Welcome
The Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) is initiating an update to the Ames area’s regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), known as Forward 2045. Forward 2045 will result in a plan for the next 25 years that will define how the metropolitan area will manage and operate the multi-modal transportation system, which includes busses, cars, bicycles and pedestrians. The plan will identify various transportation alternatives and strategies that will improve the Ames transportation system, consider financial constraints, and will then be prioritized based on collected data and community feedback.

The AAMPO is committed to implementing a holistic planning process that will foster:
- Wider regional inclusion and prosperity
- High standards of living
- Connections for people throughout the community.

We need you to be a part of Forward 2045!
Today’s open house will focus on YOUR desires for the future of transportation in Ames. We want to gain a better understanding from you of your transportation priorities, our current and future transportation needs, and how to best address those needs with available transportation funding, so that users of the Ames transportation system can move around the system safely, freely, and efficiently. As you participate in our interactive exercises, consider the following:

How do you get to your home, work or any other destination? Do you drive, walk, bus or bike?

Would you like to use a different mode of transportation to reach your destination instead of your current mode of transportation?

How would you like to see Ames’ transportation system change in the next 25 years?

What technologies would you like to see implemented in Ames?

HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO SAY AFTER THE VISIONING OPEN HOUSE?
We’re hosting an online meeting at amesgisweb.city.ames.ia.us/forward45 until November 27.
In addition to taking your thoughts and ideas into consideration for Forward 2045, AAMPO also considers historical data such as crashes and congestion in the metropolitan area in order to recommend the best transportation improvement strategies and practices.

Traffic Safety
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
This map shows the metropolitan areas that experience congestion during peak hours like morning and evening rush hours.
Next Steps
Your feedback is critical in defining Forward 2045’s vision and goals. Over the next year the project team will assess how well the system performs today and how well it is anticipated to perform in the future. A comprehensive list of transportation projects and programs will then be selected and included in a 25-year implementation plan that reflects the community's vision and fits within the area's expected transportation budget.

Project Schedule

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Submit Your Feedback!
We hope to see you at our next open house meeting where you will learn more about the vision and goals for Forward 2045 and the proposed concepts to improve transportation in Ames.

In the meantime, we want your input and ideas to be a part of the Forward 2045 planning process. Visit www.cityofames.org/forward45 where you can submit location-specific comments for the Ames area.

If you have any questions, please email Traffic@cityofames.org.

Community Transportation Assessment Survey
Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/Forward45 by November 27 to take our Community Transportation Assessment Survey, which will help us understand transportation behavior, preferences and opinions in Ames.