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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Tomorrow Plan Steering Committee and Special MPO Executive Committee Meeting

12:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, 2013
Des Moines Area MPO Office
420 Watson Powell, Jr., Way, Suite 200
Des Moines, Iowa

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **VOTE: Approval of Meeting Minutes**Page 2
 - Approve the July 31, 2013, Steering Committee and Special MPO Executive Committee meeting minutes.
4. **VOTE: The Tomorrow Plan Final Draft**.....Page 5
 - Approve The Tomorrow Plan.
5. **REPORT: The Tomorrow Plan Next Steps**.....Page 6
 - Review next steps in moving The Tomorrow Plan forward.
6. **REPORT: Upcoming Events**.....Page 7
 - Report on upcoming events related to The Tomorrow Plan.
7. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
8. **VOTE: Next Meeting Date**
 - To be determined
9. **Adjournment**

Agenda Report

The Tomorrow Plan Steering Committee

September 2013
Item No. 3

ISSUE: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Approve the minutes of the July 31, 2013, Steering Committee and Special MPO Executive Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the July 31, 2013, Steering Committee and Special MPO Executive Committee meeting are enclosed on the following pages.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the July 31, 2013, Steering Committee and Special MPO Executive Committee meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

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MEETING MINUTES

The Tomorrow Plan Steering Committee and Special MPO Executive Committee Meeting 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 31, 2013 Des Moines Area MPO Office Des Moines, Iowa

The Tomorrow Plan Steering Committee and MPO Executive Committee held a meeting at 3:30 p.m. on July 31, 2013, at the Des Moines Area MPO Office. Before the meeting, the MPO staff sent agenda packets to The Tomorrow Plan Steering Committee and MPO Executive Committee and posted the agenda at the MPO office at 8:47 a.m. on July 29, 2013. **In addition to these published tentative minutes, there 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:

John Peterson, City of Ankeny
Aaron Todd, Center on Sustainable Communities
Frank Strong, Central Iowa Center for Independent Living
Brad Golightly, Dallas County
Elizabeth Presutti, DART
Larry Hulse, City of Des Moines
Chris Coleman, City of Des Moines*
Frank Cownie, City of Des Moines
Bob Mahaffey, City of Des Moines*
Ted Ohmart, City of West Des Moines*
Meg Fitz, Greater Des Moines Partnership
Angela Connolly, Polk County*
Tom Hockensmith, Polk County*
Eric Burmeister, Polk County Housing Trust Fund
Bob Andeweg, City of Urbandale
Linda Schemmel, City of West Des Moines
Shane Hefty, Young Professionals Connection

* MPO Executive Committee Member

Members Absent:

Ruth Randleman, City of Carlisle
Barry Griswell, Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines
Gene Meyer, Greater Des Moines Partnership
Tammie Krausman, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Gary Taylor, Iowa State University
Paula Dierenfeld, City of Johnston
Russ Trimble, City of West Des Moines
Elisabeth Buck, United Way of Central Iowa

Others Present:

Kent Sovern, AARP
Steve Eggleston, HUD
Luis Leon, LT Leon
Clemen Wilcox, Everything-Spanish
Marissa Fultz, Everything-Spanish
Paul Dekker, City of Urbandale
Pat Boddy, RDG
Mike Ludwig, City of Des Moines
Erin Olson-Douglas, City of Des Moines

Staff Present:

Todd Ashby, Executive Director
Aaron Bartling, Associate Transportation Planner
Stephanie Muller, Executive Administrator
Dylan Mullenix, Principal Transportation Planner
Luke Parris, Senior Transportation Planner
Bethany Wilcoxon, Senior Transportation Planner
Jonathan Wilson, General Counsel
Zach Young, Associate Transportation Planner

1. Call to Order

The Tomorrow Plan Chair Angela Connolly called the July 31, 2013, meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 31, 2013, Steering Committee and Special MPO Executive Committee meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 13, 2013, Steering Committee and Special MPO Executive Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. The Tomorrow Plan Final Draft

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve The Tomorrow Plan.

Discussion only on item 4.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to rescind the previous motion.

5. The Tomorrow Plan Schedule

MPO staff and the consultant team presented; discussion only on item 5.

6. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee

7. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is to be determined.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Agenda Report

The Tomorrow Plan Steering Committee

September 2013
Item No. 4

ISSUE: The Tomorrow Plan Final Draft

VOTE: Approve The Tomorrow Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past two years, the MPO has led a regional consortium in developing The Tomorrow Plan. The product of input from elected officials, stakeholders, staff members, and thousands of Greater Des Moines residents, the plan recognizes that we are many distinct communities working as one region to compete globally and to leave a sustainable legacy for future generations. It focuses on the economy, the environment, community vitality, and regional cooperation. As implementation of the plan gets underway, it will save communities and the region money, draw resources to the region, and prepare us for future growth.

The Tomorrow Plan works as a voluntary, best practices guide for communities to use as they see appropriate. Though this document is non-binding, the communities that do participate will reap the benefits of leaving a lasting legacy through things such as cost savings through efficiency, enhanced community character, and lowered flood risk with improved water quality.

The final draft and the executive summary are available online at www.thetomorrowplan.com.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve The Tomorrow Plan.

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Item No. 5

ISSUE: The Tomorrow Plan Next Steps

REPORT: Review next steps in moving The Tomorrow Plan forward.

BACKGROUND:

The planning team is looking to keep the momentum of The Tomorrow Plan moving forward. As a beginning implementation mechanism, the team will be looking for approval from the Steering Committee, the MPO, and the communities and counties. Draft language for the resolutions of support for communities and counties is included as a supplemental item.

At the same time, the planning team continues to work with communities to move watershed management authorities forward; with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on water trails; and, with Capital Crossroads on greenways. The Everyday Stewards initiative also will launch this fall.

It is anticipated that the Steering Committee will continue to meet on a regular basis to review ongoing work, to make recommendations to the MPO Policy Committee, and to report on the plan's progress.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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Item No. 6

ISSUE: Upcoming Events

REPORT: Report on upcoming events related to The Tomorrow Plan.

BACKGROUND:

A number of community events will be taking place over the coming weeks that bring a number of partner organizations and/or elements of the plan together. These include:

- September 10th: *Changes in the Works: Open House for Water Works Park Master Plan* | Des Moines Water Works, in collaboration with Sasaki Associates and RDG Planning & Design, invites the public to see the exciting **changes in the works** for one of the largest urban parks in the nation. A public open house for the Water Works Park Master Plan will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Water Works Park's event lawn (west end of the park off of George Flagg Parkway). Signs and volunteers will guide visitors to the site. Enjoy food, music and family-fun activities that will assist visitors to envision what's on tap for Water Works Park.
- September 21st: *Rock 'n Run* | Metro Arts Alliance will host the second annual Rock 'n Run. Live music will be offered every half mile during this 5k run. At the end of the race, the Nadas, Decoy, and more will play a free concert. All proceeds will support arts education in the region.
- September 29th: *DSMove* | From 12:00 to 4:00 pm, the City of Des Moines in partnership with the Des Moines Bicycle Collective, the Drake Neighborhood Association, and Drake University will host an Open Street event. Traffic on University Avenue between 24th Street and 41st Street will be replaced by strollers, pets, trikes, music, dancing, yoga, sidewalk cafes, music, games, displays, activities, barbeque, and an opportunity to experience the corridor and the neighbors at a slower pace.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Report and discussion only.

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