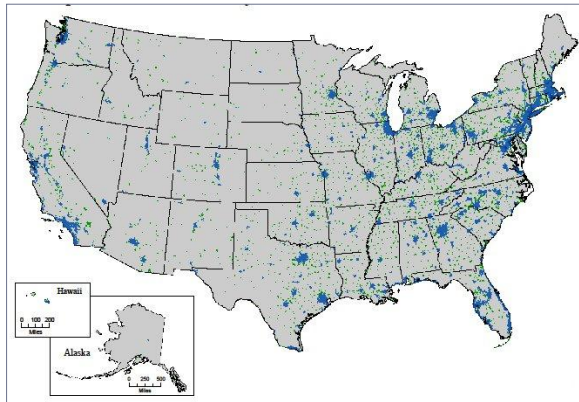


2010 Urbanized Area Implications for Transportation Funding and Planning

June 11, 2012

Census Urban Area Geography

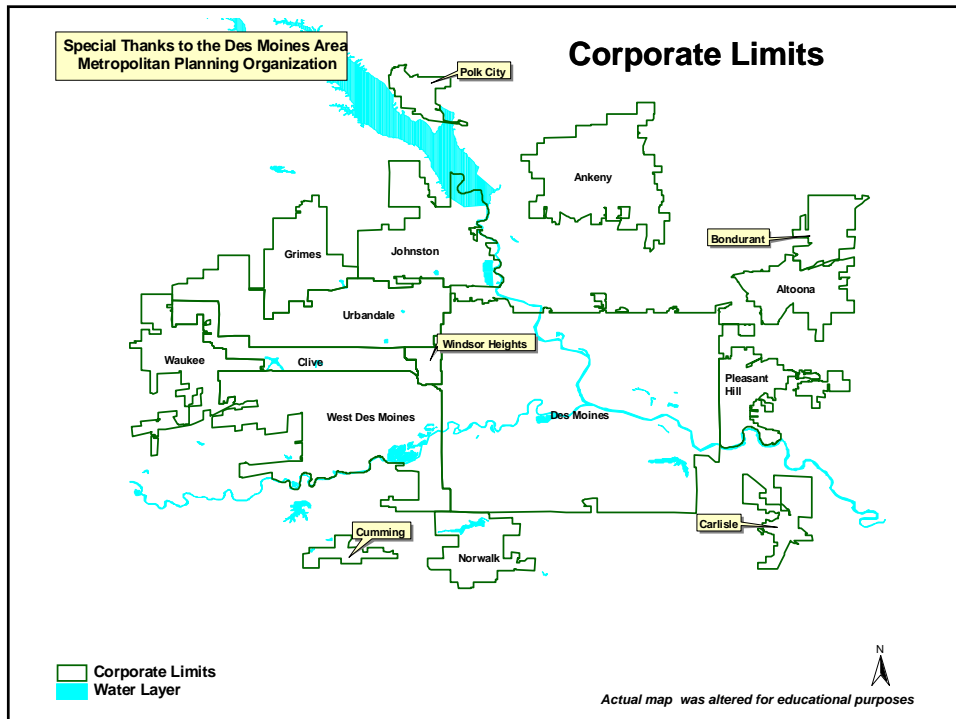
- Urbanized Areas (50,000+)
- Urban Clusters (2,500 to 49,999)

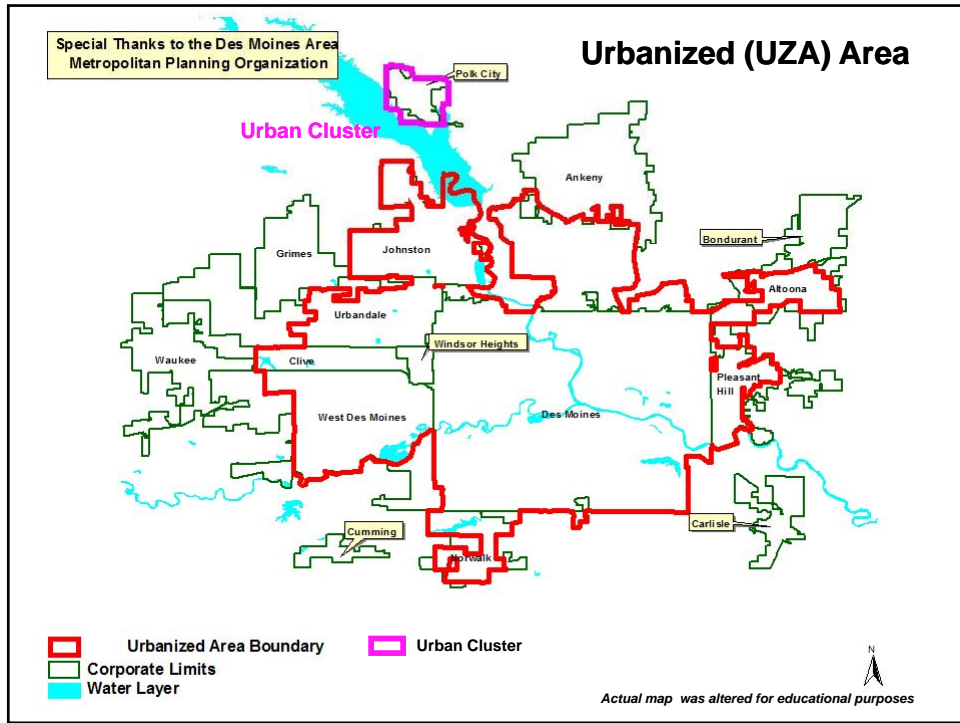


http://www.census.gov/geo/www/2010census/GTC_10.pdf

Census Urban Area: Determining Factors

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



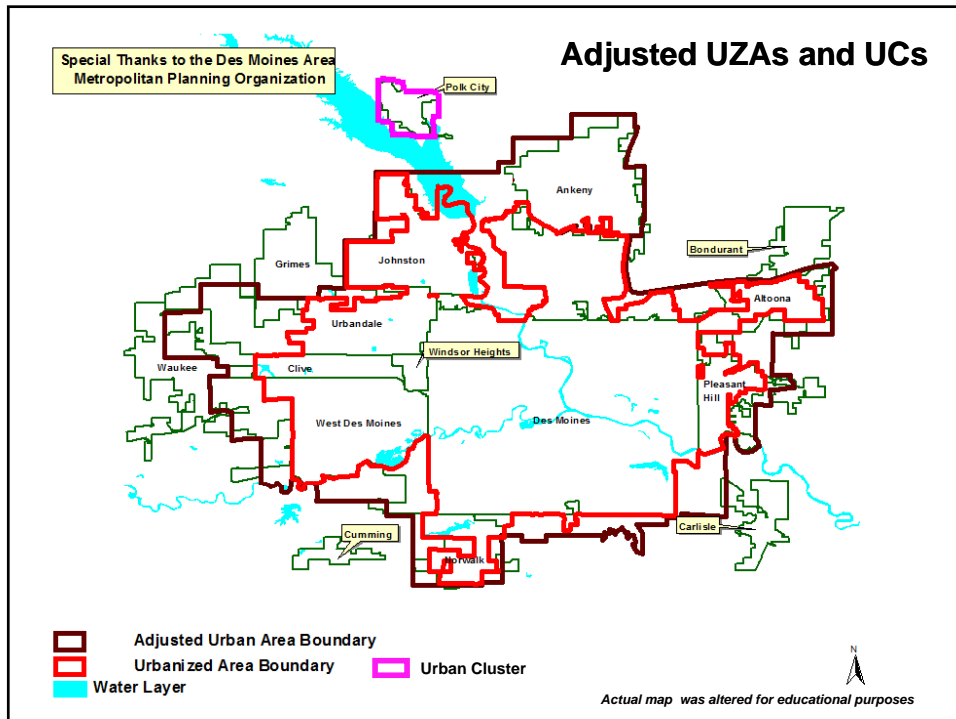


Why is the UZA Important?

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

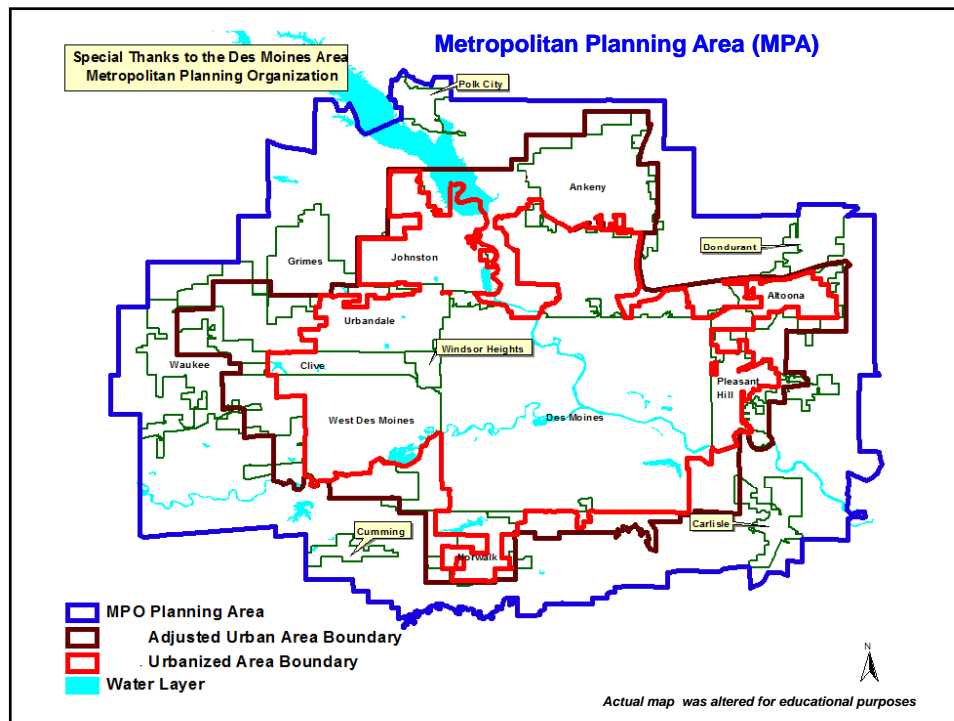
“Adjusted” Urban Areas

- 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



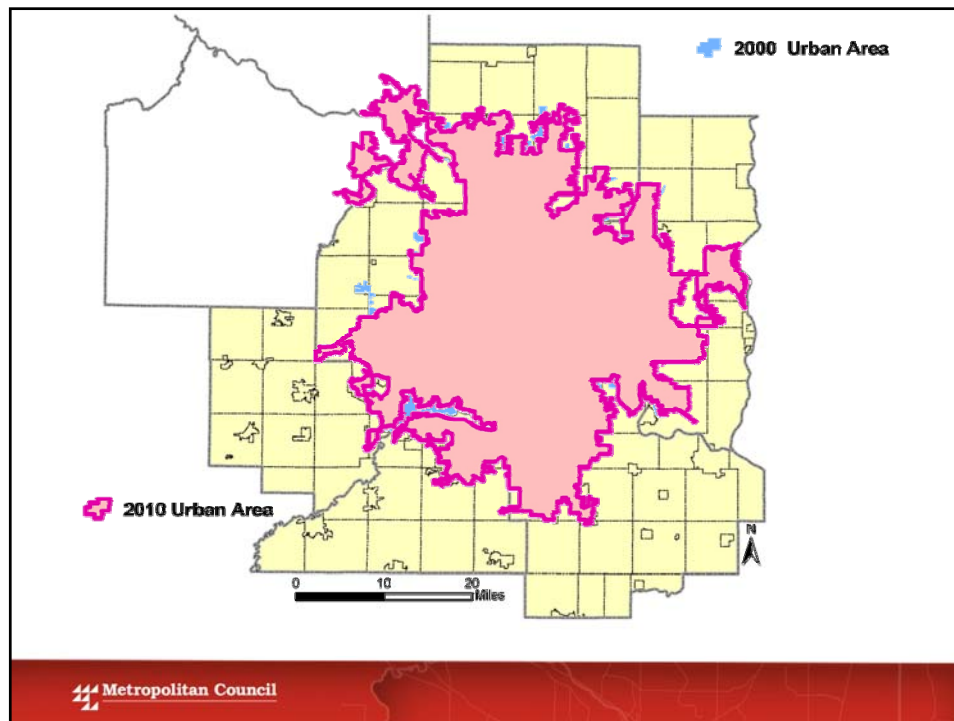
Setting the MPA Boundary

- 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



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



Planning Timeline

- **March 27, 2012**
 - Census Notice in Federal Register
- **October 2012**
 - FY 2013 Federal Aid based on Census 2010 population

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

NEXT STEPS

- Adjust Urbanized Boundaries
- Explore options for expanding MPO boundaries