Ms. Boylес called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

Ms. Humphreys reviewed the PowerPoint presentation that will be presented at the Open House this evening.

Mr. Morrison stated that policy decisions affect the transportation network. He stated that keeping the trips within the Town should be discussed and how this can be accomplished. He stated that the goal would be to decrease the number of intermodal trips, so the current figures are opposite of what would be desired.

The Forum discussed how a shift in percentages could be accomplished. Ms. Humphreys stated that transportation goals need to be determined so that a plan can be determined. If the goal is to have less regional trips and to keep the trips within Mount Pleasant, then it needs to be determined how this could be accomplished.

Ms. Crow stated that part of the exercise today would be to determine if the land uses are appropriate and will help to address the transportation goals.

The Forum discussed the importance of having the correct types of businesses and economic development that will work to meet the transportation goals.
Ms. Humphreys stated that the recommendations would be compiled from two categories—infrastructure improvements and policy and programs.

The Forum discussed the impact of school traffic and the differences when school is not in session and if there is any data on this specific issue. They stated that summer traffic should be a consideration as well.

The Forum discussed the transportation projects and that there have been some recent changes to future projects that are currently shown on the map. They expressed concern that this could be worrisome for some of the public. Ms. Humphreys stated that this is a draft plan and reflects the goals and objectives to date. She stated that after the Open House additional changes will be made.

The Forum discussed mass transit and who would be responsible for the region plan. Ms. Humphreys stated that BCD-COG would be responsible for the regional plan and they would be at the Open House to answer questions.

Ms. Crow stated that the Land Use element focuses on character preservation of neighborhoods and areas as opposed to focusing on growth management. She stated that the Land Use descriptions have been changed to reflect more of the desired character for those areas.

The Forum reviewed all of the Land Use maps and information and made comments. Ms. Crow stated that the same maps with the Forum comments would be available for the public during the Open House to comment as well.

There being no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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