

DES MOINES AREA

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Dear Garrett:

SUBJECT: DES MOINES AREA MPO FISCAL YEAR 2014 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET AMENDMENT 3

The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) approved an amendment to the *Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget* (FY 2014 UPWP) on March 27, 2014. This amendment includes the following changes to the work program:

- Work Element 13.7 – Trail Planning: Reduces both local funding and funds from SAFETEA-LU earmark for general trail planning activities to \$0 (earmark funds allocated to 13.8).
- Work Element 13.8 – Trail Network Smartphone Application: Adds \$21,473 in excess SAFETEA-LU earmark funds and reduces MPO FHWA PL funds from \$50,000 to \$28,527 to assist in the development of a smartphone application that would provide data to analyze trail usage, among other purposes.
- Work Element 13.9 – AARP Assistance: New project to assist Iowa AARP with GIS-related work in the amount of \$4,000.
- Work Element 13.10 – Energy Efficiency Planning : New project to use a \$45,000 grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority to conduct various energy efficiency activities that involve transportation.
- Work Element 13.11 – Water Trails: New project to use \$5,000 from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to develop a regional water trails plan.

These amendments increase the MPO's total budget and but reduce FHWA PL funds programmed. Enclosed with this correspondence is a copy of the revised budget worksheet illustrating the amendments, revised project descriptions, as well as a copy of the MPO's signed resolution approving the amendment.

If the Iowa Department of Transportation should have any questions regarding these materials, please do not hesitate to contact me at (515) 334-0075 or via email at dmullenix@dmampo.org.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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Amended Work Elements

13.7 SPECIAL PROJECT – Trail Planning

Total Cost: ~~\$26,842~~ \$0

The MPO has \$21,473 remaining of earmarked funds from the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users authorization bill. The MPO used the majority of funds over the last several years to develop the Central Iowa Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan (*CONNECT*). MPO staff will use the remaining earmark funds to carry out additional trail planning activities, including data collection and analysis related to *CONNECT* initiatives.

Following discussions with the Iowa DOT and FHWA, the MPO agreed to use the remaining \$21,473 for work element 13.8 – Trail Network Smartphone Application. This change reduces both the federal funding and local funding for 13.7 to \$0.

13.8 SPECIAL PROJECT – Trail Network Smartphone Application

Total Cost: \$124,000

MPO Contribution: ~~\$50,000~~ \$28,527

SAFETEA-LU Earmark Contribution: \$21,473

Other Local Contribution: \$74,000

The MPO has partnered with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and the Greater Des Moines Partnership to develop a smartphone application for the central Iowa trail network. The application will allow users to geo-locate their position and find the nearest trail, find points of interest along the trail, and provide data that would allow stakeholders to analyze trail usage trends.

Following discussions with the Iowa DOT and FHWA, the MPO agreed to use the remaining \$21,473 originally programmed for work element 13.7 – Trail Planning – in work element 13.8 instead. This change reduces the need for FHWA PL funds from \$50,000 to \$28,527.

New Work Elements

13.9 SPECIAL PROJECT – AARP Assistance

Total Cost: \$4,000

Iowa AARP has requested GIS mapping assistance that includes geocoding the location of senior housing/facilities/amenities, organizing GIS files, creating maps and data files, and giving a tutorial on how to use the system.

13.10 SPECIAL PROJECT – Energy Efficiency Planning

Total Cost: \$45,000

The MPO received a grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority's Office of Energy to develop energy reduction transportation strategies and policies. The grant will be used to incorporate energy efficiency strategies into the long-range transportation plan development, to develop an on-street bike feasibility study for the region, and to develop an electric vehicle readiness plan for the region.

13.11 SPECIAL PROJECT – Water Trails Planning

Total Cost: \$5,000

The MPO received a grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to develop a regional water trails plan for the metropolitan area. This plan would engage local communities and residents in gathering information and determining needs for water trails within the region; assess and inventory resources; develop a vision for waterways in the region; map opportunities for future water trail developments; and, and begin implementation of priority projects. The project will be conducted over three fiscal years with additional funds programmed in those years.

FISCAL YEAR 2014
WORK PROGRAM BUDGET BY AGENCY
Amendment 3
5-Mar-14

UPWP CODE	WORK ELEMENT	Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)											Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART)			GRAND TOTAL
		FHWA PL Funds - Carryover*	FTA 5303 Funds - Carryover	FHWA PL Funds - New	FTA 5303 Funds - New	MPO Match Funds	Other Local Funds	CIRTPA Contract	MPO STP Funds	Other Funds/Grants		MPO TOTAL	Federal Funds	Local Match Funds	DART TOTAL	
										Amount	Source					
1.0	Long-Range Transportation Planning	\$45,157	\$0	\$162,654	\$29,882	\$56,880	\$8,844	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$303,417	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$303,417
2.0	Transportation Systems Planning	\$25,646	\$0	\$92,374	\$16,970	\$32,302	\$5,023	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$172,315	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$172,315
3.0	Public Involvement	\$9,568	\$0	\$34,463	\$6,331	\$12,052	\$1,874	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$64,288	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$64,288
4.0	Interagency Coordination	\$17,598	\$0	\$63,387	\$11,645	\$15,369	\$10,243	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$118,242	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118,242
5.0	Transportation Improvement Program	\$13,758	\$0	\$49,554	\$9,104	\$17,328	\$2,694	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$92,438	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$92,438
6.0	CIRTPA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$79,621	\$0	\$0	-	\$79,621	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$79,621
7.0	Unified Planning Work Program	\$4,465	\$0	\$16,081	\$2,954	\$5,624	\$874	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$29,998	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,998
8.0	Transit Planning	\$7,483	\$0	\$26,952	\$4,952	\$9,425	\$1,465	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$50,277	\$140,000	\$35,000	\$175,000	\$225,277
9.0	Committee Support	\$25,264	\$0	\$90,998	\$16,717	\$31,821	\$4,948	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$169,748	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$169,748
10.0	Administration	\$28,262	\$0	\$101,796	\$18,701	\$35,597	\$5,535	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$189,891	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$189,891
11.0	Information Technology	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
12.0	Travel and Training	\$5,286	\$0	\$19,039	\$3,498	\$7,693	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$35,516	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,516
Sub Total FY 2014 Budget		\$182,487	\$0	\$657,298	\$120,754	\$224,091	\$61,500	\$79,621	\$0	\$0	-	\$1,325,751	\$140,000	\$35,000	\$175,000	\$1,500,751
13.1	Special Project - GDMP/DCA TMA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$57,875	\$0	\$95,000	\$0	-	\$152,875	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$152,875
13.2	Special Project - Pictometry	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$16,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,000
13.3	Special Project- Rail Port Study	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	IDOT Rail Revolving Loan Fund	\$125,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000
13.4	Special Project - Ames/Des Moines Corridor Transit Study	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
13.5	Special Project - Inclusive Coordinated Transportation Study	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,455	Transportation Association of America Sustainable	\$19,455	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,455
13.6	Special Project - The Tomorrow Plan	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	Communities Regional Planning Grant	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000
13.7	Special Project - Trail Planning	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13.8	Special Project - Trail Network Smartphone	\$28,527 \$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$74,000	\$0	\$0	\$21,473 \$0	SAFETEA-LU	\$226,928 \$124,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$226,928 \$124,000
13.9	Special Project - AARP Assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	Iowa AARP	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
13.10	Special Project - Energy Efficiency Planning	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	IDED Office of Energy Grant	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,000
13.11	Special Project - Water Trails	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	Iowa DNR Grant	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Sub Total FY 2014 Budget		\$28,527 \$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$172,875	\$0	\$95,000	\$354,928 \$300,928	-	\$651,330 \$624,172	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$651,330 \$624,172
TOTAL FY 2014 BUDGET		\$211,014 \$232,487	\$0	\$657,298	\$120,754	\$224,091 \$229,460	\$234,375	\$79,621	\$95,000	\$354,928 \$300,928	-	\$1,977,081 \$1,949,923	\$140,000	\$35,000	\$175,000	\$2,152,081 \$2,124,923

Yellow = New Items
Blue = New amount
Red = Previous amount

* FHWA PL Carryover funds for 13.8 were added in Amendment 2 and are unspent funds from FY 2013.

RESOLUTION FY 2014- 37

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is established under Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa;

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is the designated metropolitan planning organization for the Des Moines metropolitan area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization that:

The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approval of the *Fiscal Year 2014 Unified Planning Work Program* and Budget – Third Amendment.

Done this 20th day of February 2014.



Tom Hockensmith

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Chair