

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Citizen Transportation Congress
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Meeting Information

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Meeting Outline

- Overview of the MPO
- Public participation and the MPO
- Question and answer session

What is the Des Moines Area MPO?

*The formal transportation body for
the greater Des Moines metropolitan area*



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What is transportation planning?

- The process by which local governments:
 1. Identify the current condition of the existing transportation system
 2. Determine which policies, programs, projects, and activities are needed to preserve, protect, or enhance the numerous elements that comprise a multimodal transportation system

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Elements of a Multimodal Transportation System

- Street and highway system
- Transit services
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Freight and goods movement
- Rail system
- The surrounding natural and human environments

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Why does the MPO exist?

- To allocate federal funds appropriately
- To plan the transportation system at a regional level
- To comprehensively examine the future of the regional transportation system
- To facilitate collaboration

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How is the MPO funded?

The MPO receives funding from:

- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- Iowa Department of Transportation
- Assessments from MPO member governments

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Transportation Planning Activities

- Aviation
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Congestion management
- Freight system
- Land use
- Rail system
- Public participation
- Public transportation
- Street and highway system

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MPO Transportation Planning Activities

- Identify short- and long-range transportation planning needs
- Analyze and evaluate transportation improvements
- Estimate future traffic volumes
- Inform the public about MPO planning activities
- Study the movement of traffic along major corridors
- Conduct planning studies

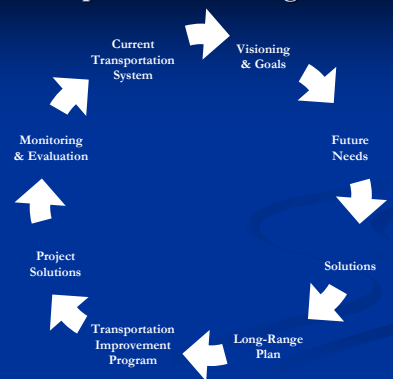
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Transportation Planning Activities: Other Organizations

- Local governments and state agencies
 - Road/bridge design, construction, and repair
 - Enforcement of traffic laws
 - Trail construction and maintenance
- Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority and the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency
 - Transit operations
- Local governments
 - Land use planning and zoning

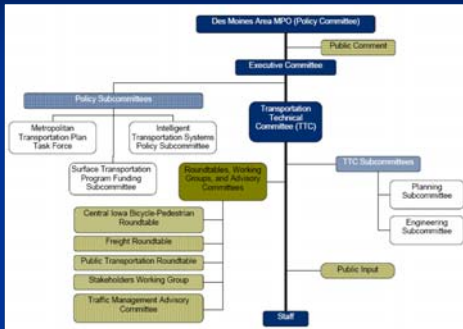
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Transportation Planning Process



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Organization of the MPO



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Organization of the MPO

- Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
 - Technical staff members
- Executive Committee
 - Officers and at-large representatives
- Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)
 - Elected officials, city managers, and appointed citizens

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Organization of the MPO

- Other roundtables and working groups
 - Established on an as-needed basis to address various transportation-related issues
- Professional staff
 - Trained in the various elements of community planning

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Questions

Public Participation and the MPO

Public Participation & Information

- Publications
- Public meetings
- [Website](#)
- [MPO on the Go](#)
- Roundtables



What other methods would you like the MPO to utilize to engage the public throughout the transportation planning process?

Central Iowa Bicycle-Pedestrian Roundtable

- Facilitates a world-class commuter and recreational bicycle-pedestrian system in central Iowa
- Current topics include:
 - Bike to Work Week
 - Des Moines and West Des Moines Bicycle Master Plans
 - Funding
 - Gap Study Analysis



Freight Roundtable

- Seeks to make central Iowa more economically competitive by pursuing freight issues
- Current topics include:
 - Intermodal feasibility study
 - [NASCO 2010 Annual Conference](#)
 - [Port Des Moines](#)



Public Transportation Roundtable

- Promotes an expanded multimodal transportation system
- Current topics include:
 - Coordination of transportation services in downtown Des Moines
 - DART 2035 Regional Transit Service Planning Initiative
 - *Iowa Passenger Transportation Funding Study*

What would cause you to make the shift from using a personal automobile to other modes, such as public transportation, biking, or walking?

Stakeholders Working Group

- Addresses environmental issues as they relate to transportation
- Current topics include:
 - Land use
 - Livability
 - Sustainable planning conference



What does the term 'sustainability' mean to you?

Traffic Management Advisory Committee

- Discusses incident management, traffic management, and intelligent transportation systems
- Current topics include:
 - Pictometry
 - Quick Clearance



Questions

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