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LONG TIME MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SET TO RETIRE DECEMBER 31, 2010

After nearly twenty years at the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Executive Director Tom Kane will retire on December 31, 2010. Mr. Kane joined the MPO in 1991 after spending ten years in a similar position in Tulsa, Oklahoma. During his tenure with the MPO, Mr. Kane has been instrumental in completing a variety of projects, including the reconstruction of Interstate 235; the installation of Intelligent Transportation Systems throughout the metropolitan area; the development of the U.S. Highway 65/Iowa Highway 5 beltway; and, the expansion of the regional trails system. Mr. Kane also has been involved with freight, passenger rail, and public transportation issues.



Besides serving the many committees, subcommittees, working groups, and roundtables involved with the MPO, Mr. Kane has been involved with a variety of other organizations and committees dealing with transportation issues. These include several Transportation Research Board committees, the Greater Des Moines Partnership's Heartland Forum, the North America's SuperCorridor Coalition/North American Inland Ports Network Group, the Iowa Department of Transportation's Passenger Rail Technical Advisory Committee, and the Iowa State University Community and Regional Planning Program's Planning Advisory Council. Mr. Kane also has been invited to serve on a plethora of expert panels over the last two decades.

Following his retirement announcement, Mr. Kane stated, "It is time to leave when you are on top... It is time to move on. I do have things I want to work on. I am involved in a lot of things on the national level."



MPO Chair Ted Ohmart asserted that the Des Moines Area MPO is recognized as one of the top MPOs in the nation due to Mr. Kane's leadership.

"I do thank you for the opportunity to work here; it has been my privilege to serve you... The thing about Des Moines is that you can get things done. All of us can look around the metro area and touch things that have changed for the better," concluded Mr. Kane.

At left, Mr. Kane provides his remarks at the December 16, 2010, MPO Policy Committee meeting.