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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

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

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**11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2011  
 MPO Meeting Room**

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**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**

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11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2011, MPO Meeting Room

**IX. Adjournment**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Executive Committee  
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 9, 2011  
MPO Meeting Room  
Urbandale, Iowa**

The MPO Executive Committee held a meeting at 11:30 a.m. on March 9, 2011, 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 2:51 p.m. on March 4, 2011. **The fiscal year-to-date publication cost of meeting minutes for the MPO: \$2,006.92. 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:**

Chris Coleman, City of Des Moines  
Tom Hockensmith, Polk County  
Tom Armstrong, City of Grimes  
Ted Ohmart, City of West Des Moines  
Robert Mahaffey, City of Des Moines  
Angela Connolly, Polk County  
Paula Dierenfeld, City of Johnston

**Members Absent:**

Mike Clayton, Iowa Department of  
Transportation\*

**Others Present:**

**Staff Present:**

Todd Ashby, Executive Director  
Stephanie Ripperger, Executive Administrator  
Jonathan Wilson, MPO General Counsel  
Adam Noelting, Principal Transportation  
Planner  
Dylan Mullenix, Senior Transportation Planner  
Luke Parris, Associate Transportation Planner  
Bethany Wilcoxon, Associate Transportation  
Planner

**I. Call to Order**

MPO Chair Chris Coleman called the March 9, 2011, meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the March 9, 2011, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the February 15, 2011, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**IV. (A.) *Fiscal Year 2012 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget Draft***

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the *Fiscal Year 2012 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget* draft, as presented, and forward the approved draft to the Iowa Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration for review and comment by April 1, 2011.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**IV. (B.) *Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Consultant Recommendation***

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve entering into a contract with the consultant team led by Wallace Roberts & Todd to develop the Regional Plan For Sustainable Development.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**V. (A.) *Polk County Request to Transfer Surface Transportation Program Funds***

**MOTION:** A motion was made to support the Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee's recommendation to transfer funds from Polk County's North-South Metro Connector project to Polk County's Beaver Drive and Northwest 66th Avenue projects.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**V. (B.) Polk County Conservation Board Request to Transfer Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Funds**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to support the Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee's recommendation to transfer funds between phases of the Polk County Conservation Board's 4-Mile Creek Greenway Trail project.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**V. (C.) Iowa Department of Transportation Passenger Rail Cost Allocation Calculation Proposal**

MPO staff presented; discussion only on Item V. (C.).

**V. (D.) Budget Review Committee**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to authorize staff to enter into an arrangement with the City of West Des Moines, to prepay the Fiscal Year 2012 assessment to cover a projected cash flow shortfall, and the timing of which will be determined by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Director.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VI. Approval of the March 24, 2011, MPO Agenda**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the February 17, 2011, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization agenda, as presented and with the identified changes.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**VIII. Next Meeting Date**

11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2011, MPO Meeting Room.

**IX. Adjournment**

Chair Coleman adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

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**IV.(A). Federal Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – City of West Des Moines**

**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 amending the *Federal Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program* to:**

**Add a project in FFY 2011 for a Traffic Adaptive Signal Control System, utilizing Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) funding of \$353,600**

**and forward the amendment to the Iowa Department of Transportation for inclusion in the *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, 2011-2014.*”**

**Background Information**

The City of West Des Moines:

- Requests an amendment to the *Federal Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program* (FFY 2011-2014 TIP);
- Notes the Iowa Transportation Commission approved FFY 2012 ICAAP funding for the project; and,
- Worked with the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) to ensure the project could be moved forward to FFY 2011.

The MPO staff:

- Notes the Iowa DOT considers the addition of a new project to the transportation improvement program to be an amendment;
- Held a public input meeting at 6:00 p.m., March 15, 2011, at the West Des Moines Public Library and received no comments; and,
- Will submit the amendment to the Iowa DOT to make similar changes to the *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, 2011-2014.*

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(515) 334-0075, extension #207.

## IV.(B). Polk County Request to Transfer Surface Transportation Program Funds

### **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 transfer of Surface Transportation Program funds from the North-South Metro Connector project to the following projects:**

- **Federal Fiscal Year 2012 - \$1,673,604 - Beaver Drive;**
- **Federal Fiscal Year 2013 - \$668,172 - Beaver Drive;**  
**and,**
- **Federal Fiscal Year 2013 - \$1,208,224 - Northwest 66th Avenue and Kempton Bridge**

**and to reflect the transfer in the *Federal Fiscal Years 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program draft.*”**

### **Background Information**

The Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee:

Recommended, on March 4, 2011, to transfer \$3,550,000 in STP funds programmed for the North-South Metro Connector project to the Northwest 66th Avenue Reconstruction and Kempton Bridge Replacement project, and the Beaver Drive Reconstruction project.

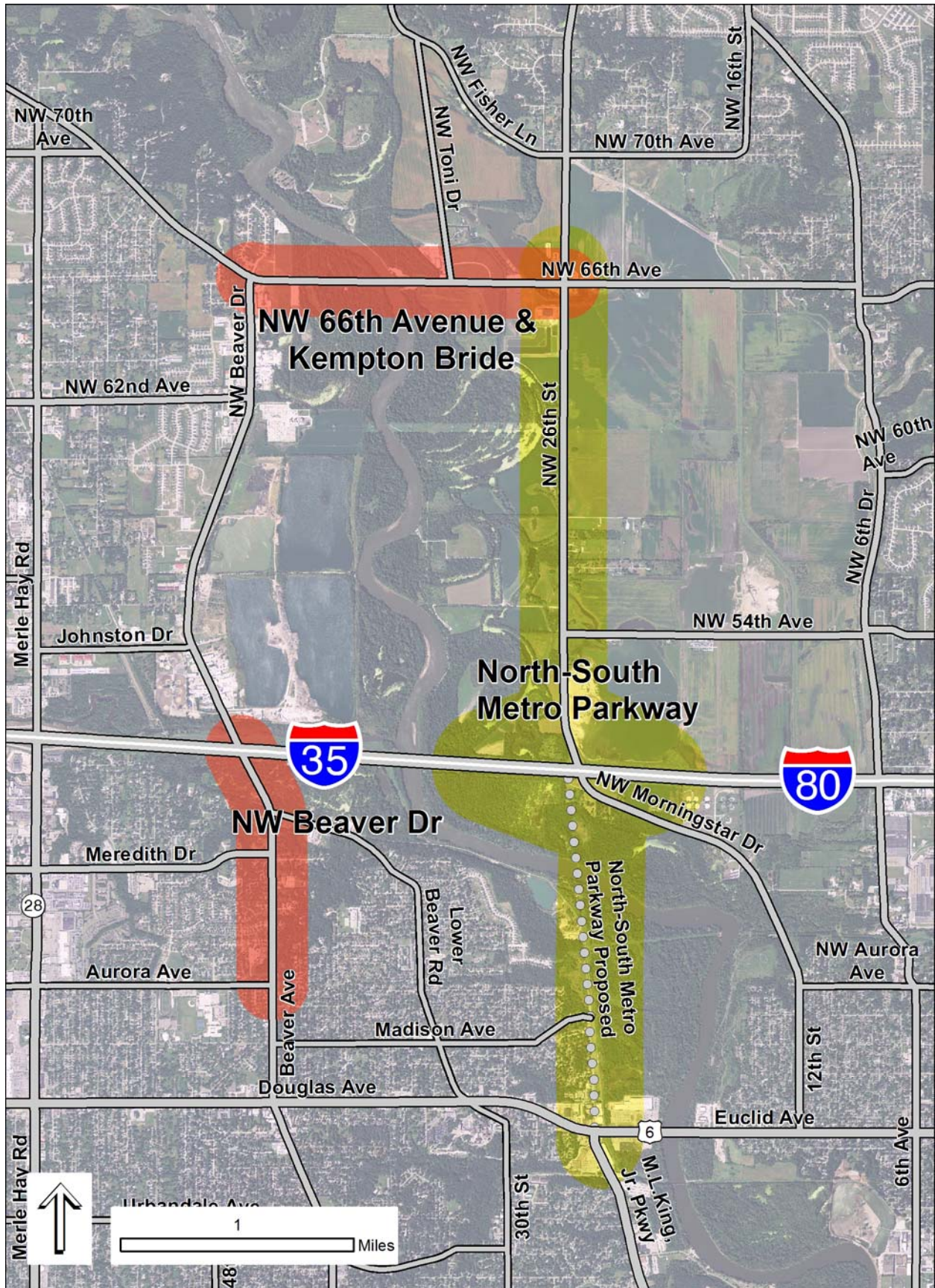
Polk County:

- Received STP awards totaling \$3,550,000 for the North-South Metro Connector in Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2009, 2011, 2012, and 2013;
- Requests to transfer the \$3,550,000 in STP funds for use on two projects:
  - Northwest 66th Avenue Reconstruction and Kempton Bridge Replacement – from Northwest 26th Street to Northwest Beaver Drive – reconstruct as a 4-lane roadway with left turn lanes at intersections, reconstruct intersections with Northwest 26th Street and Northwest Beaver Drive, and replace existing 650’ 2-lane bridge with a 4-lane structure that includes pedestrian and recreational trail accommodations; and,
  - Beaver Drive Reconstruction – from Aurora Avenue to Interstates 35/80 – reconstruct as a 2-lane urban roadway with continuous center turn lane, on-street bike-lanes, and trail connectivity
- Notes that progress on the North-South Metro Connector project has not proceeded as anticipated.

The MPO staff:

- Notes that the MPO has programmed \$3,550,000 in STP funds to Polk County's North-South Metro Connector project, as follows:
  - FFY 2011 - \$1,950,000;
  - FFY 2012 - \$750,000; and,
  - FFY 2013 - \$850,000
- Notes that the total project cost estimate for the Northwest 66th Avenue Reconstruction and Kempton Bridge Replacement project is approximately \$30,935,000;
- Notes that previously, the MPO programmed \$4,740,000 in STP funds to Polk County's Northwest 66th Avenue Reconstruction and Kempton Bridge Replacement project, as follows:
  - FFY 2012 - \$300,000;
  - FFY 2013 - \$1,779,000; and,
  - FFY 2014 - \$2,661,000
- Notes that prior to this recommendation, the MPO has not programmed STP funds to Polk County's Beaver Drive project; and,
- Has included, immediately following, a map of identified project locations.

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#### IV.(C). Polk County Conservation Board Request to Transfer Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Funds

##### **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 transfer of Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement funds from the 4-Mile Creek Greenway Trail project, Neil Smith Trail to Ankeny, to the following project:**

**Federal Fiscal Year 2012 - \$200,000 – 4-Mile Creek Greenway Trail, Ankeny to Des Moines**

**and to reflect the transfer in the *Federal Fiscal Years 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program draft.*”**

##### **Background Information**

The Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee:

Recommended, on March 4, 2011, to transfer STP Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds programmed for the 4-Mile Creek Greenway Trail - Neil Smith Trail to Ankeny, to the 4-Mile Creek Greenway Trail - Ankeny to Des Moines.

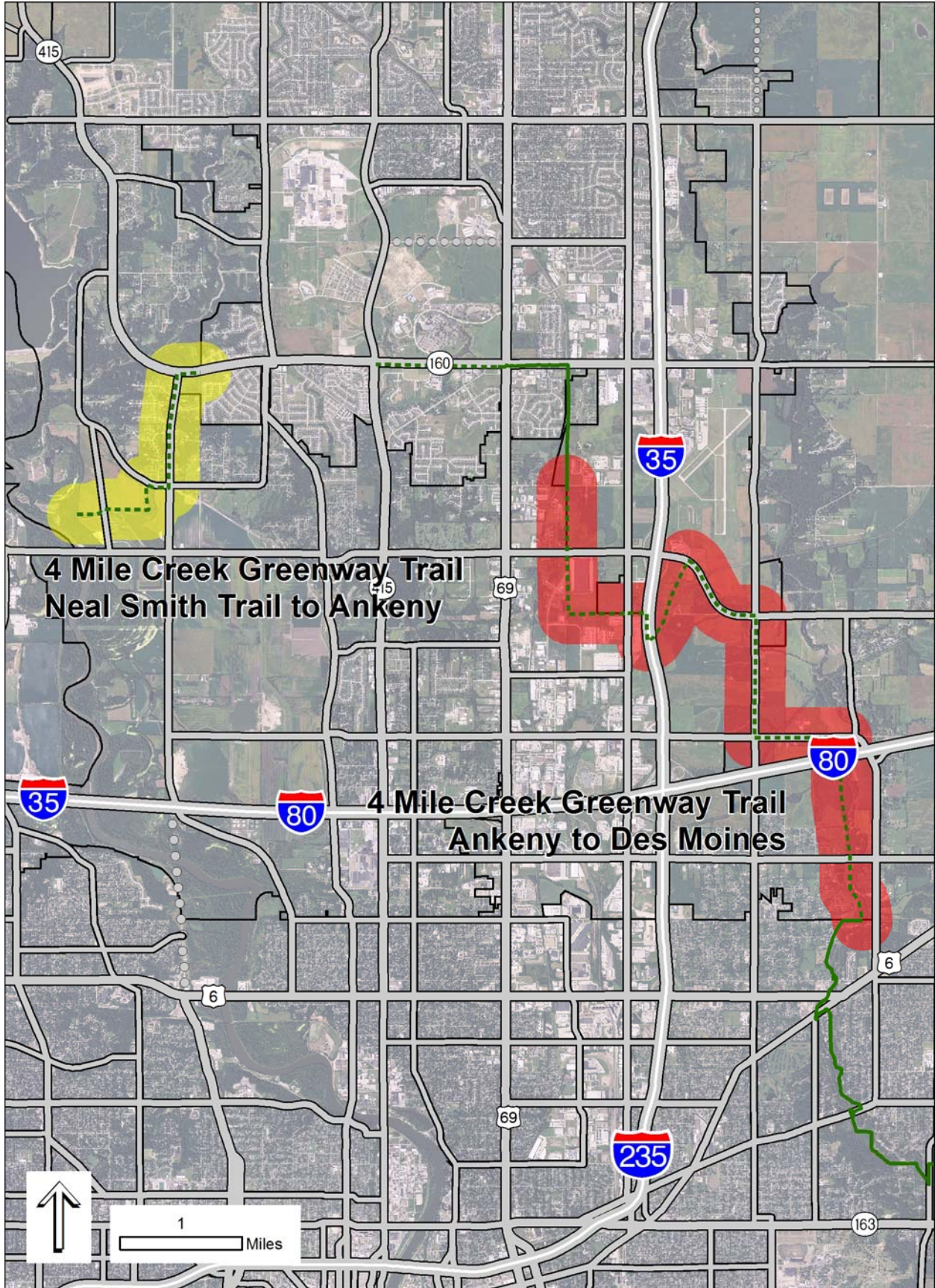
The Polk County Conservation Board:

- Received STP TE awards totaling \$412,000 for the 4-Mile Creek Greenway Trail - Neil Smith to Ankeny Trail in Federal Fiscal Years 2004, 2005, and 2010;
- Also received a State Recreational Trails Grant in the amount of \$690,000 for the same trail segment;
- Received a favorable bid for the trail project in February 2011, resulting in approximately \$200,000 in unspent STP TE funds;
- Requests to transfer the remaining STP TE funds balance to the following segment of the 4-Mile Creek Greenway Trail:

4-Mile Creek Greenway Trail - Ankeny to Des Moines Segment  
- a 3.1 mile long, 10 foot wide, section of trail joining the City of Des Moines at Aurora Avenue to the City of Ankeny at the eastern city limit

- Has indicated the ability to use the STP TE funds, if approved, in 2011/2012 for wetland delineation, design, and construction of the 4-Mile Creek Greenway Trail - Ankeny to Des Moines Segment; and,
- Has included, immediately following, a map of identified project locations.

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#### IV.(D). *Passenger Transportation Plan – Fiscal Year 2012 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 receive and file the *Passenger Transportation Plan – Fiscal Year 2012 Update*, as presented, and forward the document to the Iowa Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration.”**

##### **Background Information**

The MPO staff:

- Annually develops a new joint Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) or updates the current PTP for the MPO and Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance planning areas, as required by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT);
- Develops and updates the PTP with assistance and input from the MPO Public Transportation Roundtable’s Transportation Advisory Group;
- Notes the PTP’s purpose is to promote joint, coordinated passenger transportation planning programs that further the development of the local and regional public transportation systems, particularly for transportation disadvantaged populations;
- Notes that, for Fiscal Year 2012, the Iowa DOT requires an update to the Fiscal Years 2010-2013 PTP;
- Notes the PTP update:
  - Reviews prior and new public input regarding transportation needs;
  - Documents planning efforts and key participants;
  - Reviews the status of previously recommended projects to determine the projects’ impacts; and,
  - Reaffirms or amends the previously recommended program of projects that will use Iowa DOT or Federal Transit Administration funding
- Forwarded the draft PTP update to the Iowa DOT on February 1, 2011, for review and comment;
- Notes the Iowa DOT has reviewed the draft PTP update and found the draft document to be satisfactory;
- Will hold a public input meeting on April 28, 2011, to receive input on the draft PTP update;
- Notes the final PTP update is due to the Iowa DOT by May 1, 2011; and,
- **Provided a copy of the draft *Passenger Transportation Plan – Fiscal Year 2012 Update* in the March 2011 agenda packet.**

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(515) 334-0075, extension #202.

**IV.(E). Federal Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – City of Ankeny**

**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 amendments to the *Federal Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program* to:**

- **Change the project scope of the Gay Wilson Trail Extension (STP-E-0187(624)—8V-77) to “From SE 54th Street south 1 mile then east 0.5 mile to SE Delaware Avenue;”**
- **Split the two phases of the Gay Wilson Trail Extension project into two project entries; and,**
- **Add the second phase – Gay Wilson Trail Extension (STP-E-0187()—8V-77) – From NE Delaware Avenue to NE 54th Street, utilizing \$141,395 in Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement funds**

**and forward the amendment to the Iowa Department of Transportation for inclusion in the *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, 2011-2014.*”**

**Background Information**

The City of Ankeny:

- Requests an amendment to the *Federal Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program* (FFY 2011-2014 TIP); and,
- Notes the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) indicated the project description included in the concept statement submitted for the Gay Wilson Trail Extension project did not match the project description included in the *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, 2011-2014* and the MPO’s FFY 2011-2014 TIP.

The MPO staff:

- Notes the City of Ankeny’s Gay Wilson Trail Extension project consists of two phases that currently are programmed as one project in the FFY 2011-2014 TIP;
- Notes the Iowa DOT indicated that projects consisting of multiple phases should be included as separate entries in the FFY 2011-2014 TIP;
- Notes the City of Ankeny’s Gay Wilson Trail Extension currently has Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement funds of \$175,000 programmed for FFY 2011, and \$141,395 programmed for FFY 2012;

- Notes that the amendment would not change funding amounts for the project;
- Notes that the amendment needs to be enacted quickly to allow the City of Ankeny to begin work on the FFY 2011 portion of the project;
- Notes the Iowa DOT considers the addition of projects or changes to the scope of a project in the Transportation Improvement Program to be an amendment;
- Held a public input meeting at 6:00 p.m., April 19, 2011, in the Ankeny Public Library; and,
- Will submit the amendment to the Iowa DOT to make similar changes to the *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, 2011-2014*.

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#### IV.(F). *Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Consultant Contract*

##### **Action Item**

Regional Plan for Sustainable Development Steering Committee requests that:

“...the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee **recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the contract with Wallace Roberts & Todd, as presented, and authorize the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization staff to sign the approved contract, contingent upon further review of the retention clause identified in Section 3, Part A-4, of the consultant contract by the Steering Committee Chair and Vice Chair, and approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.**”

##### **Background Information**

The Regional Plan for Sustainable Development Steering Committee (Steering Committee):

- On April 7, 2011, discussed and recommended the approval of the consultant contract as presented, with further consideration to be given to the retention clause as identified in Section 3, Part A-4, of the consultant contract;
- Noted the presented retention clause identified a 10% retainage, payable at the conclusion of each project phase;
- Asked that the MPO General Counsel engage in further negotiations with Wallace Roberts & Todd to increase the retention amount identified in Section 3, Part A-4, which may include increasing the retention amount for the last two phases of the project; and,
- Asked that the final version of the consultant contract be presented to the Steering Committee Chair and Vice Chair for review prior to the April 13, 2011, MPO Executive Committee meeting.

The MPO staff:

- Presented the contract to the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development Technical Committee on April 7, 2011;
- Worked in collaboration with Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) and City of Des Moines staff to develop the consultant contract;
- Notes that the contract addresses the concerns brought up by the Steering Committee at its March 3, 2011, meeting;
- **Has provided, as a supplemental item, a copy of the consultant contract;**
- Recognizes that the contract has been submitted to the Wallace Roberts & Todd team; and,
- Will provide further updates at the April 13, 2011, meeting.

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(515 334-0075, extension #203.

#### **IV.(G). Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Consortium Agreement**

##### **Action Item**

Regional Plan for Sustainable Development Steering Committee requests that:

“...the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee **recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the consortium agreement, as presented, and submit to the Consortium members for ratification, pending approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.**”

##### **Background Information**

The MPO staff:

- Has been working to draft the consortium agreement;
- Notes that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provided guidance in drafting the agreement, including the identification of several elements that should be present to ensure effective function of participating entities;
- Notes that the consortium agreement has been reviewed by HUD;
- **Has provided, as a supplemental item, a copy of the consortium agreement;**
- Recognizes that the signed consortium agreements must be submitted to HUD by June 15, 2011; and,
- Will provide further updates at the April 13, 2011, meeting.

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#### IV.(H). *Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant* Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Des Moines

##### **Action Item**

Regional Plan for Sustainable Development Steering Committee requests that:

“...the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee **recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and the City of Des Moines, as presented, and authorize the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization staff to sign this document, pending approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.**”

##### **Background Information**

The MPO staff:

- In conjunction with City of Des Moines staff, has developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU);
- Notes that, per the contemplated MOU, the City of Des Moines has agreed to advance the MPO certain funds to be reimbursed by HUD;
- Recognizes that such advances would assist the MPO in the uninterrupted administration of the Cooperative Agreement;
- **Has provided, as a supplemental item, the memorandum of understanding;** and,
- Will provide further updates at the April 13, 2011, meeting.

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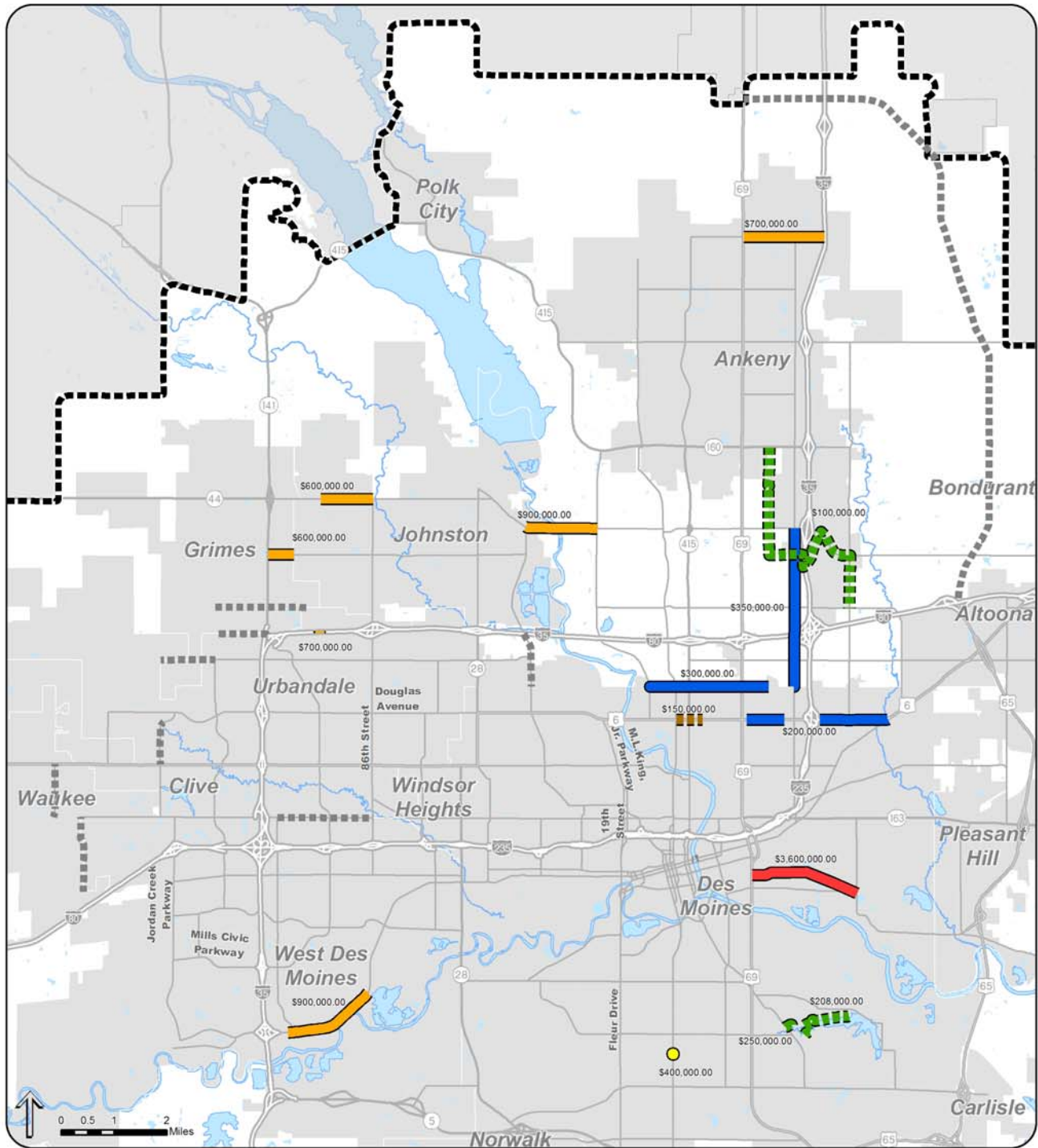
**V.(A). Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Surface Transportation Program and Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Funding Recommendation**

**Business Item**

The MPO Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee:

- Met April 4, 2011, to discuss and recommend a Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 STP and STP Transportation Enhancement (TE) programming target;
- Annually receives updated funding targets from the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) for the current FFY and projected funding targets for the next four FFYs;
- Recommends programming 100 percent of the projected FFY 2015 funding targets (\$10,275,306 STP and \$708,101 STP TE); and,
- Has included, immediately following, a map and project descriptions of the draft FFY 2015 STP and STP TE funding recommendation.

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# STP and STP TE

## Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Funding Awards

### Legend

#### FFY 2015 STP Awards

#### Category

- █ Major Construction (existing)
- █ Major Construction (new)
- █ Minor Construction
- █ Preservation

#### FFY 2015 STP TE Awards

#### Category

- █ Bicycle-Pedestrian
- █ Scenic-Environmental

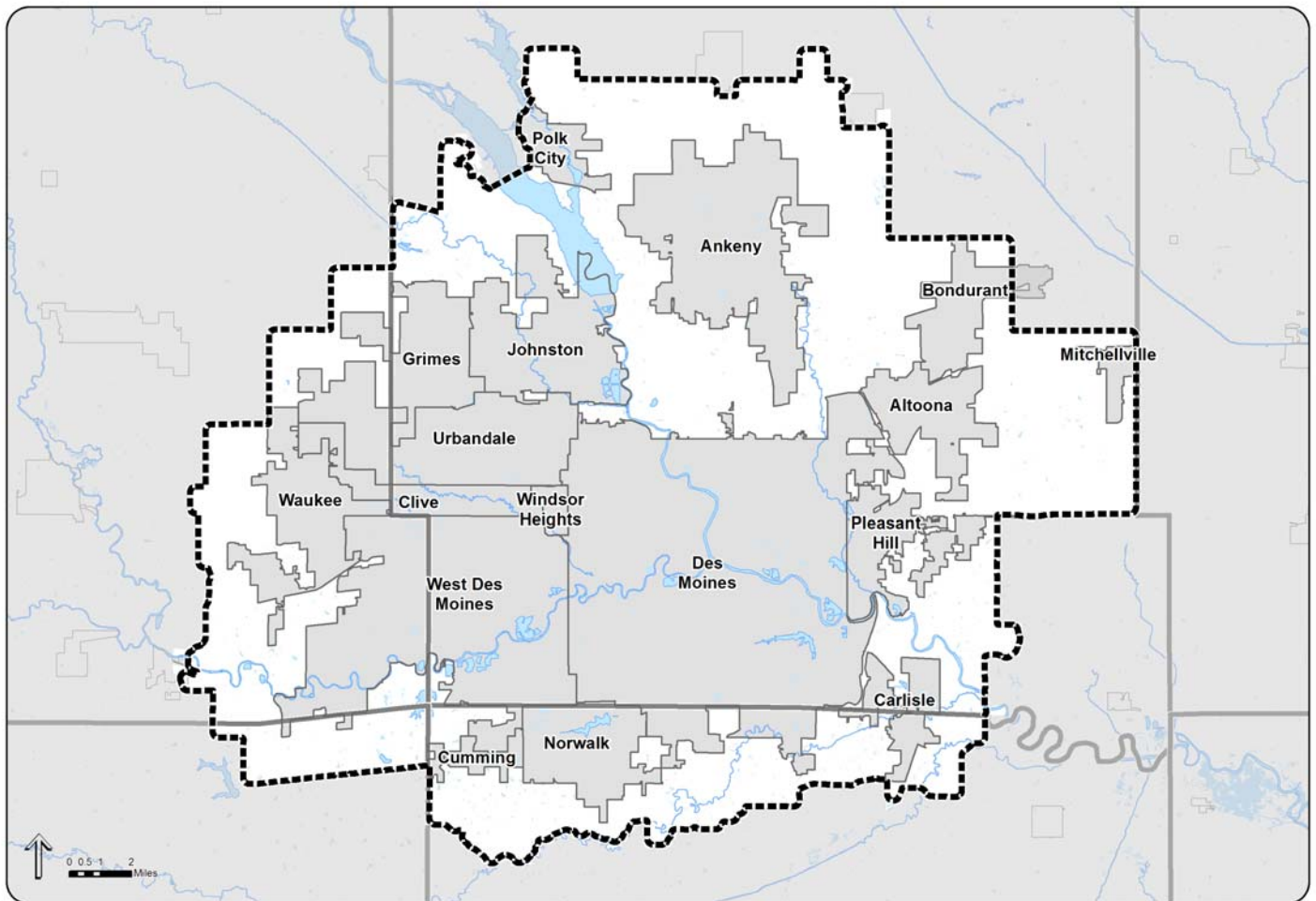
## V.(B). Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Update

### Business Item

The MPO staff:

- Received notification from the City of Bondurant that a portion of the city's existing corporate limits extend beyond the MPO's approved Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA);
- Notes the MPA is required to include the area anticipated to be urbanized within a 20-year horizon;
- Updated the MPA boundary during the development of the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*; and,
- Has included, immediately below, a map of the MPA.

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Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)

### V.(C). Lease Update

#### **Business Item**

The MPO staff:

- Notes the MPO's lease with Merle Hay Centre expires in August 2011;
- Is exploring potential office space around the metropolitan area; and,
- Will provide an update to the Executive Committee at the April 13, 2011, meeting.

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(515) 334-0075, extension #206; and,

### V.(D). Mailing Costs

#### **Business Item**

The MPO staff:

- Notes the MPO spends an average of \$510 in postage per month in mailing agenda packets;
- Is exploring ways to reduce this cost; and,
- Will provide an update to the Executive Committee at the April 13, 2011, meeting.

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### V.(E). Time Sheet/Accounting Software Update

#### **Business Item**

The MPO staff:

- Notes the MPO's audit report suggested an investment in accounting software to more effectively track and bill time associated to MPO planning projects;
- Is researching various software packages; and,
- Will provide an update to the Executive Committee at the April 13, 2011, meeting.

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## V.(F). Transportation Reauthorization Priority Projects

### **Business Item**

The MPO staff:

- Notes the MPO identified priority projects for a potential reauthorization bill in April 2009;
- Notes Congress has yet to draft a transportation reauthorization bill;
- **Asks MPO member governments to review the project list developed in April 2009 and provide any additions, revisions, or deletions to the MPO staff by April 27, 2011;**
- Encourages MPO member governments to keep in mind a few key guidelines for projects used during Congressional staffers' April 2009 request for projects, which included the following:
  - Projects must be of national or regional significance;
  - The applicant must be able to describe the safety, economic development, mobility, and environmental benefits associated with each project; and,
  - If an applicant is requesting less than 80 percent of the total cost for the identified project, the applicant must be able to demonstrate other funding is secured that, when combined with the reauthorization request amount, equal at least 80 percent of the project cost
- Notes this revised listing is for MPO use only and is not due to a request by Congress; and,
- Has included, immediately following, the April 2009 listing for review.

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**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Federal Funding Requests for 2009 Surface Transportation Authorization Legislation**

**Surface Transportation Projects**

| <b>Government/Agency</b> | <b>Project Submitted</b>  | <b>Project Description</b>  | <b>Total Project Cost</b> | <b>Federal Request</b> |
|--------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Altoona                  | Adventuriland Drive to 34th Avenue NW Widening                          | Reconstruct and widen Adventuriland Drive to 34th Avenue NW.  | \$4,600,000               | \$3,680,000            |
| Altoona                  | 36th Avenue SW and 8th Street SW Intersection Improvements              | Modifications and lane widening at the intersection of 36th Avenue SW and 8th Street SW.  | \$2,500,000               | \$2,000,000            |
| Altoona                  | 34th Avenue SW Widening   | Widen 34th Avenue SW from 2 to 3 lanes from 8th Street SW to Interstate 80.   | \$3,200,000               | \$2,560,000            |
| Ankeny                   | Interstate 35 Interchange at Northeast 36th Street                      | Construction of an interchange on Interstate 35 at Northeast 36th Street.   | \$26,400,000              | \$7,000,000            |
| Ankeny                   | Interstate 35 Interchange at East First Street Reconstruction           | Reconstruction of the existing interchange on Interstate 35 at East First Street.   | \$34,800,000              | \$8,000,000            |
| Ankeny                   | Northeast 18th Street / Interstate 35 Overpass Construction             | Extension of Northeast 18th Street over Interstate 35.  | \$6,000,000               | \$4,800,000            |
| Ankeny                   | Interstate 35 Widening  | Widen Interstate 35 to six lanes from the East First Street interchange north 2.5 miles.  | \$8,000,000               | \$6,400,000            |
| Carlisle                 | Southeast 64th Avenue / Southeast 52nd Street Intersection Improvements | Improvements at the intersection of Southeast 64th Avenue (Army Post Road) and Southeast 52nd Street, including turn lanes and associated drainage.   | \$800,000                 | \$640,000              |
| Clive                    | University Boulevard Phase III  | Reconstruction and widening of University Boulevard from 73rd Street (Windsor Heights) to Northwest 78th Street (Clive).  | \$1,700,000               | \$370,000              |
| Des Moines               | East Indianola Avenue Widening  | Widen East Indianola Avenue from Southeast 14th Street to Army Post Road to a four lane roadway.  | \$16,000,000              | \$4,500,000            |
| Des Moines               | Rehabilitation of Grand Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines River         | Rehabilitate the Grand Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines river to include arch repair, PCC overlay of deck, repair of rails, sidewalks, expansion joists, and approach slabs.   | \$5,000,000               | \$4,500,000            |
| Des Moines               | Southeast Connector, US Highway 65 to US Highway 69                     | Development of a four lane arterial roadway between US Highway 65 and US Highway 69 (includes design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction between US 69 and Southeast 30th Street, and design and right-of-way acquisition between Southeast 30th Street and US 65). | \$60,000,000              | \$48,000,000           |
| Grimes                   | Northwest 54th Avenue Widening (Iowa 141 to 100th Street)               | Widen Northwest 54th Avenue to a five lane roadway between Iowa 141 and 100th Street.   | \$5,000,000               | \$4,000,000            |

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**Surface Transportation Projects (cont).**

| Government/Agency   | Project Submitted  | Project Description   | Total Project Cost | Federal Request |
|---|--|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| Grimes  | Northwest 54th Avenue Widening (Beisser Drive to South James Street)             | Widen Northwest 54th Avenue to a five lane roadway between Beisser Drive and South James Street.  | \$2,500,000        | \$2,000,000     |
| Grimes  | North James Street Widening (Northeast 3rd Street to Northwest 82nd Avenue)      | Widen North James Street to a three lane roadway between Northeast 3rd Street and Northwest 82nd Avenue.  | \$4,500,000        | \$3,600,000     |
| Grimes  | Southeast 19th Street Widening (Iowa 141 to East City Limits)                    | Widen Southeast 19th Street to a five lane roadway between Iowa 141 and Grimes' east city limits.   | \$2,500,000        | \$2,000,000     |
| Grimes  | South James Street Widening (Southeast 2nd Street to Southeast 10th Street)      | Widen South James Street to a three lane roadway between Southeast 2nd Street and Southeast 10th Street.  | \$2,500,000        | \$2,000,000     |
| Johnston  | Northwest 70th Avenue Widening (Northwest 86th Street to Northwest 107th Street) | Widen Northwest 70th Avenue to a four lane roadway between Northwest 86th Street and Northwest 107th Street.  | \$12,200,000       | \$9,760,000     |
| Mitchellville   | Develop Access Road to Mitchellville Business Park                               | Construct an access road between Cotton Avenue Northeast and Camp Creek to serve the Mitchellville Business Park.   | \$400,000          | \$320,000       |
| Polk County   | Northwest 26th Street / M.L. King Jr. Parkway Corridor                           | Develop a north/south transportation corridor between Interstate 235 and Highway 415, including an interchange at Interstate 35/80 at Northwest 26th Street.  | \$15,000,000       | \$12,000,000    |
| Polk County   | Northwest 66th Avenue Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction                          | Widen Northwest 66th Avenue from Northwest 26th Street to Northwest Beaver Drive, and replace the existing two lane bridge over the Des Moines River with a four lane bridge with multipurpose trail. | \$20,000,000       | \$16,000,000    |
| Polk County (lead)<br>Cities of Allaman, Altoona, Ankeny, Bondurant, Des Moines, Elkhart, and Polk City | Northwest Polk County Beltway  | Acquire right-of-way and design the east segment; conduct environmental study on the west segment.  | \$6,250,000        | \$5,000,000     |
| Urbandale   | 100th Street Reconstruction and Bridge Over Interstate 35/80                     | Widen 100th Street to a four lane roadway between Plum Drive and Northwest 54th Avenue, and reconstruct the existing overpass to accommodate a future interstate interchange.                         | \$16,000,000       | \$12,800,000    |
| Urbandale   | 121st Street Improvements  | Widen 121st Street to a five lane roadway between Douglas Parkway and Meredith Drive.   | \$3,500,000        | \$2,800,000     |
| Urbandale   | 128th Street Widening  | Widen 128th Street to a four lane roadway between Hickman Road and Douglas Parkway.   | \$3,000,000        | \$2,400,000     |

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|--------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Urbandale                | Western Arterial Between Highway 141 and 128th Street                        | Construction of a five lane roadway that will connect into the north ramp of the Highway 141 and Interstate 35/80 interchange and extend west to 128th Street. Includes modifying the interchange's north ramp. | \$15,000,000              | \$12,000,000           |
| Waukee                   | Alice's Road Extension (Ashworth Road to University Avenue)                  | Construct a six lane arterial boulevard between Ashworth Road and University Avenue.  | \$14,500,000              | \$11,600,000           |
| Waukee/West Des Moines   | Interchange at Interstate 80 and Alice's Road/105th Street                   | Construct an interchange on Interstate 80 at Alice's Road/105th Street.   | \$13,600,000              | \$10,800,000           |
| West Des Moines          | 105th Street Extension (Grand Avenue to County Road G-14)                    | Construct 105th Street between Grand Avenue and County Road G-14, including a bridge over the Raccoon River.  | \$36,000,000              | \$28,800,000           |
| West Des Moines          | 105th Street Extension (Grand Avenue to Wendover Road)                       | Construct 105th Street between Grand Avenue and Wendover Road.  | \$19,500,000              | \$15,600,000           |
| West Des Moines          | Grand Avenue Construction (Raccoon River Regional Park to South 50th Street) | Construct Grand Avenue to a four lane roadway between Raccoon River Regional Park and South 50th Street.  | \$6,000,000               | \$3,000,000            |
| West Des Moines          | Grand Avenue West (Jordan Creek Parkway to 105th Street)                     | Construct a two lane roadway between Jordan Creek Parkway and 105th Street.   | \$20,000,000              | \$16,000,000           |
| Windsor Heights          | Suburban Farms - Hickman Corridor Improvements                               | Signalized intersection at Westover Boulevard and Hickman Road and the addition of a turning lanes at 63rd Street and Hickman Road  | \$2,300,000               | \$550,000              |

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| <b>TOTAL (All Surface Transportation Projects)</b> |  |  | <b>\$378,950,000</b> | <b>\$257,240,000</b> |
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**Trail Projects**

| Government/Agency                 | Project Submitted                                      | Project Description   | Total Project Cost | Federal Request    |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ankeny                            | Gay Lea Wilson Trail Extension                         | Construct a 3 mile trail section between Ankeny and Des Moines  | \$2,600,000        | \$1,000,000        |
| Carlisle                          | Highway 5 Pedestrian Overpass at South Garfield Street | Construct a pedestrian overpass over Highway 5 at South Garfield Street.  | \$1,000,000        | \$800,000          |
| Carlisle                          | Scotch Ridge Road / Highway 5 Pedestrian Improvements  | Construct a pedestrian crossing to access a new middle school.  | \$200,000          | \$160,000          |
| Urbandale                         | Bob Layton Trail Connection                            | Construct a 10-foot wide concrete trail between Douglas Parkway and Meredith Drive through the Walnut Creek Regional Park.                          | \$800,000          | \$520,000          |
| West Des Moines                   | Trail Bridge over the Raccoon River                    | Construct a multipurpose trail and bridge connecting the Raccoon River Regional Park with Walnut Woods State Park and Hidden Valley Soccer Complex. | \$4,500,000        | \$3,600,000        |
| <b>TOTAL (All Trail Projects)</b> |  |   | <b>\$9,100,000</b> | <b>\$6,080,000</b> |

**Transit Projects**

| Government/Agency                          | Project Submitted  | Project Description  | Total Project Cost                                       | Federal Request  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority | Downtown Des Moines Intermodal Transit Hub and Fixed Guideway Tram for Downtown Des Moines | Two part project to 1) construct a mixed-use, LEED certified intermodal transit hub to replace the current transit mall operation, and 2) design, engineer, and construct a fixed guideway tram system in downtown Des Moines. | Transit Hub - \$18,750,000<br>Tram System - \$87,500,000 | Transit Hub - \$15,000,000<br>Tram System - \$70,000,000 |
| Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority | New Customer Facilities on University Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Corridor                    | Construct and install passenger stations/shelters and schedule information at planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stops on University Avenue in Des Moines, Windsor Heights, West Des Moines, & Clive.                             | \$1,250,000  | \$1,000,000  |
| Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority | Expansion Buses  | Purchase eight 40-foot buses for new services.   | \$3,000,000  | \$2,400,000  |
| Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority | Western Suburbs Park and Ride Facility   | Plan, design, acquire land and construct a permanent park and ride facility located in the western suburbs of Des Moines.  | \$1,250,000  | \$1,000,000  |
| <b>TOTAL (All Transit Projects)</b>        |  |  | <b>\$111,750,000</b>                                     | <b>\$89,400,000</b>                                      |

**TOTAL (All Transportation Projects)**

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| <b>\$499,800,000</b> | <b>\$352,720,000</b> |
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## V.(G). Greater Des Moines Partnership Trip

### **Business Item**

The MPO staff:

- Notes the Greater Des Moines Partnership's annual trip to Washington, D.C., will be held in May 2011 rather than June 2011;
- Notes that, traditionally, the MPO develops a presentation to discuss the priority projects with the congressional delegation; and,
- Will provide an update to the Executive Committee at the April 13, 2011, meeting.

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## V.(H). Fiscal Year 2012 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget

### **Business Item**

The MPO staff:

- Notes the MPO approved the draft version of the *Fiscal Year 2012 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (FY 2012 UPWP)* at the March 24, 2011, meeting, with the understanding that a final version of FY 2012 UPWP would be presented for approval in May 2011;
- Notes that copies of the draft FY 2012 UPWP were submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration for their review; and,
- Will provide an update to the Executive Committee at the April 13, 2011, meeting.

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