

**MINUTES OF THE AMES AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION (AAMPO)
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

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MAY 22, 2018

The Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Transportation Policy Committee meeting was called to order by Ames Mayor and voting member John Haila at 6:00 p.m. on the 22nd day of May, 2018, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, pursuant to law. Other voting members present were: Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, City of Ames; Gloria Betcher, City of Ames; Tim Gartin, City of Ames; David Martin, City of Ames; Chris Nelson, City of Ames; Lauris Olson, Story County; and Bill Zinnel, Boone County. AAMPO Administrator John Joiner, City of Ames Transportation Planner Tony Filippini, and City of Ames Transit Director Sheri Kyras were also present. Voting members Amber Corrieri, City of Ames; and Jonathan Popp, Gilbert Mayor were absent. The Transit Representative has not yet been named.

Mayor Haila welcomed Andy Loonan, who will be representing Iowa Department of Transportation District 1 on the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO 2015-2019 PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP): According to Transportation Planner Tony Filippini stated that CyRide is seeking to allocate the remaining uncommitted funding from Dial-A-Ride services to purchase Automated Vehicle Annunciators (AVA) for the CyRide Fixed-Route Fleet. The project will cost \$1,000,000 with \$800,000 in federal funding. It is a multi-year project. CyRide has \$435,452 of existing 5310 Funding available, which can be programmed over the next several years for this project to benefit the elderly and disabled Ames community members. The Transit Board made a commitment within its Capital Plan to purchase the AVA system over a four- to five-year period beginning in FY 2019. CyRide would fund the local portion of this project. According to Mr. Filippini, the Story County Human Service Council reviewed this project at its February 22, 2018, meeting and recommended to the AAMPO that the PTP be amended. The AAMPO Transportation Policy Committee is required to approve the PTP along with the recommended program for submittal to the Iowa Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration.

Mayor Haila opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, the hearing was closed.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Olson, to approve the Amendment to the 2015-2019 Passenger Transportation Plan.

Vote on Motion: 8-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

HEARING ON AMENDMENT 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): Transportation Planner Filippini, the proposed amendment to the FY 2018-2021 TIP involves three changes:

1. \$212,980 in CMAQ - #9 Plum Weekday Route Expansion (Project 3664)
Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program funding was awarded by the Iowa DOT on January 9, 2018, and the project must be added to access the award.
2. \$435,452 in 5310 Funding. [Annunciators (Project 4840)]:
Add new project using uncommitted 5310 Funding to purchase on-board annunciators for CyRide's Fixed-Route Fleet
3. \$160,000 in TAP - Skunk River Trail: SE 16th Street to E. Lincoln Way (Project 14983)
Remove project to maintain fiscal constraint in FY 2018. All anticipated funding will be maintained.

Mr. Filippini noted that the requirements to process an Amendment to the TIP require an opportunity for public review and comment as well as approval by both the Technical and Policy Committees of the AAMPO. The Transportation Technical Committee reviewed the Amendment on March 8, 2018. The public input period was available from March 27, 2018, to May 11, 2018. No comments requesting modifications were received during the input period.

Mayor Haila commented that the annunciators will be a great enhancement to the system. Transit Director Sheri Kyras noted that it would be a multi-year program. She explained how the on-board annunciators for CyRide's Fixed-Route Fleet will work, noting it is hoped that, eventually, it will be available for all CyRide stops. In response to Tim Gartin's question, Ms. Kyras answered that, at this point, it is only audio.

The hearing was declared open by Mayor Haila. No one came forward to speak, and the hearing was closed.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Zinnel, to approve the Amendment to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for submission to the Iowa Department of Transportation. Vote on Motion: 8-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

HEARING ON DRAFT 2019 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (TPWP):

It was explained by Mr. Filippini that, as part of the federal regulations governing Metropolitan Planning Organizations, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration provide planning funds to reimburse the agencies for transportation planning activities. Federal and state partners at the Iowa Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration were provided the opportunity to review the proposed TPWP for Ames during the month of April. The draft document was found to conform to state and federal regulations and found to include appropriate activities to perform the regional transportation planning process. The AAMPO Transportation Technical Committee reviewed the FY 2019 TPWP and unanimously recommended approval. The AAMPO staff received and addressed comments from the Iowa Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration. During the public input period, no revisions were requested by the public.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and closed same after no one asked to speak.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Olson, to approve the Draft FY 2019 Transportation Planning Work Program.

Vote on Motion: 8-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

DRAFT FY 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): Mr. Filippini advised that, in order to receive funds for transportation improvement projects, it is necessary for the projects to be part of the approved state-wide plan. The initial step in that process is for the AAMPO to develop a Draft Transportation Improvement Program. According to Mr. Filippini, the Draft 2019-2022 TIP provides for projects for street improvements, CyRide improvements, and trail projects. In Spring 2018, the AAMPO distributed applications for new funding for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternative (STBG-TAP) projects. Two STBG applications were received and three STBG-TAP applications were received.

The STBG applications received were for new projects, as follows:

1. For FY 2022: 24th Street (Stange Road to the Railroad) and Stange Road (Blankenburg Drive to 24th Street) sponsored by the City of Ames with a federal fund request of \$1,600,000 of the total \$4,200,000 cost
2. For FY 2022: Vehicle Replacement sponsored by CyRide with a federal request of \$225,000 of the total \$554,895 cost

The STBG-TAP applications received were for new projects, as follows:

1. For FY 2019: SW Greenbelt Trail (Beedle to the Intermodal) sponsored by the City of Ames with a federal request of \$159,000 of the total \$400,000 cost
2. For FY 2021: Vet Med Trail (S. 16th to S. Grand) sponsored by the City of Ames with a federal request of \$159,000 of the total \$500,000 cost
3. For FY 2022, Squaw Creek Trail sponsored by the City of Ames with a federal request of \$159,000 of the total \$680,800 cost

According to Mr. Filippini, the above-named projects have been incorporated into the Draft FY 2019-2022 TIP. The Transportation Technical Committee reviewed the Draft on May 17, 2018. The Draft document and map of the projects are available for public review and comment on the AAMPO Web page. The Final FY 2019-2022 TIP is due to the Iowa Department of Transportation by July 15, 2018.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Olson, to approve the Draft FY 2019-2011 Transportation Improvement Program and set July 10, 2018, as the date of public hearing.

Vote on Motion: 8-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE COMMENTS: Story County Supervisor Lauris Olson and Boone County Supervisor Bill Zinnel advised that their entities are also working on trails systems. Mr. Zinnel added

that Boone County's project, in its very beginning states, will eventually connect Boone to the Madrid Trail.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Zinnel, seconded by Olson, to adjourn the AAMPO Transportation Policy Committee Meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Vote on Motion: 8-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.



Diane R. Voss, City Clerk



John A. Haila, Mayor