

# Iowa Association of Councils of Governments (ICOG) Staff Retreat

## ▶ Overview

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# ICOG Staff Retreat Overview

- ▶ Held annually in Des Moines
  - ▶ May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Embassy Suites
- ▶ Two day event (Thurs & Fri this year)
- ▶ All Councils of Governments attended
  - ▶ 62 Participants
- ▶ Generally follows a community development track
  - ▶ Networking and working group opportunity for Community Development

# Potential Transportation Element at ICOG Staff Retreat

- ▶ Large amount of duplicate attendees to quarterly meetings
- ▶ Iowa DOT and MPO/RPA agencies have a desire for more training and collaborative opportunities
- ▶ Centrally located event in Des Moines

# Potential Elements

- ▶ **Hold a full quarterly meeting the day before (Wednesday)**
  - ▶ At retreat venue or somewhere else in Des Moines
- ▶ **MPO and RPA training opportunities (from DOT and other sources)**
  - ▶ Program Management & Local Systems
    - ▶ Guide to grant programs available for municipalities
    - ▶ Programming projects in TIPs and TPMS
  - ▶ Systems Planning
    - ▶ TPWP Creation
      - ▶ Financial Elements
    - ▶ LRTP/PPP/PTP Overviews & Best Practices
      - ▶ General requirements for these required planning elements
  - ▶ Civil Rights & DBE
  - ▶ Modal Updates (Transit, Rail, Aviation)
- ▶ **Venue for working groups or networking opportunities**

# Feedback

- ▶ General thoughts of utilizing ICOG for a Quarterly Meeting and a potential “Transportation Track” for those specific staff
- ▶ Which transportation items would need to be included here to be of benefit to agencies?
- ▶ Would May be the best month?
  - ▶ For TIP, LRTP, PPP, PTP items
  - ▶ Potential for Nov/Dec Directors presentation on TPWPs
- ▶ What logistical benefits would this present?
- ▶ What logistical hurdles could this cause?
- ▶ Any additional feedback or ideas