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REVISED
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization
will meet
Thursday, January 28, 2010
1:30 P.M.
Multipurpose Room, Hiawatha City Hall
81 Emmons Street
Hiawatha, Iowa

Public Comment

Action/Discussion Items

1. **Approve Minutes from December 17th meeting (attached).**

Board Options: Approve/Amend/Table meeting minutes.

2. **Approving Officers for 2010.** It is time again for the election of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Corridor MPO. Each officer typically serves 2 one-year terms. Past practice has been for the outgoing Vice-Chair to be considered for election to Chair, outgoing Secretary for Vice-Chair, and outgoing Treasurer for Secretary. The election committee also recommends someone for the Treasurer position. The returning members and their position as of last year are Vice-Chair Linda Langston and Treasurer Paul Rehn. The Nominating Committee is comprised of one representative from each Corridor MPO member. The Nominating Committee will meet and make a recommendation prior to this meeting. Immediately after approval, the newly elected officers will assume their new positions.

Board Options: Approve new Corridor MPO officers for 2010.

3. **Connections 2040 Presentation.** LSA Associates will give a presentation and seek feedback on the road typologies section of Connections 2040.
4. **EDA Grant Support Letter for the U.S. Cellular Center.** The City of Cedar Rapids is requesting a letter of support for an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant application to make improvements to the U.S. Cellular Center. Support from the Corridor MPO is required as part of the grant application.

Board Options: Provide letter of support/decline letter of support/request further information.

5. **Stimulus 2 Funds Project Selection.** A second round of Federal stimulus funds, or Stimulus 2, is anticipated and the Corridor MPO will receive \$6.5 million dollars to distribute for road, trail, and transit projects that are "ready-to-go". A draft list of projects must be submitted to the Iowa DOT on

January 29th. The Transportation Technical Advisory Group (TTAC) met and their recommendation will be provided at the meeting. The Corridor MPO will also have to submit a list of trail projects for consideration by the Iowa Transportation Commission. A public comment period will also have to be opened up on any projects that will need to be amended into the FY10-FY13 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) at this meeting as well.

Board Options: Approve draft list of projects for Stimulus 2 funding.

- 6. Federal Funding Transfer Request.** The City of Cedar Rapids is requesting that the Corridor MPO re-allocate \$2,932,000 in STP funds that it received for projects to the Iowa DOT to advance the Highway 100 Extension Project. The City is also requesting that the Iowa DOT place this project in its five-year transportation plan.

Board Options: Approve request/approve requests with stipulations/deny the request/request more information

Informational Items

None.

Future Agenda Items

1. Context Sensitive Design Solutions Policy.
2. Adoption of new STP/TE application form.
3. By-laws Discussion.
4. Discussion and possible action on the MAC's recommendation for the Corridor MPO to require all of its projects to take into account accessible transportation elements

Next Meetings

- **February 18th, 2010 location TBD**
- **March 18th, 2010 location TBD**

Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization
Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2009
Room 136, Marion City Hall
1:30 P.M.

Member	Present	Not Present	Proxy
Lu Barron	X		
Brian Fagan	X		
Kay Halloran		X	
Brent Oleson		X	
Samantha Dahlby	X		
Linda Langston	X		
Jay Kacena	X		
Jerry McGrane			John Schnipkoweit
Ian Cullis	X		
Tim Carson		X	
Paul Rehn	X		
Tom Theis	X		
Boyd Potter		X	
Monica Vernon	X		
Jim Doyle			Aaron Anderson
Bill Bogert	X		
Gil Janes	X		
David Zylstra	X		
Bill Voss		X	

Staff Present: Adam Lindenlaub, Tara Bradley, Sushil Nepal
Others Present: Cathy Cutler, Lisa Burtch, Robin Kash

Chair Brian Fagan called the meeting to order at 1:25 pm.

AGENDA

Public Comment

None.

Action/Discussion Items

1. Approve Minutes from the November 19th meeting.

Jay Kacena moved to approve the minutes from the November 19th meeting. Linda Langston seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

2. Strategic Communications Plan Presentation.

Colleen Scholer from Frank N. Magid gave a presentation on the Strategic Communications Plan that they developed for the Corridor MPO.

3. Connections 2040 Update.

Adam Lindenlaub reviewed the presentation that was given at the December 3rd Connections 2040 public workshop with the Policy Board and described the workshop exercise (Connections). Samantha Dahlby asked if there were any common themes that resulted from the Connections exercise. Lindenlaub said that some of the themes were the construction of Tower Terrace Road and the Highway 100 Extension, low density housing, and more funding for transit. Kacena asked what the next steps are. Lindenlaub said that the feedback from the first workshop will be used to help create three possible growth scenarios. There will be a second workshop in February to receive feedback on three growth scenarios and a third workshop in April to present the final scenario. Monica Vernon noted that we need to be careful that the public does not misunderstand how the maps they created will be used. Bill Bogert said that the consultant and staff did a good job of educating the public on how the maps would be used.

4. FY10 Transportation Planning Work Program Amendment.

Lindenlaub stated that some funds needed to be moved between work activities in the Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) to fund the consultant's work on the Strategic Communications Plan, which was originally planned to be done by staff. Kacena moved to approve the amendment. Langston seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

5. Linn County Complete Count Committee Campaign for 2010 Census.

Langston moved to table this item until more information was available at a future meeting. David Zylstra seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Informational Items

6. Corridor MPO Policy Board Officers for 2010.

Lindenlaub explained that the Nominating Committee will need to meet the second or third week of January prior to the January 21st meeting to recommend the next Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer for the year 2010. Lu Barron asked Staff to survey the Policy Board members on their preference for meeting days and times. Paul Rehn asked that this be done electronically. Staff said they would send something out.

Dahlby asked that trails be added to the future agenda item list.

Gil Janes gave the Policy Board an update on the Iowa Passenger Rail Advisory Committee's activities.

Janes gave an update on the Highway 30 Corridor initiative. Janes stated that Region 12 commissioned a study to look at the whole statewide corridor. Janes stated that there are three projects in Iowa DOT's five year plan. Janes stated that the Mt. Vernon/Lisbon bypass is listed as a priority one project. Janes stated the importance of this corridor as it is the only east/west corridor through the entire state.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30.