Welcome

Thank you for joining us at our Visioning Open House!

We need your thoughts and ideas on the future of transportation as we develop our Metropolitan Transportation Plan, known as Forward 2045.

1. Take a moment to review the handout and displays that feature today’s transportation system in Ames.

2. Participate in the interactive exercises that will help get you thinking about the changes you would like to see for transportation.

3. Don’t hesitate to ask questions or share your ideas with project team members!
Forward 2045 Overview

Forward 2045 represents a 25 year plan that considers community priorities, financial constraints and defines how the Ames area will manage and operate its multi-modal transportation system:

- Wider regional inclusion and prosperity
- Higher standards of living
- Connections for people throughout the community

The plan will identify various transportation alternatives and strategies that will improve the Ames transportation system based on collected data and community feedback.

Throughout this process, the AAMPO is committed to implementing a holistic planning process that will foster:
Traffic safety is a priority throughout the area. This map provides a historical representation of crashes that have occurred and areas where safety improvements may be considered.
Congestion

Traffic congestion is another consideration. This map shows the metropolitan areas that experience congestion during peak hours like morning and evening rush hours.
Roadway Issues Mapping Exercise

Now that you have an understanding of the crash and congestion data in the Ames metropolitan area, we want you to tell us about the issues you face when traveling in the Ames area. Please use our color-coded sharpie markers and stickers to indicate:

- **Safety Issues**
- **Roadway Congestion**
- **Connectivity Issues**
Bicycle and Pedestrian System

This map shows the existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the metropolitan area, along with data on non-motorized crashes.
Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues Mapping Exercise

Now that you know where existing bike lanes and shared use paths exist today, grab some color coded sharpie markers and stickers and tell us about:

- Where people bike or walk today
- Where people wish they could bike or walk
- Safety issues for bicyclists or pedestrians
- Where barriers exist for bicyclists or pedestrians
This is a map of CyRide’s existing bus routes throughout the metropolitan area.
Transit Issues Mapping Exercise

Tell us about your experience with public transit by using our color-coded sharpie markers and stickers to identify:

- Areas that currently do not have transit service, but need it
- Areas that currently do have transit service, but need to be better connected
## Transportation Vision Priorities

Help us define a vision for the future of transportation in Ames! Choose your top three transportation priorities that you would like to see reflected in the Forward 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

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<td>The ease of connecting people to goods and services in the Ames area, as well as providing choices for different modes of transportation (car, bike, bus, etc.)</td>
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<td>Maintain the existing transportation system in a state of good repair</td>
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