

U. S. HIGHWAY #30 COALITION MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 5, 2011

The U.S. Highway #30 Coalition met on Friday, August 5, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. in The Story County Courthouse in Nevada, Ia. There were 20 members and guests present.

Chair Edith Pfeffer opened the meeting, welcoming those in attendance and called for introductions. The Secretary's Report was approved on a motion by Pam Wood, second Renee Becker, ayes all. In the absence of Treasurer Carol Lamont, a written report was distributed. An account balance of \$7,207.79 was reported. There are currently 75 paid memberships. The reported was approved and placed on file. Motion by Tom Determann and Dr. Russell Watt, ayes all. Renae promised to provide a bill to the Treasurer for chocolates from our Ia. Statehouse visit. Carolyn will call the Statehouse cafeteria to request a bill for extra water used during the open house. Edith thanked Larry Lalley Economic Development Director for the Sac-Fox Tribe for the delicious cookies. Edith requested e-mail addresses from each person present.

Old Business: Tom Determann gave a brief report on the status of Hwy. 30 expansion in Illinois. The 5-year study is wrapping up and final selection of the route is expected by the first of the new year. The IDOT is attempting to get all towns on board with this project.

Senator Tim Kapucian, Dist. #20, reported on a meeting held in Keystone, Iowa and hosted by the IDOT at his request. Many constituents had questions regarding the project, which involves Hwy. 21 to 218. There were 140 people present worried about losing farm ground and they urged that the least invasive route be chosen. A fall meeting is being planned. Sen. Kapucian is on Gov. Branstad's 20/20 Committed scheduled to hear public input and report back to the Governor with new funding recommendations.

New Business:

Edith announced the following dates for Public Input Meetings, switched due to flooding: August 9 in Decorah and October 11 in Council Bluffs.

Strategies were discussed for the 20/20 meeting and various counties took responsibility for attendance in their areas.

Luke Parris of Region 11 MPO, sent a survey to all members regarding their preference for increased funding for transportation projects. There were 19 responses, which will be taken to the Bettendorf meeting for presentation. The Coalition discussed the message to be presented, and it was agreed that we are supporting all additional revenue sources, not one over another.

Other:

Donald Wanatee, Sac & Fox Tribe Council representative commented that his people have slowly been losing land over the years, and noted that they have been accepting when it is for the greater good.

Mayor Pam Wood invited the Coalition members to a Hwy. #30 ribbon cutting just west of Toledo on August 13, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. Edith will attend.

Meeting adjourned motion by Ron Buch, second Lindi Roelofase.

Submitted by, Carolyn Tallett, Secretary

*Next Meeting: Friday, October 14th Marshalltown Chamber of Commerce
10:00 A.M. (Fishes Center.)*

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U.S. Highway 30 Coalition Transportation Funding Strategies

Please return immediately to Luke Parrish, Des Moines Area MPO, Metrick Way Centre, 6000 Aurora Avenue, Suite 300W, Urbandale, IA 50322

Potential Strategies for Funding Transportation in Iowa

On May 13, 2011, the U.S. Highway 30 Coalition met to discuss strategies for funding transportation investments in Iowa. The Coalition identified three potential strategies and requests Coalition members input on which strategy to support in lobbying for increases to transportation funding.

The following strategies were identified:

1. An increase to the existing gas tax. The Coalition identified that a 1¢ increase in the gas tax would generate an additional \$22,000,000 in annual funds.
2. A percentage sales tax on all fuel purchases.
3. A 1¢ sales tax on all retail purchases.

The Coalition identified that any strategy to increase transportation funds would need to be constitutionally protected, similar to the current gas tax.

***1. Please rate identify how supportive you are of each identified strategy.**

	Highly Opposed	Opposed	Neutral	Supportive	Highly Supportive
Gas tax increase					
Sales tax on fuel purchases					
1¢ sales tax on retail purchases					

2. If you are supportive of the gas tax increase, what is the appropriate amount of increase?

(Please answer in cents using whole numbers. Example: 5¢ would be entered as 5.)

3. If you are supportive of the sales tax on fuel purchases, what is the appropriate amount of increase?

(Please answer in cents using whole numbers. Example: 5¢ would be entered as 5.)

4. Please provide an additional comments you feel necessary.