,659	100%	\$ 838,612	\$ 209,653	\$ 1,048,265	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,622,924

IV. (D.) Intermodal Freight Survey Contract

Action Item

The MPO Freight Roundtable requests that:

“ . . . the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization **authorize the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Chair to sign a contract with The Fennimore Group for the completion of the *Central Iowa Intermodal Freight Survey*, at a cost to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization not to exceed half of the proposed project cost, or \$26,775, following General Counsel’s approval of the negotiated contract and the collection of matching funds.**”

Background Information

The MPO Freight Roundtable:

- Notes the Iowa Interstate Railroad ceased operations to the Newton Intermodal Ramp on May 1, 2009, due to the economic downturn and the failure to generate sustainable business for the ramp;
- Notes the presence of a freight intermodal facility in central Iowa is critical to the success of certain central Iowa businesses;
- At its November 18, 2009, meeting, voted unanimously to request the MPO to conduct an intermodal freight survey to determine the potential for an intermodal facility in central Iowa, and for the MPO to contribute \$10,000 to the survey; and,
- At its June 6, 2010, meeting, voted to request the MPO to select The Fennimore Group as the firm to conduct the survey.

The MPO:

- At its December 17, 2009, meeting, voted to add the *Central Iowa Intermodal Freight Survey* to its *Fiscal Year 2010 Unified Planning Work Program* and Budget;
- Increased the Freight Roundtable’s requested contribution amount to the project from \$10,000 to 50 percent of the survey cost, not to exceed \$50,000; and,
- At its June 24, 2010, meeting, voted to add the *Central Iowa Intermodal Freight Survey* to its *Fiscal Year 2011 Unified Planning Work Program* and Budget.

The MPO Freight Roundtable Intermodal Freight Survey Subcommittee:

- Met on May 18, 2010, to review seven proposals submitted in response to the MPO’s Request for Proposal (RFP) issued on March 19, 2010;
- Identified from the seven proposals the top three firms with which to conduct in-person interviews;
- Conducted in-person interviews with the three finalists on June 3 and June 7, 2010; and,

- Recommended the firm The Fennimore Group to perform the *Central Iowa Intermodal Freight Survey*, at a price not to exceed \$53,550, as quoted in The Fennimore Group's proposal.

The MPO Staff:

- Issued the *Central Iowa Intermodal Freight Survey* RFP on March 19, 2010;
- Notes the Fennimore Group has agreed to a contract price not to exceed \$53,550, and is working with MPO staff to develop a contract for services;
- Notes the MPO's contribution to the survey will not exceed half of the contract price, or \$26,775;
- Notes the Freight Roundtable Chair is working to raise funds to match the MPO's contribution;
- Notes the project will not begin until the contract is reviewed by the MPO's General Counsel and the matching funds have been collected; and,
- Notes The Fennimore Group anticipates a finished product approximately 60 to 90 days following the contract's signing.

Staff Contact: Dylan Mullenix, dmullenix@dmampo.org;
(515) 334-0075, extension #202.

V. (A.) Fiscal Year 2015 Surface Transportation Program Funding Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Funding Schedule

Business Item

The MPO staff:

- Is in the process of adjusting the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Surface Transportation Program (STP) and STP Transportation Enhancement (STP TE) schedule;
- Notes the STP Scoring Review Committee, a subset of the STP Funding Subcommittee and MPO TTC Engineering Subcommittee, is recommending the letter of intent due date be moved from August 2010 to October 2010; and,
- Will provide further updates of the STP and STP TE process and schedule during the July 7, 2010, meeting.

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(515) 334-0075, extension #211; and,
Zac Bitting, zbitting@dmampo.org;
(515) 334-0075, extension #203.

V. (B.) High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Letter of Support

Business Item

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT):

- Announced to its Passenger Rail Advisory Committee, on which the MPO Chair serves, that the Iowa DOT intends to apply for the next round of High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail grants;
- Notes \$2.145 billion is available nationally through a competitive application process for intercity passenger rail corridor program;
- Intends to apply for funds to implement passenger rail service between Chicago and Iowa City in this round of applications;
- Requests letters of support from communities, rail coalitions, and/or businesses along the corridor; and,
- Notes the application, and letters of support, are due by August 6, 2010.

The MPO Staff:

Will have a sample letter of support for the Executive Committee to consider at its July 7, 2010, meeting.

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(515) 334-0075, extension #202.

V. (C.) North America's SuperCorridor Coalition, Inc. June 2010 Annual Conference Update

Business Item

The MPO staff:

- Notes the North America's SuperCorridor Coalition, Inc. (NASCO), Annual Conference was held in Des Moines from June 14-17, 2010;
- Was part of the NASCO June 2010 Annual Conference Planning Committee, working with the Iowa Department of Transportation, the Iowa Department of Economic Development, the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Greater Des Moines Partnership, the Des Moines International Airport, and Polk County to prepare for the June 2010 event; and,
- Will provide a review of the conference at the July 7, 2010, meeting.

Staff Contact: Dylan Mullenix, dmullenix@dmampo.org;
(515) 334-0075, extension # 202.

V. (D.) Sustainable Planning Conference Update

Business Item

The MPO staff:

- Collaborated to host a sustainable planning conference on Tuesday, June 29, 2010;
- Notes approximately 70 individuals participated in the event;
- Notes the event featured Dan Burden, founder of Walkable Communities, Inc., along with other breakout sessions regarding sustainable development;
- Notes the conference also included a walking tour of the 6th Avenue Corridor and a bus tour of areas of opportunity and implementation; and,
- **Has included, as a supplemental item, an email from 1000 Friends of Iowa responding to the bus tour presentation.**

Staff Contact: Bethany Wilcoxon, bwilcoxon@dmampo.org;
(515) 334-0075, extension #208.

V. (E.) *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Socioeconomic Projections Validation*

Business Item

The MPO Executive Committee:

- On March 10, 2010, began discussing the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* (HY 2035 MTP) socioeconomic projections validation, and tabled any further discussion of the socioeconomic projections validation until the Executive Committee's May 12, 2010, meeting;
- On May 12 and on June 8, 2010, continued to discuss the HY 2035 MTP socioeconomic projections validation;
- Questioned the purpose, need, and basis for undergoing the socioeconomic projections validation;
- Questioned the MPO's process to proceed forward with updates to the HY 2035 MTP socioeconomic projections; and,
- On June 8, 2010, failed to reach a consensus to proceed forward with updates to the HY 2035 MTP socioeconomic projections.

The MPO Transportation Technical Committee's Planning Subcommittee:

- Met on March 4, 2010, to discuss the HY 2035 MTP Year 2010 socioeconomic projections validation; and,
- Recommended not proceeding forward with any changes or modifications to the HY 2035 MTP approved growth scenario and regional growth control totals without further policy direction.

The MPO staff:

- Notes the MPO agreed to monitor the HY 2035 MTP socioeconomic projections on an annual basis;
- Notes the HY 2035 MTP Chapter 9 text, Section 9.2 Moving Forward, identifies steps to implement, monitor, and update the HY 2035 MTP, including:
 - "...Receiving REMI forecasts annually and reviewing the new forecast data against the HY 2035 MTP's growth scenario assumptions, identifying any changes needed to forecasted employment and/or population assignments;
 - Updating the travel demand model annually, as updated model inputs become available;...
 - ...Comparing "real world" data to forecast data, as that "real world" becomes available, such as traffic counts, pavement conditions, or demographic changes;..."
- Notes Year 2010 serves as a check to determine whether the MPO's spatial distribution of HY 2010 socioeconomic projections (dwelling unit, population, and employment growth) were valid;
- Took the following actions to validate the HY 2010 socioeconomic projections:

- Summarized county parcel data to spatially locate and determine the number of residential dwelling units in the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA);
 - Used dwelling unit data to derive population estimates in the MPA (average household size of 2.4);
 - Summarized Iowa Workforce Development employment data to spatially locate and determine the number of jobs in the MPA; and,
 - Summarized dwelling unit, population, and employment data into Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs) to determine whether the observed totals were consistent with the HY 2035 MTP projections;
- Notes preliminary estimates indicate the MPA is on track with the approved HY 2035 MTP's socioeconomic projections for HY 2010; however, inconsistencies were found in the observed locations of growth within the Counties, Subareas and TAZs; and,
 - **Has included, as a supplemental item, responses to questions posed in Executive Committee representative Chris Coleman's June 8, 2010, email.**

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