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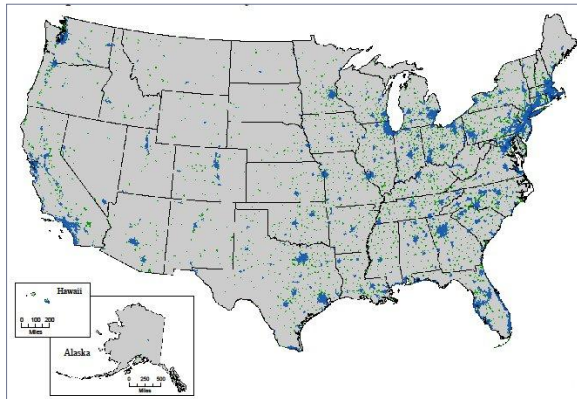
2010 Urbanized Area
Implications for Transportation Funding and Planning

June 11, 2012

Census Urban Area Geography
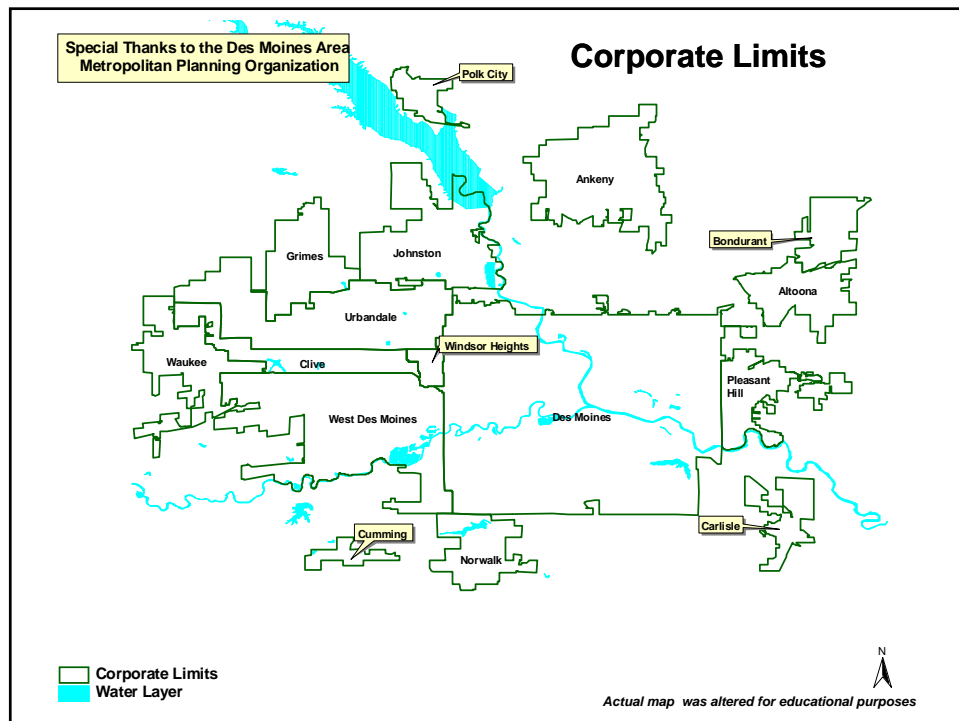
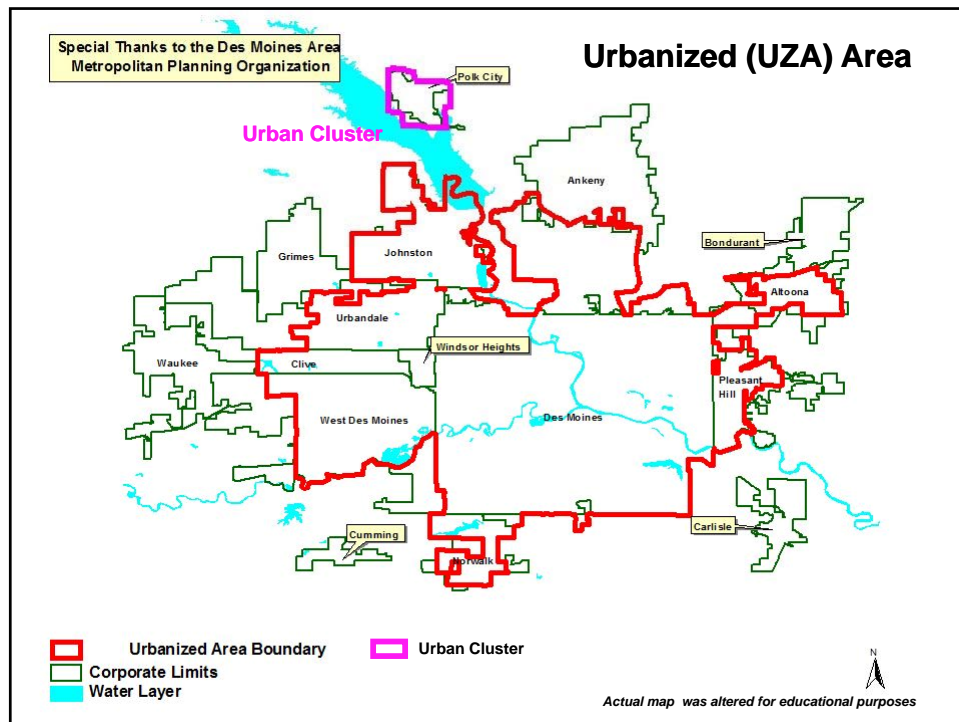- Urbanized Areas (50,000+)

- Urban Clusters (2,500 to 49,999)

Hawaii

0 100 200
Miles

Alaska

0 250 500
Miles

http://www.census.gov/geo/www/2010census/GTC_10.pdf

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Census Urban Area: Determining Factors

- Core Blocks- 1000 people/Sq Mile
- Surrounding Blocks- 500 people/Sq Mile

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Corporate Limits

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Polk City
Ankeny
Bondurant
Grimes
Johnston
Altoona
Urbandale
Windsor Heights
Waukee
Clive
Pleasant Hill
West Des Moines
Des Moines
Cumming
Carlisle
Norwalk

Corporate Limits
Water Layer

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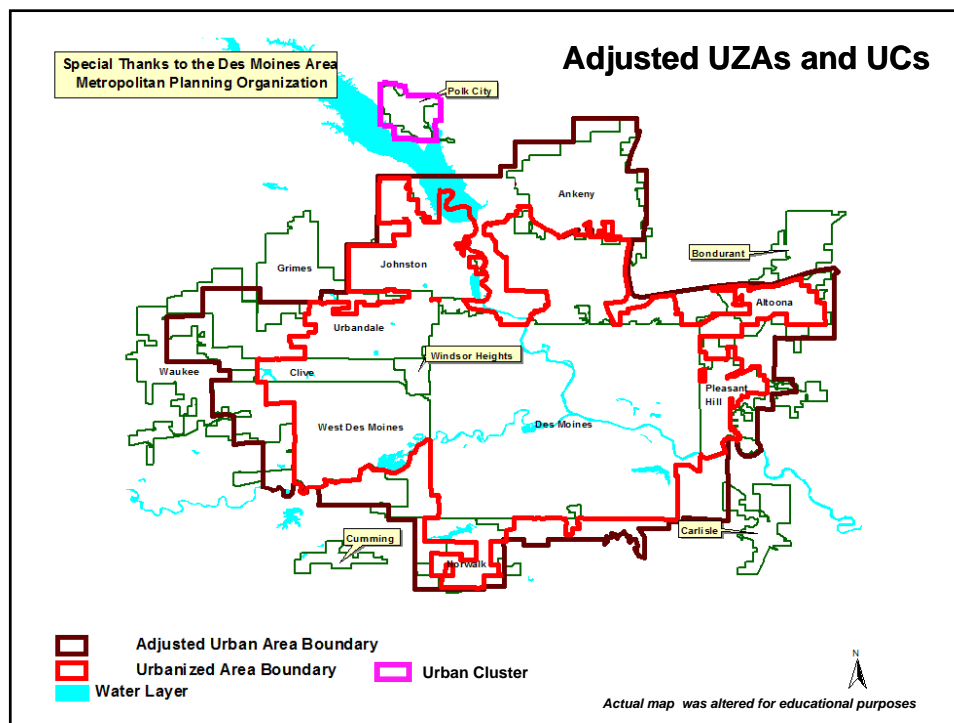
Urbanized (UZA) Area

Why is the UZA Important?

- **Sets Population Count for Federal Money**
- **Used to Identify Minimum Boundary of MPO**
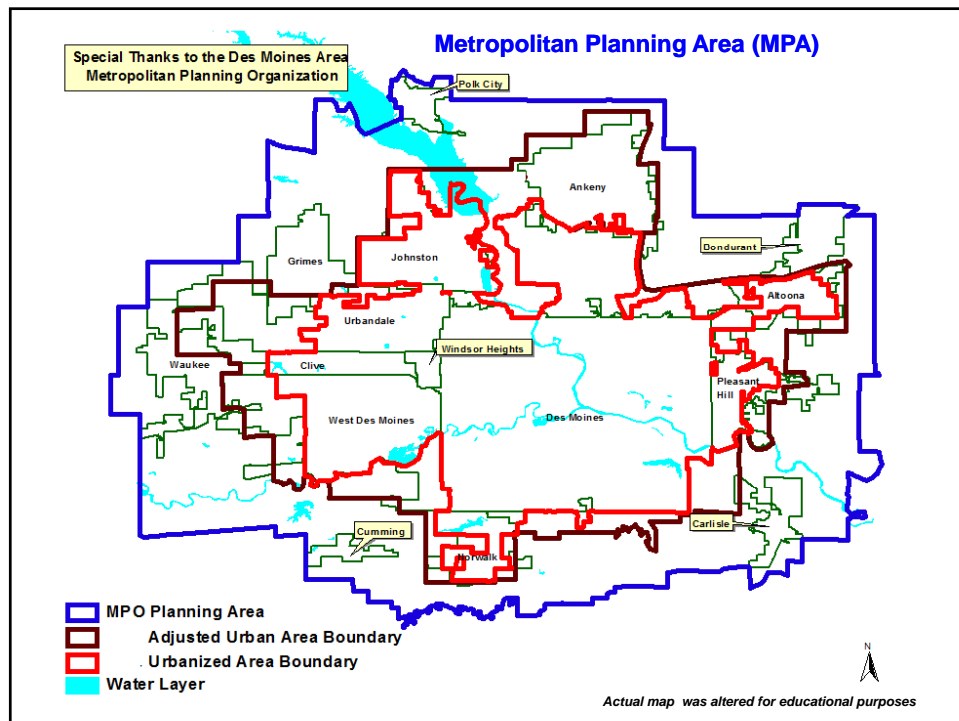 - **What's in – what's not, but could be...**

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"Adjusted" Urban Areas

- Transportation Law 23 USC
- Allows the States in cooperation with the locals to adjust (smooth) the urban areas
  - **Criteria for Adjusting**
    - **1. Must encompass entire UZA**
    - **2. Be one, single contiguous area**
    - **3. Include areas with urban characteristics**
    - **4. Include all large traffic generators**
- Adjustments due by June 2014
- Primary Impact - Functional Classification

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Adjusted UZAs and UCs

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Legend:
- Adjusted Urban Area Boundary
- Urbanized Area Boundary
- Urban Cluster
- Water Layer

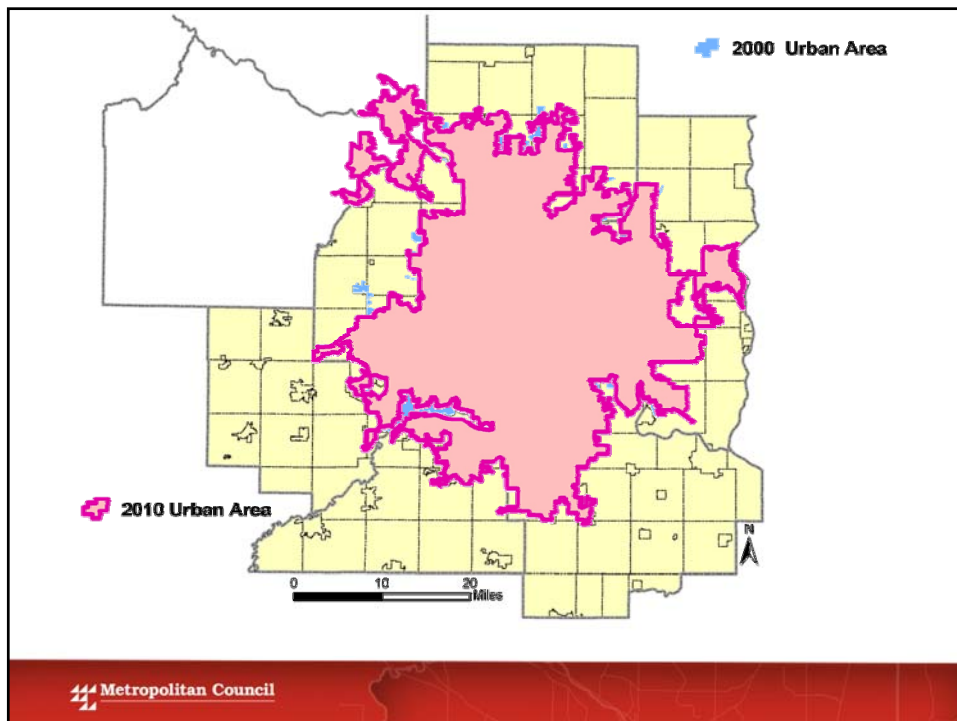*Actual map was altered for educational purposes*

Setting the MPA Boundary

- Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) is area of MPO Jurisdiction
- MPO Area of Responsibility
    - for Planning
    - for Programming
    - Overall Governance
- Must encompass the UZA and the contiguous geographic area(s) likely to become urbanized within the next 20 years

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Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)

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Implications for Twin Cities MPA

- 2010 Census - expands urbanized area beyond seven county Metro Council area
  - St Joseph Twp, Wisconsin (0.5 sq mi sliver)
  - Portions of Wright and Sherburne Counties
    - St Michael
    - Otsego
    - Albertville
    - Elk River

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Planning Timeline

- **March 27, 2012**
  – Census Notice in Federal Register

- **October 2012**
  – FY 2013 Federal Aid based on Census 2010 population

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Planning Timelines - cont

- **June 2014**
  – If no Adjusted UZA, FHWA considers Census UZA boundary official
- **Fall 2016 *or sooner***
  – Existing MPOs expand their MPA
  – For Twin Cities- TPP update- late 2014

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NEXT STEPS

- Adjust Urbanized Boundaries

- Explore options for expanding MPO boundaries

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