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NOTICE OF MEETING

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

**11:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 9, 2011
Des Moines Area MPO Office**

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.

1. **Call To Order**
2. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
3. **VOTE: Approval of Meeting Minutes**.....Page 3
 - Approve the October 12, 2011, meeting minutes
4. **REPORT and VOTE: Federal Fiscal Years 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request**.....Page 7
 - Report on two Transportation Improvement Program Amendment requests; consider approval.
5. **REPORT and VOTE: DART Federal Funding Transfer Request**.....Page 8
 - Report on DART’s request to transfer federal funding from FHWA to FTA; consider approval.
6. **REPORT and VOTE: Trail Counter Checkout Procedures**Page 10
 - Report on trail counter checkout procedures; consider approval.
7. **REPORT: Fiscal Year 2013 Appropriations Requests**.....Page 11
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8. **REPORT: 2011 Freight Intermodal Study**.....Page 14
 - Report on the results from the 2011 Freight Intermodal Study.
9. **REPORT: The Tomorrow Plan Update**.....Page 15
 - Brief update on The Tomorrow Plan.
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11. **INFORMATION: Congressman Latham’s Iowa Community Conference**.....Page 17
 - Information about the Iowa Community Conference, which will focus on transportation and housing, scheduled for November 21 in West Des Moines.
12. **INFORMATION: Accessibility Guidelines for Public Right-of-Way**.....Page 19
 - Information about proposed rulemaking from the US Access Board regarding proposed accessibility guidelines for pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way.
13. **VOTE: Approval of the November 17, 2011, MPO Agenda**
 - Approve the November 17, 2011, MPO agenda.
14. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
15. **Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, December 14, 2011, 11:30 a.m., MPO Office.**
16. **Adjournment**

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November 2011
Item No. 3

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve minutes of the October 12, 2011, Executive Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the October 12, 2011, Executive Committee meeting are enclosed on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011, Executive Committee meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

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

**11:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 12, 2011
Des Moines Area MPO Meeting Room
Des Moines, Iowa**

The MPO Executive Committee held a meeting at 11:30 a.m., on October 12, 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 10:00 a.m., on October 7, 2011. **The fiscal year-to-date publication cost of meeting minutes for the MPO: \$387.21. 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
Angela Connolly, Polk County
Tom Armstrong, City of Grimes
Ted Ohmart, City of West Des Moines
Robert Mahaffey, City of Des Moines

Members Absent:

Paula Dierenfeld, City of Johnston

Others Present:

Mike Clayton, Iowa Department of
Transportation

Staff Present:

Todd Ashby, Executive Director
Jennifer Zelle, Administrative Assistant
Jonathan Wilson, MPO General Counsel
Dylan Mullenix, Principal Transportation
Planner
Nathan Goldberg, Senior Transportation Planner
Zach Young, Associate Transportation Planner

1. Call to Order

MPO Chair Chris Coleman called the October 12, 2011, meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the October 12, 2011, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the September 14, 2011, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Annual Review*

MOTION: A motion was made to recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Annual Review*

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program Applications *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment – DART Alternatives Analysis Corridor*

MOTION: A motion was made to recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment – DART Alternatives Analysis Corridor*.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Appropriations Requests for Washington D.C. Trip

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 6.

7. Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority Federal Funding Transfer

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 7.

8. *Federal Fiscal Year 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions*

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 8.

9. Reports to the MPO

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 9.

10. *The Tomorrow Plan Update*

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 10.

11. **Surface Transportation Policy Update**

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 11.

12. **Trail Counters Update and Checkout Procedures**

MPO staff presented; discussion only on item 12.

13. **Approval of the October 20, 2011, MPO Agenda**

MOTION: A motion was made to recommend that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the October 20, 2011, MPO Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

15. **Next Meeting Date**

11:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 9, 2011, in the MPO Meeting Room.

16. **Adjournment**

Chair Coleman adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

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November 2011
Item No. 4

ISSUE:

REPORT and VOTE: Consider requested revisions to the MPO's *Fiscal Years 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program* (FFY 2012-2015 TIP).

BACKGROUND:

The City of West Des Moines and Warren County have requested the following revisions to the FFY 2012-2015 TIP:

Sponsor: City of West Des Moines
Project: SW Connector - Phase III
Project Number: STP-U-8260(624)-70-77
Change: Move from FFY 2010 to FFY 2012
Revision Type: Amendment

Sponsor: Warren County
Project: SW Connector Interchange/Corridor
Project Number: HDP-CO91(61)-71-77
Change: Move from FFY 2010 to FFY 2012 and project termini
Revision Type: Amendment

The MPO staff notes the West Des Moines and Warren County requests are amendments and are subject to MPO approval and a public comment period. The MPO staff will hold a public input meeting on November 10, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at the West Des Moines Public Library.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the MPO approve the amendments to the FFY 2012-2015 TIP to add the City of West Des Moines SW Connector – Phase III project and the Warren County SW Connector Interchange/Corridor project.

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November 2011
Item No. 5

ISSUE:

REPORT and VOTE: Consider the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority's (DART) request to transfer federal funding.

BACKGROUND:

DART annually submits a request to the MPO to transfer Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds from the Federal Highway Administration to the Federal Transit Administration and into DART's FTA grant.

Included, immediately following, is a copy of DART's letter requesting the transfer.

If the MPO approves this request at its November meeting, staff will send a letter to the Iowa Department of Transportation's Office of Public Transit requesting that DART be allowed to expend \$799,000 in STP funds in Federal Fiscal Year 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the MPO approve DART's request for the transfer of \$799,000 in STP funds to expend in Federal Fiscal Year 2012.

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September 26, 2011

Todd Ashby
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RE: Transfer of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Dear Mr. Ashby:

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) requests the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) concurrence to transfer the Committee's \$799,000 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The purpose of this transfer is for the purchase of three heavy-duty buses, which is incorporated into DART's capital plan for 2012 (FTA separates STP funds from formula fund grants).

Please place this item on the October MPO meeting agendas and, if approved by the committees, request that the Iowa DOT in turn ask the FHWA to have these funds transferred to DART's FTA grant IA-95-X012. If you have questions, please contact me at (515) 283-5005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra Meyer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Debra Meyer
Capital Planning Manager, DART

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Item No. 6

ISSUE:

REPORT and VOTE: Consider approval of the MPO's trail counter checkout procedures.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2011, the MPO staff presented a draft version of the terms and conditions and checkout procedures for the MPO's Trail Counting Program. The document is divided into three parts, including:

Part I: Terms and Conditions

Part II: Trail Counter Installment and Placement Recommendations

Part III: Data Analysis and Reporting

Part I describes the responsibilities of the MPO staff and the member governments (borrower). This section also covers ownership of data, checkout procedures and contracting. Part II provides recommendations for installing and placing the infrared counters in the field. Part III outlines how the MPO staff will store, analyze and report data back to the member governments.

The MPO staff collected comments from the Transportation Technical Committee, Executive Committee, Policy Committee, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Roundtable. The Terms and Conditions have been updated to reflect these comments.

Included, as a supplemental item, is the final copy of the MPO's Trail Counting Program terms and conditions and checkout procedures.

The MPO staff notes that the trail counters were received on October 25, 2011. The MPO staff is in the process of ordering lock boxes and preparing the counters to be checked out.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the MPO receive and file the Trail Counting Program Terms and Conditions.

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November 2011
Item No. 7

ISSUE:

REPORT: Presentation of projects submitted for the Federal appropriations and the annual trip to Washington, D.C.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO staff has initiated the annual process of working with MPO member governments and participating agencies to develop a list of priority transportation projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 appropriations to discuss with congressional members during the Greater Des Moines Partnership's 2012 trip to Washington, D.C.

Letters of intent for projects wishing to be included in the listing were due on October 21, 2011. Included, immediately following, is the draft listing of projects received.

Upcoming dates to keep in mind moving forward with the annual appropriations/DC trip process include the following:

- December 2011/January 2012 - Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee meets to identify priority projects from the assembled listing;
- January/February 2012 - MPO committees take action to approve the project listing and priority projects;
- February through April 2012- deadlines to complete project applications for congressional offices; and,
- May 9-11, 2012 - Greater Des Moines Partnership trip.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization/Greater Des Moines Partnership Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Appropriations Requests

Surface Transportation Projects

Government/Agency	Project Name	Project Description	FFY 2013 Funding	
			Total Project Cost	Requested
City of Des Moines	Southeast Connector	Four-lane complete street connecting Downtown Des Moines to US-65	\$ 65,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
City of Johnston	Northwest 70th Avenue Reconstruction	Reconstruction of NW 70th Avenue from NW 86th Street to NW 107th Street from a rural two-lane roadway to an urban four-lane divided roadway. Construction of an interchange on I-80 from the recently completed Alice's Road/105th Street overpass as well as paving six-lane connecting roads north to Ashworth Road in Waukee and south to Wendover Road in West Des Moines	\$ 12,200,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
City of Waukee	Alice's Road/105th Street Interchange and Connecting Roads	Construction of a six-lane arterial boulevard with additional left and right turn lanes, storm sewer improvements and water main construction	\$ 16,600,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
City of Waukee	Alice's Road Extension - Ashworth Road to University Avenue	Reconstruction and siding of Grand Avenue from South 50th Street to the Raccoon River Park entrance	\$ 14,500,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
City of West Des Moines Iowa Department of Transportation	Grand Avenue - Phase Five I-80 Interchange at US-65 and side roads in Altoona	Reconstruction of mainline pavement and ramps at I-80/US-65 interchange and side roads	\$ 10,500,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
DART	University/Ingersoll Loop	Very Small Starts application for Bus Rapid Transit on the Ingersoll/University Loop Route	\$ 27,700,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
DART	Advanced Card Readers	Advanced smart card reader and fare payment system to replace DART's current farebox system	\$ 20,000,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00
Polk County	NW 66th Avenue Reconstruction and Kempton Bridge Replacement	Reconstruction of NW 66th Avenue and the Des Moines River Bridge from NW 26th Street to NW Beaver Drive	\$ 2,400,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
Surface Total			\$ 193,648,000.00	\$ 16,000,000.00

Trail Projects

FFY 2013 Funding Requested

Government/Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Requested
City of Bondurant	Bondurant Regional Trail Head	Construction of a trailhead in downtown Bondurant to provides access to the Chichaqua Valley Trail, the Gay Lea Wilson Trail, and the Future Mud Creek Trail to Altrona	\$ 910,000.00	\$ 910,000.00
City of Bondurant	Bondurant/Chichaqua Valley Trail Connector	Construction of a trail connection between the existing Chichaqua Valley Trailhead to the City of Bondurant's 2nd Street Trail to Lake Petocka.	\$ 1,016,448.00	\$ 791,448.00
City of Johnston	Northwest Beaver Drive Trail	Construction of a multiuse trail along NW Beaver Drive from NW 66th Avenue to Eagle Crest Drive.	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
City of Norwalk	Norwalk Great Western Connection Trail - Phase 1	Construction of a 10' wide 1.5 mile trail from HWY 28 to the intersection of North Ave and 50th Street.	\$ 722,160.00	\$ 450,000.00
City of Polk City	Polk City Trail Connector	Construction of a 3.4 mile trail to connect the Neal Smith Trail to the High Trestle Trail.	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
Polk County	Polk County Trail Connections	Construction of a 10' wide 2.4 mile trail project to extend the Gay Lea Wilson Trail between the City of Ankeny to the City of Des Moines	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 1,120,000.00
Polk County	Polk County Trail Connections	Construction of a 10' wide 8.3 mile trail to connect the City of Des Moines to the Chichaqua Valley Trail with a connection in the City of Bondurant.	\$ 3,560,750.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
Polk County	Polk County Trail Connections	Construction of a 10' wide 4.6 mile trail constructed around Easter Lake creating a connection between Easter Lake Park and Ewing Park.	\$ 3,149,100.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
Trails Total			\$ 17,858,458.00	\$ 10,271,448.00
Grand Total			\$ 211,506,458.00	\$ 26,271,448.00

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ISSUE:

REPORT: Report on the *2011 Intermodal Feasibility Study*.

BACKGROUND:

In September 2010, the MPO contracted with The Fennimore Group to study the feasibility of developing a truck-rail intermodal freight facility in central Iowa. The MPO's Freight Roundtable requested the MPO conduct this study following the 2009 closure of the Newton intermodal facility, which was the only facility located in central Iowa. The study profiles current and project freight volumes in central Iowa, discusses operating and market requirements necessary to develop an intermodal facility, and provides an analysis of whether an intermodal facility could be sustained in central Iowa.

The study concludes that freight volumes in central Iowa only provide between 14 to 23 percent of the volumes necessary to warrant an intermodal facility. However, the Freight Roundtable and the project consultant are continuing to discuss the study's findings to ensure that all commodities, particularly agricultural-based goods, were factored into the study, and also are evaluating smaller-scale alternatives to the larger-scale intermodal facility considered in the study.

A copy of the 2011 Intermodal Feasibility Study is included in the agenda's supplemental materials.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 9

ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on *The Tomorrow Plan*.

BACKGROUND:

During the week of October 24, 2011, the first series of public input meetings was held. Staff and the consultant team hosted five meetings throughout the greater Des Moines metropolitan area. Meeting locations included the Lakeside Center in Ankeny, the Des Moines Central Library, the Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge in West Des Moines, the Windsor Heights Community Center, and the Doanes Park Youth Lodge in Pleasant Hill. Staff will provide additional information at the November 9, 2011, meeting.

On October 20 and 21, 2011, project staff attended a grantee convening in Washington D.C. Staff will provide a summary of the event at the November 9, 2011, meeting.

Staff is working to plan the next speaker-series event to occur prior to the end of the year. The goal of the event will be to educate the public about regional planning.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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MPO Executive Committee

November 2011

Item No. 10

ISSUE:

REPORT: Brief update on potential revisions to the MPO's Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding process.

BACKGROUND:

The MPO Executive Committee directed the MPO staff to review the MPO's STP funding process and to meet with the STP Funding Subcommittee to develop any potential revisions to the MPO's STP funding process. The goal of this review and any subsequent changes is to ensure the STP funding process can adequately fund regional priority projects, particularly in light of reduced earmark funding.

MPO staff met with the STP Funding Subcommittee on October 26, 2011, to discuss the need for potential revisions to the STP funding process. Staff posed the following questions to the subcommittee:

- Does the STP Policy need to be revised to accommodate the reduction of earmark funding and ensure regional priority projects are funded?
- Should the STP Policy be revised to provide additional funding to planning studies that traditionally received earmarked funding?
- Should the STP Policy be revised to provide funding to small MPO member governments that do not typically receive STP funding?
- Should the STP process be tied directly to the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan?

The subcommittee concurred that a review of the STP funding process was needed due to the reduction of earmarked funding. The subcommittee identified the importance of prioritizing regional projects, considering funding projects from all MPO member governments, and the importance of funding projects that attract funding commitment from other sources.

The MPO staff will continue to work with the subcommittee and the MPO Executive Committee to refine any recommended revisions to the STP funding process.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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November 2011

Item No. 11

ISSUE:

INFORMATION: November 21, 2011, Iowa Community Conference in West Des Moines.

BACKGROUND:

Congressman Tom Latham will host the Iowa Community Conference on November 21, 2011, in West Des Moines. The focus of the event will be housing and transportation. Governor Terry Branstad will deliver the keynote address, and panelists will include representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The registration deadline is November 11, 2011, and the registration fee is \$50.

Included, immediately following, is a press release announcing the event.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

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**IOWA COMMUNITY CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION
IOWA CONGRESSMAN LATHAM INVITES COMMUNITY LEADERS TO 2011 EDITION OF
LONG-RUNNING CONFERENCE IN WEST DES MOINES**

AMES, Iowa, Oct 26 -

Iowa's small business owners, farmers, community leaders and concerned citizens are invited to participate in the 2011 version of the Iowa Community Conference scheduled to take place on November 21st at the West Des Moines Marriott. The Iowa Community Conference, which is a tradition that dates back more than 60 years, will focus on topics related to housing and transportation issues this year.

“At times like this, every community is looking for new ways to improve infrastructure and create economic activity,” said Congressman Latham, who chairs the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development. “That’s why I’m inviting Iowa community leaders to take part in this year’s conference to discuss how we can help strengthen communities with a focus on housing and transportation.”

The 2011 Iowa Community Conference will feature a keynote address from Iowa Governor Terry Branstad. Other panel discussions will include Federal Transit Administration Regional Administrator Mokhtee Ahmad and Federal Highway Administration Division Administrator Lubin Quinones to talk about transportation issues. Steve Eggleston, a field office director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Tim Severin, director of community planning and development for Iowa and Nebraska, will be on hand to discuss housing issues.

Since its founding just after World War II, the conference has aimed to help local leaders in Iowa work with the federal government to build stronger communities. The tradition began when Iowa Congressman Charles Hoeven, who represented what was then known as Iowa’s Eighth Congressional District, began inviting mayors and other elected officials from his district to come to Washington, D.C. for discussion of local concerns each year.

The Conference was held each year in Washington by Congressman Hoeven, who represented Iowa in Congress from 1943 to 1965, and his successor Congressman Stanley Greigg, who served one term from 1965 to 1967. The tradition continued with Congressman Wiley Mayne, who served from 1967 to 1975, Congressman Berkley Bedell, serving from 1975 to 1987, and Fred Grandy, serving from 1987 to 1995. Congressman Latham has upheld the tradition by hosting the conference every year since he was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Registration for the conference is open until November 11th. For more information or to register for the conference, contact Michele Mustain in Congressman Latham’s Ames Office at (515) 232-2885 or [click here to view a pdf of the conference registration form](#).

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November 2011
Item No. 12

ISSUE:

INFORMATION: Proposed accessibility guidelines for pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way.

BACKGROUND:

The US Access Board is proposing accessibility guidelines for the design, construction, and alteration of pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way. The guidelines ensure that sidewalks, pedestrian street crossings, pedestrian signals, and other facilities for pedestrian circulation and use constructed or altered in the public right-of-way by state and local governments are readily accessible to and usable by pedestrians with disabilities.

These guidelines, if passed, could impact local governments with transportation projects involving pedestrian facilities. Comments on the proposed rulemaking can be made until November 23, 2011.

Included, as a supplemental item to this agenda packet, is a an overview of the proposed guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

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