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## MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

will meet

**Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**1:30 pm**

**North Conference Room, City Hall North**

**3851 River Ridge Drive NE**

**Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

### Public Comment

### Action/Discussion Items

1. **Approve Minutes from June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).**

*Board Options: Approve/Amend/Table meeting minutes.*

2. **Adoption of FY11 – F14 TIP.** The draft FY11 – FY14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been reviewed by Iowa DOT and U.S. DOT and all comments have been incorporated into the final version. Also, all new Iowa DOT projects have been added to the TIP. Two open houses were held to share the funding decisions with the public and gather feedback. As approved in November of 2009, the only federal funds the Corridor MPO will program will be the last installment of TE funds for Hiawatha's Boyson Road Trail project.

*Board Options: Take action on adoption of FY11 – FY14 TIP.*

3. **Connections 2040 adoption.** Presentation by LSA Associates on Connections 2040 and the final document. Comments from Iowa DOT, U.S. DOT, MPO Staff, and the Corridor MPO Policy Board have been incorporated into the final document, which is due to FHWA at the end of the month.

*Board Options: Take action on adoption of Connections 2040.*

4. **Cedar Rapids FEMA Funds for Trails (tabled from previous meeting).** The City of Cedar Rapids would like to discuss the possible use of its FEMA funds along with Corridor MPO STP/TE funds over future years for trail construction.

5. **ITS in Corridor MPO projects (tabled from previous meeting).** Discussion on the incorporation and funding of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements in Corridor MPO projects. ITS projects include signal timing and vehicle detection at intersections. Also discussion on the role of ITS in Connections 2040. Possible direction could be an ITS policy that provides guidance on the use of ITS in Corridor MPO projects.

*Board Options: Provide direction to staff on role of ITS.*

### Informational Items

NONE



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### **Future Agenda Items**

1. Using more local funds on MPO projects
2. Revisions to FY11 TPWP
3. STP/TE eligible projects
4. Context Sensitive Design Solutions Policy
5. Adoption of new STP/TE application form
6. By-laws discussion
7. 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**

- August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ Cedar Rapids' City Hall North
- September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 TBD

**Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**Meeting Minutes**

June 17, 2010  
City Council Room 136, Marion City Hall  
1:30 P.M.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
Lu Barron	X		
Don Karr	X		
Ron Corbett	X		
Ben Rogers	X		
Samantha Dahlby	X		
Linda Langston	X		
Jay Kacena			Tom Treharne
Blake Jones	X		
Ian Cullis	X		
Paul Rehn	X		
Tom Theis	X		
Boyd Potter	X		
Monica Vernon			John Schnipkoweit
Jim Doyle			Aaron Anderson
Bill Bogert	X		
Gil Janes	X		
David Zylstra	X		
Jason Rabe		X	

**Staff Present:** Adam Lindenlaub, Sushil Nepal

**Others Present:** Ray Moe, Cathy Cutler, Robin Kash, Geoff Eastburn, Dan Whitlow, Dave Elgin

Chair Linda Langston called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

**AGENDA**

**Public Comment**

None.

**Action/Discussion Items**

**1. Approve Minutes from the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

Ian Cullis moved to approve the minutes from the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lu Barron seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**2. I-380 FY10 – FY13 TIP Amendment.**

Adam Lindenlaub explained that the FY10 – FY13 TIP would need to be amended to include an Iowa DOT project that would install cable guardrails in the median of I-380. No comments were received during the public comment period. Bill Bogert moved to amend the TIP. Paul Rehn seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### **3. Connections 2040 budget.**

Ray Moe reviewed the Connections 2040 improvement projects and costs. David Zylstra asked if land use was incorporated into the E & C Network for the travel demand model. Moe said it was. Moe reviewed the different funding sources and scenarios for the fiscally constrained plan. Gil Janes asked how it was decided to allocate the split of funds without Iowa DOT projects. Moe said the split was the same as with the projects because the projects ranked lower. Blake Jones asked if in Option 4 cities have to agree to give their non-federal funds to plan projects. Moe answered yes. John Schnipkoweit asked if leaving the transit funding as is reduces overall transit service. Moe said it does.

Janes asked if the Vision Plan is based on the 62 projects and the E & C Network. Moe said it does. Janes commented that the travel demand model is extremely important. Moe reviewed the travel demand model update process and project submittal process. Bogert noted that congestion reduction was not the only factor. Janes asked if there were any projects that were identified after the travel demand model ran the 62 submitted projects. Moe said that some issues were identified on I-380 from Hwy. 30 to Wright Brothers Boulevard SW.

Zylstra asked if the current funding scenario that requires 20% local match would need policy changes. Moe stated that it would not but that there are some implementation recommendations in the plan. Zylstra stated that the question is how much local funds are the jurisdictions willing to put up. Jones asked if the Policy Board needed to provide direction today. Lindenlaub stated yes and that the Policy Board can choose the current funding scenario, have further discussion, and review that decision later. Aaron Anderson asked if the funding scenarios take into account the changes with the Road Use Tax Fund distribution. Moe said they did not. Janes stated he was in favor of more local funding. Moe asked the Policy Board their views on increasing local match to 50%. Ron Corbett said that would be a hard sell over 30 years. Lindenlaub said that the Policy Board could agree to more local match for five years because the plan will be updated and progress could be measured at that time. Rehn asked if the Policy Board could take a brief recess to discuss with staff. Moe reminded the Policy Board that he would need answers to how much local match, whether or not to fund state and federal projects, and if they want more non-federal funds to be used.

After a brief recess the Policy Board reconvened. Langston asked the Policy Board if there was support for scenario number four, which would require non-federal funds to be used to fund projects. The answer was no. Langston asked the Policy Board if there was support for doing something different than scenario one, which is the current funding scenario of utilizing only STP and TE funds with 20% local match. Dan Whitlow shared with the Policy Board that the 50/50 cost share may not be the most efficient use of local money due to Davis Bacon and the Iowa DOT process. Anderson asked about giving more ranking weight to projects with Complete Streets, which may require more local match. Staff was asked to provide data on the timing of sidewalk construction in developments around Iowa. Zylstra moved to adopt scenario one for the Connections 2040 fiscally constrained budget. Rehn seconded the motion, which was approved with Tom Theis, Ian Cullis, and Don Karr abstaining.

### **4. Cedar Rapids FEMA Funds for Trails.**

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

### **5. ITS in Corridor MPO Projects.**

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

### **Informational Items**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00.