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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

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

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**Thursday, January 21, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.  
 Des Moines Botanical Center’s Willow 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.*

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**X. Next MPO Meeting Date**

4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2010, in the Des Moines Botanical Center's Willow Room.

**XI. Adjournment**

**TENTATIVE  
Meeting Minutes**

**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
December 17, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.  
Des Moines Botanical Center's Willow Room  
Des Moines, Iowa**

The MPO held a meeting on December 17, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. in the Des Moines Botanical Center's Willow Room. Before the meeting, the MPO staff sent agenda packets to the MPO's representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on December 14, 2009, at 5:31 p.m. **The fiscal year-to-date publication cost of meeting minutes for the MPO: \$890.53. 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.**

**Representatives Present:**

Skip Conkling, City of Altoona  
Carl Metzger, City of Ankeny  
Steve Van Oort, City of Ankeny  
Mark Arentsen, City of Bondurant  
Ruth Randleman, City of Carlisle  
John Edwards, City of Clive  
Scott Cirksena, City of Clive  
Mark Hanson, Dallas County  
Chris Coleman, City of Des Moines  
Christine Hensley, City of Des Moines  
Merrill Stanley, City of Des Moines  
Matt Anderson, City of Des Moines  
Randy Wetmore, City of Des Moines  
Rick Clark, City of Des Moines  
Robert Mahaffey, City of Des Moines  
Matt Anderson, City of Des Moines  
Tom Armstrong, City of Grimes  
Tim Zisoff, City of Indianola\*\*  
Brian Laurenzo, City of Johnston  
Paula Dierenfeld, City of Johnston  
Peggy Olson, City of Mitchellville  
Martha Miller, City of Pleasant Hill  
Gary Mahannah, City of Polk City  
Angela Connolly, Polk County  
Tom Hockensmith, Polk County  
Robert Andeweg, City of Urbandale  
A.J. Johnson, City of Urbandale  
Mike Carver, City of Urbandale  
Kevin Middleswart, Warren County  
Ted Ohmart, City of West Des Moines  
Jim Sandager, City of West Des Moines  
Robert Parks, City of West Des Moines  
Marketa George Oliver, City of Windsor Heights  
Brad Miller, Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority\*  
Craig Smith, Des Moines International Airport\*  
Lorne Wazny, Iowa Department of Transportation\*

Kristin Haar, Heart of Iowa Regional Transit\*

**Representatives Absent:**

Gerald Nolin, City of Altoona  
Craig Block, City of Ankeny  
Jim Gifford, City of Cumming\*\*  
Jim Lane, City of Norwalk  
Bill Peard, City of Waukee  
Tracy Troutner, Federal Highway Administration\*  
Mark Bechtel, Federal Transit Administration Agency\*

**Staff Present:**

Tom Kane, Executive Director  
Jonathan Wilson, General Counsel  
Stephanie Ripperger, Executive Administrator  
Jennifer Zelle, Administrative Assistant  
Adam Noelting, Principal Transportation Planner  
Zac Bitting, Associate Transportation Planner  
Dylan Mullenix, Senior Transportation Planner  
Luke Parris, Associate Transportation Planner  
Bethany Wilcoxon, Associate Transportation Planner

**Others Present:**

Dana Conn, Transportation Management Association  
Gary Fox, City of Des Moines  
Ted Tran, Congressman Boswell's Office

\* Advisory/Non-Voting Representatives

\*\* Associate/Non-Voting Representatives

## **I. Call to Order**

MPO Chair Ted Ohmart recognized a quorum and called the December 17, 2009, meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

## **II. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's December 17, 2009, meeting agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **III. Approval of the MPO's November 19, 2009, Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's November 19, 2009, meeting minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **IV. November 2009 Financial Statement**

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 2009 Financial Statement, as presented and as attached.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **V. (A.) Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Surface Transportation Program and Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Project Scores**

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization receive and file the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Surface Transportation Program and Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement project scores, and forward the following projects, scoring 50 points or more, to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee for consideration for Federal Fiscal Year 2014 funding:

Surface Transportation Program

### *Major Construction – Existing Category*

- o Ankeny, Northeast 36th Street, Interstate Highway 35 to U.S. Highway 69;
- o Ankeny, Northeast Delaware Avenue, Northeast 5th Street to Northeast 18th Street;
- o Des Moines, East Indianola Avenue, McKinley Avenue to Army Post Road;
- o Des Moines, Park Avenue, Monarch Cement Railroad to Southwest 63rd Street;
- o Johnston, Northwest 70th Avenue, Northwest 86th Street to Northwest 100th Street;
- o Polk County/Johnston, Northwest 66th

- Avenue, Northwest Beaver Drive to Northwest 26th Street;
- o West Des Moines, Grand Avenue, Raccoon River Park to South 50th Street; and,
- o West Des Moines, University Avenue, at Interstate Highways 35/80.

*Major Construction – New Category*

- o Polk County, North-South Metro Parkway, Interstate Highway 235 to Iowa Highway 415;
- o Des Moines, Southeast Connector, Southeast 14th Street to Southeast 18th Street;
- o Polk County, Northeast Beltway, U.S. Highway 65 to U.S. Highway 69; and,
- o West Des Moines, 105th Street, Interstate Highway 80 to Raccoon River Drive.

*Minor Construction Category*

None.

*Preservation*

- o Clive, Northwest 142nd Street, Pinnacle Pointe Drive to Hawthorn Drive;
- o Des Moines, Grand Avenue, bridge over Des Moines River;
- o Des Moines, South Union Street, bridge over Yeader Creek;
- o Iowa Department of Transportation, U.S. Highway 6, U.S. Highway 65 to Euclid Avenue;
- o Polk County, Northwest/Northeast Aurora Avenue, Northwest Morningstar Drive to Dixon Street;
- o Urbandale, Aurora Avenue, 70th Street to 86th Street; and,
- o West Des Moines/Clive, University Avenue, 22nd Street to 50th Street.

*Alternative Transportation Category*

- o Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART), Six Fixed-Route Vehicles.

Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement

*Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Category*

- o Ankeny, Neal Smith Connector Recreation Trail;
- o Ankeny/Polk County Conservation Board, Gay Lea Wilson Trail Extension;
- o Des Moines/Polk County Conservation Board, Easter Lake Park Trail Connection;

- o Des Moines, Superblock Trail Connections;
- o DART, Multimodal Transit Hub Bike Storage Facility Up-Fit;
- o Urbandale, Little Walnut Creek Trail Connection to Clive;
- o Urbandale, 128th Street Connection to Grimes, Meredith Drive to North Corporate Line;
- o Urbandale, Walnut Creek Trail, Meredith Drive to 156th Street; and,
- o Waukee, Raccoon River Valley Trail Rest Area.

*Scenic/Environmental Category*

- o Clive, Swanson/University Boulevard and University Avenue Intersection Streetscape Improvements;
- o Des Moines, Drake Area Streetscape;
- o Des Moines, Beaverdale Village Streetscape;
- o Des Moines, Southeast 14th Beautification at McKinley Avenue;
- o West Des Moines, Valley Junction Streetscape, Railroad Avenue Scenic Beautification;
- o West Des Moines, Valley Junction Streetscape, Pedestrian/Roadway Lighting; and,
- o Windsor Heights, Suburban Farms/Hickman Corridor Streetscape Improvements.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**V. (B.) *Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – City of West Des Moines***

*(Brian Laurenzo arrived at 4:10 p.m.)*

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve amending the *Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program* to make the following change:

Transfer \$1,000,000 in Surface Transportation Program funds from the “Grand Avenue – Phase 4” project (STP-U-8260()—70-77) to the “Grand Avenue – Phase 3” project (STP-U-8260(622)-70-77);

and forward the changes to the Iowa Department of Transportation for inclusion in the *Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program*.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**V. (C.) Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority Voting Membership**

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the addition of the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority as a voting member of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

**NAY:** Ohmart

**MOTION CARRIED**

*(Chris Coleman arrived at 4:06 p.m.)*

**VI. (A.) Fiscal Year 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget Amendment – Intermodal Usage Survey \*\*With Option to Take Action\*\***

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded that the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the Third Amendment of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s *Fiscal Year 2010 Unified Planning Work Program* budget to include the following Special Project:

Special Project 13.6 – Intermodal Usage Survey – The Greater Des Moines Partnership plans to administer an intermodal usage survey to determine the feasibility of developing an intermodal freight facility in central Iowa. The project includes the hiring of a consultant to determine the number of intermodal freight movements originating or terminating in central Iowa. The MPO’s funding contribution would cover up to 50 percent of the total survey cost, would not exceed \$50,000, and is subject to conditions to be met and finalized by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VI. (B.) Fiscal Year 2010 Unified Planning Work Program Draft**

MPO staff presented; discussion only on Item VI. (B.).

**VI. (C.) Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Transportation Appropriations Projects List**

MPO staff presented; discussion only Item VI. (C.).

**VI. (D.) Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Administration Modification – City of Ankeny**

MPO staff presented; discussion only Item VI. (D.).

**VI. (E.) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Status Update**

MPO staff presented; discussion only Item VI. (E.).

**VI. (F.) Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Surface Transportation Program and Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Funding Recommendation**

MPO staff presented; discussion only on Item VI. (F.).

**VI. (G.) Calendar Year 2010 MPO Nominating Committee**

Angela Connolly presented; discussion only on Item VI. (G.).

**VII. (A.) Transportation Management Association Update**

Dana Conn presented; discussion only on Item VII. (A.).

**VII. (B.) MPO November 2009 Progress Report**

MPO staff presented; no discussion on Item VII. (B.).

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

*(Brian Laurenzo exited at 4:53 p.m.)*

**IX. Next MPO Meeting Date**

4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010, in the Des Moines Botanical Center's Willow Room.

**X. Adjournment**

Hearing no objection to the contrary, Chair Ohmart adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

#### IV. Calendar Year 2010 MPO Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee:

- At the MPO's December 17, 2009, meeting, presented a Calendar Year 2010 slate of candidates, in accordance with the MPO Bylaws, for the following Executive Committee Positions:
  - Chair – Ted Ohmart;
  - Vice-Chair – Chris Coleman;
  - Secretary/Treasurer – Tom Hockensmith;
  - Member-At-Large – Scott Cirksena;
  - Member-At-Large – Brian Laurenzo;
  - Member-At-Large – Robert Mahaffey; and,
  - Ex-Officio – Angela Connolly;
  
- Will also accept nominations from the floor.

The MPO Chair:

Appointed Des Moines Area MPO representatives Angela Connolly, Polk County; Frank Cownie, City of Des Moines; and Tom Armstrong, City of Grimes, to serve on the annual Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of candidates for the election of the MPO Chair and the MPO TTC Vice-Chair for Calendar Year 2010 at the MPO November 19, 2009, meeting.

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(515) 334-0075, extension #206.

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## V. December 2010 Financial Statement

### **Consent Item**

The MPO Executive Committee requests that:

**“ . . . the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
approve the December 2009 Financial Statement, as presented  
and as attached.”**

A copy of the December 2009 Financial Statement immediately follows.

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(515) 334-0075, extension #206.

# Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Income Statement Cash Basis for Month Ended December 31, 2009

### INCOME

Interest Income - Checking (December 2009)	0.58
Interest Income - IPAIT (December 2009)	24.68

### DEPOSITS

December 2009	161,371.80
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**TOTAL INCOME/DEPOSITS** 161,397.06

### EXPENSES

Per Vendor Payment Report for December 2009	199,988.09
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**TOTAL EXPENSES** 199,988.09

**NET INCOME December 31, 2009** -38,591.03

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### Statement of Retained Earnings Cash Basis for Month Ended December 2009

Retained Earnings	225,017.82
Net Income	<u>-38,591.03</u>

**Fund Balance** 186,426.79

# Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Expenses by Vendor Detail

December 2009 Memo

		<u>Amount</u>
<b>Advanced Network Technologies</b>		
	Netcare Service - January 2010	1,350.00
	IOMEGA 2TB USB HD CAC J34484 (Pictometry data Storage Equipment)	250.00
	Setup and Installation f Pictometry Data Storage Equipment (2/2)	1,155.00
	HP Proliant DL370GB XQC J519577 (Pictometry Data Storage Equipment)	1,783.00
	DL370G6 10600R-9 DDR3 SDRAM (Pictometry Data Storage Equipment)	1,249.00
	ML370G5 13x5x4HR 3 Yr Upgrade Care Pack (Pictometry Data Storage - Warranty Licensing)	478.00
	HP 600GB 15K RPM SAS HD J516828/J516820 (Pictometry Data Storage Equipment)	2,164.00
	6G 15K RPM SAS HD J516827 (Pictometry Data Storage Equipment)	1,082.00
	MS Windows Server 2008 R2 (Pictometry Data Storage Software - Licensing)	579.00
	Setup and Installation of Pictometry Data Storage Server (1/2)	945.00
		<u>11,035.00</u>
 <b>Avesis</b>		
	Vision Insurance - January 2010	102.16
		<u>102.16</u>
 <b>Bankers Leasing Company</b>		
	Copier Lease - December 2009	1,583.39
		<u>1,583.39</u>
 <b>Bethany Wilcoxon</b>		
	Mileage - November 2009	14.85
		<u>14.85</u>
 <b>Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors, &amp; Roberts,P.C</b>		
	General Services - October 2009	1,750.00
	Special Services - October 2009	1,827.00
	General Services - November 2009	1,750.00
	Special Services - November 2009	1,764.00
		<u>7,091.00</u>
 <b>Delta Dental Plan of Iowa</b>		
	Dental Insurance - January 2010	625.08
		<u>625.08</u>
 <b>Des Moines Botanical Center</b>		
	Meeting Room Rental - TTC Meeting, December 3, 2009	100.00
	Beverages for TTC Meeting - December 5, 2009	43.31
	Holiday tray for TTC Meeting - December 5, 2009	76.00
	Meeting Room Rental - MPO Meeting, December 17, 2009	100.00
	Beverages for MPO Meeting - December 17, 2009	55.23
		<u>374.54</u>

# Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Expenses by Vendor Detail

December 2009 Memo

		<u>Amount</u>
<b>Des Moines Stamp Mfg. Co.</b>		
	Name Plate - B. Wilcoxon	11.50
		<u>11.50</u>
<b>DylanMullenix</b>		
	Mileage - November 2009	86.90
		<u>86.90</u>
<b>Hasler Financial Services</b>		
	Postage Meter Lease - Quarter 1 CY 2010	300.00
		<u>300.00</u>
<b>INS</b>		
	Website Hosting Services - December 2009	30.98
		<u>30.98</u>
<b>Institute of Transportation Engineers</b>		
	Registration - Complete Streets Webinar, December 16, 2009 (MPO Representatives)	250.00
		<u>250.00</u>
<b>International Traders of Iowa</b>		
	Registration Fees - ITI Meeting, December 8, 2009 (T. Kane & D. Mullenix)	50.00
		<u>50.00</u>
<b>Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System</b>		
	November 2009 Contribution	7,078.74
		<u>7,078.74</u>
<b>Jennifer Zelle</b>		
	Water for In-House Meetings	3.49
		<u>3.49</u>
<b>Kabel Business Services</b>		
	Flex Plan Monthly Contribution - December 2009	19.50
		<u>19.50</u>
<b>Lightedge Solutions</b>		
	Internet & FTP Service - January 2010	748.38
	Spam & Virus Protection 0 November 2009	19.50
		<u>767.88</u>
<b>LukeParris</b>		
	Mileage - November 2009	50.11
		<u>50.11</u>

# Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Expenses by Vendor Detail

December 2009 Memo

Amount

**M & M Sales Company**

Copier Usage - December 2009	1,222.03
	<u>1,222.03</u>

**Merle Hay Mall**

Rent - January 2010	5,680.13
	<u>5,680.13</u>

**Nationwide Retirement Solutions**

Deferred Comp Contribution - PPE 11.29.09	1,170.03
Deferred Comp Contribution - PPE 12.13.09	1,170.03
Deferred Comp Contribution - PPE 12.27.09	1,170.03
	<u>3,510.09</u>

**NokilPark**

Travel Advance - 2010 TRB Meeting, January 10-14, 2010	1,000.00
Travel Reimbursement - TRANSIMS Training, December 15-19, 2009	1,073.14
	<u>2,073.14</u>

**Palmer's Deli**

Lunch for STP Funding Subcommittee, November 30, 2009	95.31
Holiday Tray for Executive Committee - December 14, 2009	39.99
	<u>135.30</u>

**Panera Breads**

Holiday Tray for CIRTPA Meeting, December 17, 2009	55.23
	<u>55.23</u>

**Papa John's**

Lunch for Complete Streets Webinar, December 16, 2009	101.78
	<u>101.78</u>

**Payroll**

Payroll 11/29/2009 - Processing Fee	87.06
Payroll 11/29/2009- Employee Wages	16,339.52
Payroll 11/29/2009 - Flex Plan Contributions	161.69
Payroll 11/29/2009 - Payroll Taxes	5,185.67
Payroll 12/13/2009 - Processing Fee	84.76
Payroll 12/13/2009- Employee Wages	15,412.63
Payroll 12/13/2009 - Flex Plan Contributions	161.69
Payroll 12/13/2009 - Payroll Taxes	5,069.89
Payroll 12/27/2009 - Processing Fee	84.76
Payroll 12/27/2009- Employee Wages	15,513.04
Payroll 12/27/2009 - Flex Plan Contributions	0.00
Payroll 12/27/2009 - Payroll Taxes	5,136.71
	<u>63,237.42</u>

# Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Expenses by Vendor Detail

December 2009 Memo

		<u>Amount</u>
<b>Pictometry International Corp.</b>		
	Deposit - Pictometry Image License (25% of final cost)	8,026.87
		<u>8,026.87</u>
<b>Principal Life Group</b>		
	Life, LTD/STD, & AD&D Insurance - January 2010	578.74
		<u>578.74</u>
<b>Qwest</b>		
	Local Telephone Service - December 2009	337.84
		<u>337.84</u>
<b>Stephanie Ripperger</b>		
	Sodas for In-House Meetings	61.94
	Mileage - November 2009	13.50
		<u>75.44</u>
<b>Storey-Kenworthy</b>		
	Office Supplies - November 2009	378.21
		<u>378.21</u>
<b>Survey Monkey</b>		
	Quarterly License Renewal	59.85
		<u>59.85</u>
<b>Telrite Corporation</b>		
	Long Distance Service - November 2009	21.17
		<u>21.17</u>
<b>TomKane</b>		
	Expense Reimbursement	16.25
		<u>16.25</u>
<b>Verizon Wireless</b>		
	Blackberry Service - January 2009	188.65
		<u>188.65</u>
<b>Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Io</b>		
	Health Insurance - January 2010	4,640.18
		<u>4,640.18</u>
<b>ZacBitting</b>		
	Mileage - November 2009	34.65
	Registration Fee - Iowa Bicycle Coalition Meeting, January 29, 2010 (Z. Bitting)	140.00
		<u>174.65</u>
		<u><b>119,988.09</b></u>

## VI. Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Surface Transportation Program and Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Funding Recommendation

### **Action Item**

The MPO Executive Committee requests that:

“ . . . the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the following Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Surface Transportation Program and Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement recommendation to allocate funds to the following projects:

#### **Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Surface Transportation Program**

##### Major Construction

- Northeast 36th Street, East of U.S. Highway 69 to Interstate 35, City of Ankeny - \$600,000;
- East Indianola Avenue, McKinley Avenue to Army Post Road, City of Des Moines - \$1,000,000;
- Northwest 70th Avenue, Northwest 86th Street to Northwest 100th Street, City of Johnston - \$600,000;
- Northwest 66th Avenue, Northwest Beaver Drive to Northwest 26th Street, Polk County - \$900,000;
- Grand Avenue, Raccoon River Park to South 50th Street, City of West Des Moines - \$1,000,000; and,
- Southeast Connector, Southeast 14th Street to Southeast 18th Street, City of Des Moines - \$2,125,000.

##### Minor Construction

None.

##### Preservation

- Northwest 142nd Street, Pinnacle Pointe Drive to Hawthorn Drive, City of Clive - \$300,000;
- U.S. Highway 6, U.S. Highway 65 to Euclid Avenue, Iowa Department of Transportation - \$850,000; and,
- Aurora Avenue, 70th Street to 86th Street, City of Urbandale - \$200,000.

Alternative Transportation

- Six Fixed-Route Buses – Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority - \$900,000.

**Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Surface Transportation Program  
Transportation Enhancement**

Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities

- Gay Lea Wilson Trail Extension, Ankeny to the existing Gay Lea Wilson Trail at Aurora Avenue, City of Ankeny - \$150,000;
- Ewing Park and Easter Lake Park Trail, north side of Ewing Park to beach area of Easter Lake Park, City of Des Moines - \$190,000; and,
- 128th Street Trail Connection to Grimes, 128th Street/Meredith Drive north ½ mile to Urbandale/Clive City Limits, City of Urbandale - \$150,000.

Scenic/Environmental

- Drake Area Streetscape, University and Forest Avenue from M.L.King, Jr. Parkway to 31st Street – City of Des Moines - \$140,000.

**and include the identified projects in the development of the Federal Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program.”**

**Background Information**

The City of Urbandale:

- Submitted a request to the MPO to consider switching a FFY 2014 STP TE funding award from one City of Urbandale STP TE project to another (from 128th Street Trail to Little Walnut Creek Trail); and,
- Has included, immediately following, the City of Urbandale’s letter requesting the MPO switch the FFY 2014 STP TE funding for the “128th Street Trail Connection to Grimes” project to the “Little Walnut Creek Trail Connection to Clive” project.

The MPO:

- Discussed the STP Funding Subcommittee’s FFY 2014 STP and STP TE funding recommendation at their December 17, 2009, meeting; and,
- Was notified by the City of Urbandale of their intention to request the MPO’s consideration to switch an STP TE funding award from one City of Urbandale project to another.

The MPO Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee:

- Met December 10, 2009, to discuss and recommend a Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 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;
- Did not receive updated funding targets from the Iowa DOT before the STP Funding Subcommittee met on December 10, 2009, and proceeded forward with FFY 2013 STP and STP TE funding target levels;
- Recommends programming 100 percent of the projected FFY 2014 funding targets (\$8,322,050 STP and \$628,098 STP TE); and,
- Has included, immediately following, a map and project descriptions of the draft FFY 2014 STP and STP TE funding recommendation.

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City of  
Urbandale

January 4, 2010

Des Moines Area MPO  
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Subject: 2014 STP TE Project Award

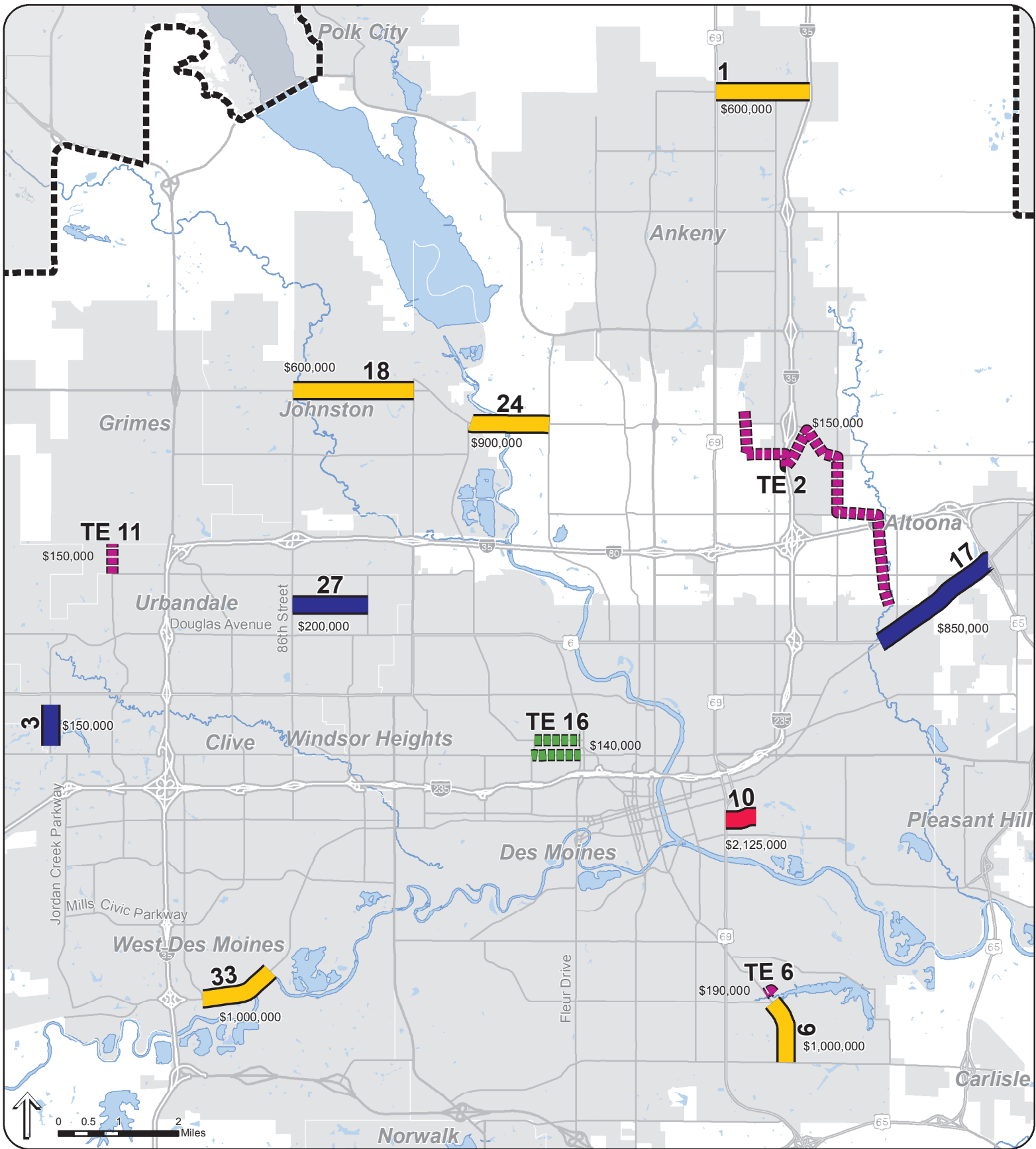
Dear MPO:

The City of Urbandale is requesting that the STP TE grant funding for the 128<sup>th</sup> Street Trail Connection to Grimes (Project TE2014-11) be switched to the Little Walnut Creek Trail Connection to Clive (Project TE2014-12). The City of Urbandale does understand that the grant funding amount will remain at \$150,000.

If you have any questions, please call me at 278-3950.

Sincerely:

David J. McKay, PE  
Director of Engineering and Public Works



# STP and STP TE

## Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Awards

### Legend

- |                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FFY 2014 STP Award Category | FFY 2014 STP TE Award Category |
| Major - Existing            | Bicycle-Pedestrian             |
| Major - New                 | Scenic-Environmental           |
| Preservation                |                                |

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Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee  
 Federal Fiscal Year 2014  
 Surface Transportation Program Funding Recommendation

Number	Applicant	Project	Termini	Funds Requested		Funds Allocated
				STP Request	Total Cost	FFY 2014 STP Award
<b>Major Construction - Existing</b>						
2014-1	City of Ankeny	NE 36th Street	East of U.S. Highway 69 to Interstate 35	\$2,000,000	\$8,150,000	\$600,000
2014-2	City of Ankeny	NE Delaware Avenue	Northeast 5th Street to Northeast 18th Street	\$1,500,000	\$6,300,000	\$0
2014-6	City of Des Moines	E Indianola Avenue	McKinley Avenue to Army Post Road	\$1,000,000	\$16,000,000	\$1,000,000
2014-8	City of Des Moines	Park Avenue	Monarch Cement RR Tracks to SW 63rd Street	\$2,000,000	\$4,500,000	\$0
2014-18	City of Johnston	NW 70th Avenue	Northwest 86th Street to Northwest 100th Street	\$3,450,000	\$8,750,000	\$600,000
2014-24	Polk County (City of Johnston)	NW 66th Avenue	Northwest Beaver Drive to Northwest 26th Street	\$4,000,000	\$24,748,000	\$900,000
2014-33	City of West Des Moines	Grand Avenue	Raccoon River Park to South 50th Street	\$1,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$1,000,000
2014-35	City of West Des Moines	University Avenue	at Interstate 35/80	\$3,250,000	\$6,500,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$82,948,000</b>	<b>\$4,100,000</b>
<b>Major Construction - New</b>						
2014-10	City of Des Moines	SE Connector	Southeast 14th Street to Southeast 18th Street	\$6,000,000	\$8,300,000	\$2,125,000
2014-21	Polk County	NE Beltway	U.S. Highway 65 to U.S. Highway 69	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$0
2014-22	Polk County	North-South Metro Parkway	Interstate 235 to Iowa Highway 415	\$1,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$0
2014-29	City of West Des Moines	105th Street	Interstate 80 to Raccoon River Drive	\$9,000,000	\$18,000,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,800,000</b>	<b>\$2,125,000</b>
<b>Minor Construction</b>						
-	None	-	-	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Preservation</b>						
2014-3	City of Clive	NW 142nd Street	Pinnacle Pointe Drive to Hawthorn Drive	\$300,000	\$600,000	\$150,000
2014-7	City of Des Moines	Grand Avenue Bridge	over Des Moines River	\$500,000	\$4,200,000	\$0
2014-9	City of Des Moines	S Union Bridge	over Yeader Creek	\$400,000	\$900,000	\$0
2014-17	Iowa DOT	U.S. Highway 6	U.S. Highway 65 to Euclid Avenue	\$425,000	\$1,500,000	\$850,000
2014-23	Polk County	NW/NE Aurora Avenue	Northwest Morningsstar Drive to Dixon Street	\$331,968	\$832,000	\$0
2014-27	City of Urbandale	Aurora Avenue	70th Street to 86th Street	\$430,000	\$862,500	\$200,000
2014-36	City of West Des Moines	University Avenue	22nd Street to 50th Street	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,894,500</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>
<b>Alternative Transportation</b>						
-	DART	6 Fixed-Route Buses		\$1,245,000	\$2,800,526	\$900,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,800,526</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$131,548,526</b>	<b>\$8,325,000</b>
						<b>\$8,322,050</b>
						<b>-\$2,950</b>

Surface Transportation Program Funding Subcommittee  
 Federal Fiscal Years 2014  
 Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Funding Recommendation

Number	Applicant	Project	Termini	Funds Requested		Funds Allocated
				STP Request	Total Cost	FFY 2014 STP Award
<b>Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities</b>						
TE2014-1	City of Ankeny	Neal Smith Connector Trail	Southwest Oralabor Road from SW State Street to South Ankeny Blvd	\$150,000	\$700,000	\$0
TE2014-2	City of Ankeny	Gay Lea Wilson Trail Extension	Carney Marsh along the southern city limits of Ankeny to the existing Gay Lea Wilson Trail at Aurora Avenue	\$300,000	\$2,920,000	\$150,000
TE2014-5	DART	Regional Transit Hub Bicycle Facility Upgrade	Within the Multi-Modal Transit Hub	\$75,000	\$184,375	\$0
TE2014-6	City of Des Moines	Ewing Park and Easter Lake Park Trail	North side of Ewing Park, under Indianola Avenue, to beach area of Easter Lake Park	\$400,000	\$1,000,000	\$190,000
TE2014-8	City of Des Moines	SuperBlock Trail System	Trail Connecting Blank Park Zoo, Fort Des Moines Park, Blank Park Golf Course, Parade Grounds Park, etc.	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
TE2014-11	City of Urbandale	128th Street Trail Connection to Grimes	128th Street/Meredith Drive north 1/2 mile to Urbandale/Clive City Limits	\$160,000	\$200,000	\$150,000
TE2014-13	City of Urbandale	Walnut Creek Trail - Meredith Drive to 156th Street	Under Meredith Drive following Walnut Creek to the north and west to 156th Street	\$210,000	\$420,000	\$0
TE2014-12	City of Urbandale	Little Walnut Creek Trail Connection to Clive	Douglas Parkway to Meredith Drive	\$201,000	\$335,000	\$0
TE2014-14	City of Waukee	Raccoon River Valley Trail - Rest Area and Trailhead Improvements	Intersection of Hickman Road and North 10th Street	\$90,000	\$200,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$2,086,000</b>	<b>\$6,959,375</b>	<b>\$490,000</b>
<b>Scenic/Environmental</b>						
TE2014-15	City of Clive	NW 86th Street South End Streetscape Improvement	NW 86th Street from University Blvd to Walnut Creek	\$215,000	\$1,653,000	\$0
TE2014-16	City of Des Moines	Drake Area Streetscape	University and Forest Avenue from M.L.King, Jr. Parkway to 31st Street	\$350,000	\$1,750,000	\$140,000
TE2014-17	City of Des Moines	Southeast 14th Street and McKinley Street Streetscape Enhancement	Southeast 14th Street and McKinley Avenue	\$100,000	\$350,000	\$0
TE2014-18	City of West Des Moines	Valley Junction Streetscape - Pedestrian/Roadway Lighting	Railroad Avenue to Locust Street, and from 4th Street to 6th Street	\$1,447,500	\$1,930,000	\$0
TE2014-19	City of West Des Moines	Valley Junction Streetscape - Railroad Avenue Scenic Beautification	Generally between 1st Street and Grand Avenue along Railroad Avenue	\$351,250	\$495,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$2,463,750</b>	<b>\$6,178,000</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>
<b>Historic Preservation</b>						
-	None	-	-	-	-	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$4,549,750</b>	<b>\$13,137,375</b>	<b>\$630,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$628,098</b>	<b>-\$1,902</b>	

**VII. (A.) *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment – City of Des Moines***

**Discussion Item**

The City of Des Moines:

- On December 22, 2009, requested the MPO add the 5th Avenue Extension project to the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* (HY 2035 MTP);
- Notes the 5th Avenue Extension is the connection of 5th Avenue from the north ramp of Interstate 235 northward to Laurel Street;
- Notes the design is a three-lane cross-section with one lane each for northbound and southbound traffic and a center two-way left turn lane; and,
- Notes the estimated total project cost is \$400,000.

The MPO staff:

- Notes the MPO considers Des Moines' request to add a new project to the HY 2035 MTP an amendment;
- **Will hold a public input meeting to receive comments on the described project at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 28, 2010, at Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines;** and,
- Will submit the approved amendment to the Iowa Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration.

Staff Contact: Adam Noelting, [aknoelting@dmampo.org](mailto:aknoelting@dmampo.org);  
(515) 334-0075, extension #211.

**VII. (B.) *Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – City of Des Moines***

**Discussion Item**

The City of Des Moines:

- On December 22, 2009, requested the MPO add the 5th Avenue Extension (NEPA-1945()—83-77) project to the *Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program* (FFY 2010-2013 TIP);
- Notes the 5th Avenue Extension is the connection of 5th Avenue from the north ramp of Interstate 235 northward to Laurel Street;
- Notes the design is a three-lane cross-section with one lane each for northbound and southbound traffic and a center two-way left turn lane; and,
- Notes the 5th Avenue Extension is a local project with no federal

funds and remains in the FFY 2010-2013 TIP for National Environmental Policy Act compliance work.

The MPO staff:

- Notes the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) considers Des Moines' request to add a new project to the FFY 2010-2013 TIP an amendment;
- **Will hold a public input meeting to receive comments on the described project at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 28, 2010, at Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines;** and,
- Will submit the amendment to the Iowa DOT to make similar changes to the *2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program*.

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

## **VII. (C.) Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modification – City of West Des Moines**

### **Discussion Item**

The City of West Des Moines:

- On December 28, 2009, requested the MPO modify the Grand Avenue – Phase 4, Raccoon River Park to Interstate 35 project (STP-U-5260()—70-77) of the *Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program* (FFY 2010-2013 TIP);
- Requested the split of Grand Avenue – Phase 4 into two projects, as follows:
  - Grand Avenue – Phase 4, South 50th Street to Interstate 35 (no federal funding); and,
  - Grand Avenue – Phase 5, Raccoon River Park to South 50th Street.
- Notes that Grand Avenue – Phase 4, South 50th Street to Interstate 35, is a local project with no federal funds and remains in the FFY 2010-2013 TIP for National Environmental Policy Act compliance work;
- Notes that Grand Avenue – Phase 5, Raccoon River Park to South 50th Street, has \$1,951,000 in Surface Transportation Program funding through FFY 2013; and,

- Notes the City plans to construct Grand Avenue – Phase 4, South 50th Street to Interstate 35, in FFY 2011 with part of the project construction occurring prior to the reconstruction of the Grand Avenue interchange at Interstate 35, and part of the construction occurring after the reconstruction of the Grand Avenue interchange.

The MPO staff:

- Notes the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) considers West Des Moines' request to split the project in the FFY 2010-2013 TIP an administrative modification; and,
- Will submit the modification to the Iowa DOT to make similar changes to the *2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program*.

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

## VII. (D.) Surface Transportation Program and Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Account Balances

### **Discussion Item**

The MPO staff:

- Estimates positive balances in the MPO's Surface Transportation Program (STP) and STP Transportation Enhancement (TE) accounts for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010;
- Notes they have not yet received the final adjusted FFY 2010 STP and STP TE funding allocations from the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT);
- Notes the STP Funding Subcommittee will request a submittal from MPO member governments and participating agencies for the unallocated FFY 2010 funds as more information becomes available from the Iowa DOT;
- Notes the MPO's *Guidelines for Surface Transportation Program and Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement Funding* identifies the process for assigning additional available funds, as follows:

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- Additional funds will be offered to those projects that were awarded funds through the Project Priority process, yet were not fully funded by the MPO;

- Additional funds will be offered to those projects that applied for funds, received a score, but were not awarded funding; and,
- Additional funds will be offered to those projects that have already been awarded funds, and that are programmed after the current program year in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) if, upon review, the projects are ready to proceed with implementation.

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- Additional funds will be offered to those projects that were awarded their full funding request, yet need more money;
  - Additional funds will be offered to those projects that applied for funds, received a score, but were not awarded funding; and,
  - Additional funds will be offered to those projects that have already been awarded funds, and that are programmed after the current program year in the TIP if, upon review, the projects are ready to proceed with implementation.
- Notes the MPO STP Funding Subcommittee emphasized the desire to expend the unallocated FFY 2010 funds in FFY 2010 (before September 30, 2010).

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 (515) 334-0075, extension #211;  
 Zac Bitting, [zbitting@dmampo.org](mailto:zbitting@dmampo.org);  
 (515) 334-0075, extension #203.

## VII. (E.) Federal Fiscal Years 2010 Transportation Funding

### **Discussion Item**

The MPO staff:

- Notes President Obama signed a consolidated appropriations act for Federal Fiscal Year 2010, a SAFETEA-LU extension, and a Federal Aviation Administration funding extension, in mid-December 2009;
- Notes the appropriations act includes earmarked funds for eight projects in the MPO Metropolitan Planning Area, totaling \$6,032,400; and,

- Has included, immediately following, a document from Iowa Department of Transportation staff summarizing the impacts of President Obama's actions.

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

## VII. (F.) Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Transportation Appropriations Update

### **Discussion Item**

The MPO staff:

- On September 24, 2009, mailed to each member government and participating agency a notice requesting letters of intent for projects that will apply for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 transportation appropriations funding, and seek to be part of the Policy Book for the Greater Des Moines Partnership's 2010 trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with the area's congressional delegation;
- Notes that letters of intent were due to the MPO office by Wednesday, October 28, 2009;
- Requested any deletions or revisions to the list be submitted to the MPO staff on or before November 25, 2009;
- Included the final listing of projects submitted to the MPO for FFY 2011 transportation appropriations consideration in the December 2009 agenda packet;
- Notes the MPO Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee met on December 10, 2009, to review and discuss the selection of priority projects from the full project listing;
- Notes the MPO STP Funding Subcommittee will meet again on January 26, 2010, to review and select priority projects from the full project listing;
- Notes that, at its February 21, 2010, meeting, the MPO will take action to approve the final project listing and priorities for:
  - Inclusion in the Greater Des Moines Partnership's June 2010 Policy Book; and,
  - Submission to Iowa's Congressional staff for consideration in the upcoming FFY 2011 transportation appropriations process.
- Will work with project sponsors and congressional staffs to ensure project sponsors receive and complete appropriation applications.

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(515) 334-0075, extension #202.

**FY 2010 Federal Transportation Funding  
Appropriations - P.L. 111-117, SAFETEA-LU extension – P.L. 111-118  
FAA extension – P.L. 111-116**

The President signed a consolidated appropriations act for FY 2010 on December 16. Program authorization extensions were required, and passed: a SAFETEA-LU extension through February 28, 2010 signed on December 19 (P.L. 111-118); and an FAA extension through March 31, 2010 signed on December 16 (P.L. 111-116).

Specific Iowa formula funding information has not been released at this time.

Briefly:

- *Formula highway funding* saw a slight increase over 2009 levels. Plus, the bill provides \$600 million to the Secretary for “surface transportation” and \$650 million from the general fund for highways.
- *Formula transit funding* is also higher than last year.
- *The Airport Improvement Program* remains at 2009 levels, with \$6 million set aside for the Small Community Air Service program. Essential Air Service funding is increased.
- *Rail funding* for 2010 included no Capital Grants to states but does provide \$2.5 billion in High Speed Rail grants.
- *Motor Carrier Safety* receives slightly more for grants than in 2009 (\$29 million is set aside for New Entrant audits).
- *Highway Traffic Safety Grant funding* remains the same as last year.
- *Congressional earmarks* for Iowa projects totaled \$25.25 million (list attached).

**National Transportation Appropriations Funding (selected programs)**

	<b>FY 2009 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2010 Enacted</b>	<b>Percent change</b>
<i>Aviation</i>			
Airport Improvement Program	3.514 billion	3.515 billion	0.03% increase
Small Community Air Service		[6 million]	
Essential Air Service	123 million	200 million	62.6% increase
<i>Highway</i>			
National Obligation Authority	40.7 billion	41.107 billion	1% increase
General Fund for highways	--	650 million	--
Secretary's funds for STP	--	600 million	--
General Fund for earmarks	161 million	293 million	82% increase
<i>Highway Safety</i>			
Highway Traffic Safety Grants	619.5 million	619.5 million	0% change
<i>Motor Carrier Safety</i>			
Motor Carrier Safety Grants	307 million	310 million	0.9% increase
New Entrant audits		[29 million]	
<i>Transit</i>			
Formula and Bus Grants	8.261 billion	8.343 billion	1% increase

	<b>FY 2009 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2010 Enacted</b>	<b>Percent change</b>
<i>Rail</i>			
Amtrak operating	550 million	563 million	2.4% increase
Amtrak capital	940 million	1.00 billion	6.4% increase
Capital assistance to States	90 million	0	100% decrease
High speed rail grants	0	2.5 billion	100% increase

Iowa-related provisions:

- Amends two 2009 appropriations bill **earmarks**: 1) the Wapsi Great Western Line Trail (Sec. 125(j)), and 2) the Highway 169 Corridor Project (Sec. 125(k)). These changes were supported by the department to enable the funds to be utilized for the purposes originally intended.
- Appropriates \$2 million for a new study of the existing and potential benefits of river flow (to energy, transportation, the economy and the environment) in the **Missouri and Mississippi River basins** (Sec. 195)

Miscellaneous of interest:

- Sets a minimum **AIP** apportionment to airports with at least 10,000 boardings the previous year (Sec. 119)
- Directs STB to review the issues surrounding agreements between entities responsible for **passenger and freight rail**, including examination of historic precedent, current practices and existing agreements. STB must produce a letter report on the results of its review for Congress (joint explanatory statement re. conference agreement, p. 39)
- Directs **Amtrak** and TSA to develop and implement guidance for allowing firearms in checked baggage, not later than one year after enactment (Sec. 159)
- Allows FTA to provide grants for 90 percent of the net capital cost of a factory installed or retrofitted hybrid **electric bus system**, at the Secretary's discretion (Sec. 164)
- Provides \$75 million for grants to **public transit agencies** that will reduce the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of their public transit systems (text p. 80)
- Directs the Inspector General to study the effect of **charter tour regulations** on quality and price of transit services (joint explanatory statement re. conference agreement, p. 33)
- Omits the **National Infrastructure Bank** as proposed by the House (the funds went to High Speed Rail grants instead).

Iowa Earmarks in the 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-117)  
 (Highlighted projects are in the Des Moines Area MPO's Planning Area)

	Transportation Project Description	FY 2010 THUD Appropriations Earmarks (HR 3288)	Senate (8-5-09 Report)	Conference Report 111- 366 12-8-09
<b>Airport Improvement Program</b>				
	Des Moines International Airport Runway 13R/31L Land Acquisition, Des Moines, IA	\$500,000		\$500,000
	Keokuk Municipal Airport rehabilitation and remarking airfield pavements, IA	\$300,000		\$300,000
Airport Improvement Program Total: \$800,000				
<b>Interstate Maintenance Discretionary</b>				
	Interstate 29 Reconstruction/Utility Relocation, Sioux City, IA	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000
	Interstate 74 Corridor Construction, IA (Bettendorf)	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
Interstate Maintenance Discretionary Total: \$2,500,000				
<b>Surface Transportation Priorities</b>				
	Alice's Road Extension/Ashworth Road to University Avenue (Waukee)	\$750,000		\$950,000
	Iowa Highway 92 Reconstruction (Warren County)	\$750,000		\$950,000
	West Grand Avenue Extension, IA (West Des Moines)	\$750,000		\$1,050,000
	Construct Four Lane Highway 20 West of U.S. 71, IA	\$750,000		\$750,000
	Grand View University Pedestrian Overpass, Des Moines, IA	\$400,000		\$400,000
	Northwest Transportation Corridor Study, Grimes, IA	\$300,000		\$300,000
	University Boulevard Widening, Clive, IA	\$300,000		\$300,000
	Roger Snedden Dr. Extension/Grade Separation-Phase 1, IA (Boone County)	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
	10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South Corridor Extension, Waverly, IA		\$500,000	\$500,000
	Collins Road Improvements, Cedar Rapids, IA		\$1,000,000	\$974,000
	Iowa Highway 14-57 Complete Streets Corridor Improvements, Parkersburg, IA		\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
	Northwest 66 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Reconstruction, IA (Polk County)		\$600,000	\$584,400
	Park Road Bridge Replacement and Dubuque Street Elevation Project, Iowa City, IA		\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

Iowa Earmarks in the 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-117)  
 (Highlighted projects are in the Des Moines Area MPO's Planning Area)

Transportation Project Description	FY 2010 THUD Appropriations Earmarks (HR 3288)	Senate (8-5-09 Report)	Conference Report 111-366 12-8-09
Southeast Connector, IA (Des Moines)		\$2,000,000	\$1,948,000
Southwest Arterial Project, IA (Dubuque)		\$400,000	389,600
Surface Transportation Priorities Total: \$13,596,000			
Transportation Planning, Research, and Development			
Earthworks Engineering Research Center – EERC Iowa State U.	\$500,000		\$500,000
Jet Engine Technology Inspection to Support Continued Airworthiness — JET, Iowa State University, IA	\$700,000		\$700,000
Transportation Planning, Research, and Development Total: \$1,200,000			
Transportation & Community & System Preservation (TCSP)			
Iowa Highway 100 Extension and Improvements, Cedar Rapids, IA	\$500,000		\$500,000
Buses & Bus Facilities			
Ames Intermodal Facility, IA	\$350,000		\$350,000
Ames Transit Facility Expansion, IA	\$500,000		\$750,000
Marshalltown Bus Replacement, IA	\$315,000		\$315,000
Coralville, Intermodal Facility, Coralville, IA		\$750,000	\$750,000
Statewide Bus and Bus Facilities, IA		\$3,450,000	\$3,405,800
Transit Maintenance Garage Initiative, IA		\$700,000	\$681,800
Buses - Bus Facilities Total : \$6,252,600			
Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)			
City of Jefferson, IA Streetscape improvements	\$385,000		\$400,000
Grand Total: \$25,248,600			

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## VII. (G.) Passenger Rail Initiative

### **Discussion Item**

The MPO staff notes the following activities have taken place in the last five months to continue efforts to enhance passenger rail service in Iowa:

- MPO Chair Ohmart continues to participate in the Iowa Department of Transportation's (DOT) Passenger Rail Advisory Committee;
- The Iowa DOT submitted the following five applications to the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's* High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program:
  - Ottumwa Subdivision Crossover Improvements, request of \$17,309,080;
  - Ottumwa Subdivision Capital Maintenance, request of \$26,754,574;
  - Chicago to Omaha Planning, request of \$1,000,000;
  - Chicago to Iowa City New Passenger Rail Service, request of \$256,695,000; and,
  - Chicago to Dubuque New Passenger Rail Service, request of \$139,700,691;
- MPO staff, City of Des Moines staff, and Iowa DOT staff have met to discuss passenger rail station location requirements;
- MPO staff researched the location of historical passenger rail station sites in the Des Moines Central Business District;
- MPO staff held preliminary discussions with Union Pacific Railroad regarding the impacts passenger rail service through Des Moines and passenger rail station might have on freight rail service; and,
- MPO staff and Iowa DOT staff will meet with Union Pacific representatives at Union Pacific's Omaha headquarters on February 2, 2010, to continue these discussions.

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(515) 334-0075, extension #202.

## VII. (H.) Transportation Analysis and Simulation System Training

### **Discussion Item**

The MPO staff:

- Notes the Federal Highway Administration selected Cambridge Systematics to work with the MPO as a beta site to test the deployment of the Transportation Analysis and Simulation System (TRANSIMS) for small to medium-sized metropolitan areas;
- Notes TRANSIMS is a fully integrated, agent-based travel simulation system that projects the daily travel patterns of individual trip makers;
- Notes the TRANSIMS project kicked off in February 2008, and concluded with the final documentation in December 2009;
- Attended TRANSIMS training in Chicago, Illinois, December 15 – December 19, 2009;
- Notes the Argonne National Laboratory in the Transportation Research and Analysis Computing Center, Illinois, and Cambridge Systematics in Chicago, Illinois, hosted the TRANSIMS training session;
- Notes the MPO received a TRANSIMS workstation from Cambridge Systematics; and,
- Is working to update the TRANSIMS network.

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(515) 334-0075, extension #210.

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## VIII. (A.) Quarterly Project Status Updates

### **Informational Item**

The MPO staff:

- Notes the MPO Chair, through discussions with the Iowa Department of Transportation District 1 Engineer and MPO Executive Director, proposes the inclusion of quarterly project status updates in the MPO's meeting agendas; and,
- Notes the MPO Executive Committee discussed the proposal at their January 13, 2010, meeting.

Staff Contact: Zac Bitting, [zbitting@dmampo.org](mailto:zbitting@dmampo.org);  
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## VIII. (B.) Iowa Passenger Transportation Funding Study

### **Informational Item**

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT):

- In December 2009 forwarded the *Iowa Passenger Transportation Funding Study* to the Iowa General Assembly and the Iowa Governor's Office;
- Conducted the study, via a consultant and in cooperation with the Iowa Office of Energy Independence and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, following direction from the Iowa General Assembly for the Iowa DOT to review the current revenues available to support public transit and the sufficiency of those revenues to meet future needs, to identify transit improvements needed to meet state energy independence goals, and to assess how the state's support of public transportation is positioned to meet the mobility needs of Iowa's growing senior population;
- Concluded the need for an additional 13.8 million trips per year statewide to meet the transportation needs of Iowa's transit dependent population; additional services to meet the need of Iowa's transit dependent population would cost approximately \$125 million per year;
- Concluded the need for additional services to attract 24.3 million more riders per year in order for passenger transportation to be a larger contributor to the state's energy independence goals at a cost of approximately \$350 million per year;
- Evaluated the potential ridership demand on five intercity pairings involving the Des Moines area, including the following:

- o Des Moines to Indianola: 1,050 estimated daily public transportation trips;
- o Des Moines to Adel: 900 estimated daily public transportation trips;
- o Des Moines to Ames: 790 estimated daily public transportation trips;
- o Des Moines to Perry: 450 estimated daily public transportation trips; and,
- o Des Moines to Winterset: 400 estimated daily public transportation trips.

The MPO staff:

- **Has included, in the supplemental materials, the Executive Summary to the *Iowa Passenger Transportation Funding Study*;** and,
- Upon request, can provide copies of the full study.

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## VIII. (C.) Transportation Management Association Update

### **Informational Item**

The following tables summarize the performance of the Transportation Management Association's (TMA) Rest Your Car program through November 2009.

**TABLE 1 Rest Your Car Program Performance through November 2009**

	Nov. 2009	Nov. 2008	Percent Change 2009 – 2008	Calendar Year to Date 2009
Total Miles Reported	442,770	481,860	-8	5,878,176
Total Persons Reporting	960	1,102	-13	2,058
Average Miles/Person	461	437	15	2,856
Average Miles/Person/Day	15	15	0	9

Source: Transportation Management Association, 2009.

**TABLE 2 Rest Your Car Program Performance by Commute Type, November 2009 vs. November 2008**

Commute Type	Miles Reported			Reports Made			Miles per Report Made		
	Nov. 2009	Nov. 2008	Percent Change	Nov. 2009	Nov. 2008	Percent Change	Nov. 2009	Nov. 2008	Percent Change
Mass Transit	81,980	89,108	-8	3,736	4,152	-10	21.9	21.5	2
Vanpool	185,434	198,612	-7	2,220	2,415	-8	83.5	82.2	2
Carpool	161,060	188,418	-15	3,685	4,294	-14	43.7	43.9	0
Walk/Run	598	1,044	-43	182	153	19	3.3	6.8	-52
Bike	5,244	4,678	12	424	407	4	12.4	11.5	8
Telecommute*	8,454	0	Not Applicable	139	0	Not Applicable	60.8	0.0	Not Applicable
Total	442,770	481,860	-8	10,386	11,421	-9	Not Applicable		

Note: Telecommuting added as an option in January 2009.

Source: Transportation Management Association, 2009.

If anyone has questions, please contact the TMA by telephone at (515) 286-4969. To learn more about Drive Time Des Moines, go to the TMA website at [www.drivetimesdesmoines.org](http://www.drivetimesdesmoines.org).

#### VIII. (D.) MPO December 2009 Progress Report

##### **Informational Item**

The MPO staff has provided, in the supplemental materials, a summary of work performed for the period of December 1 – December 31, 2009.

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