

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMES AREA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

AMES, IOWA

MAY 26, 2020

**AMES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (AAMPO)  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mayor Haila announced that it is impractical to hold an in-person Council meeting due to the Governor of Iowa declaring a public health emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, limits have been placed on public gatherings, and this meeting is being held as an electronic meeting as allowed by Section 21.8 of the *Iowa Code*. The Mayor then provided how the public could participate in the meeting via internet or by phone.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Transportation Policy Committee meeting, which was being held electronically, was called to order by Ames Mayor and voting member John Haila at 6:05 p.m. on the 26th day of May, 2020. Other voting members brought into the meeting were: Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, City of Ames; Gloria Betcher, City of Ames; Amber Corrieri, City of Ames; Tim Gartin, City of Ames; Rachel Junck, City of Ames; David Martin, City of Ames; Lauris Olson, Story County Supervisor. Bill Zinnel, Boone County Supervisor, and Jon Popp, Mayor of Gilbert, were absent. The Student Government Representative is to be determined.

**DRAFT FFY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP):** Public Works Director John Joiner stated this was an annual document required by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Draft was reviewed by the Transportation Technical Committee and recommended unanimously for the Policy Committee's approval. A public comment period will happen over the next month. Any comments received will be reported to the Policy Committee when the document is scheduled for the final hearing on July 14, 2020.

Council Member Beatty-Hansen questioned the Fiscal Constraint table on page 24 of the staff report and wanted to know if it had been updated with any new numbers that would change due to COVID-19. Mr. Joiner explained that staff had received some antidotal information from the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) that the effect of COVID-19 will have on the Road Use Tax Fund. He noted this would mainly affect the swap (where they swap federal funds for state funds), but they haven't received any firm numbers from the Iowa DOT regarding target adjustments.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Olson, to approve the Draft FFY 2021-2024 TIP and set the date of public hearing for July 14, 2020.

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

**AMENDMENTS TO 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP):** Director Joiner commented this item is the same as the Policy Committee saw back in March 2020.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and closed it after there was no one wishing to speak.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Olson, to approve the Amendments to the 2020-2023 (TIP).  
Vote on Motion: 8-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

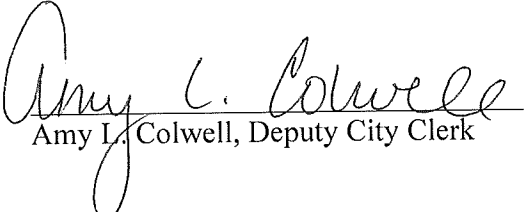
**FISCAL YEAR 2021 DRAFT TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (TPWP):** Public Works Director John Joiner stated that this item was submitted to their State and Federal funding partners for review. He noted it is the same document that was shown before in March 2020 and meets all state and federal requirements.


The public hearing was opened by the Mayor. He closed the hearing after no one asked to speak.

Moved by Junck, seconded by Olson, to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Draft (TPWP).  
Vote on Motion: 8-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**POLICY COMMITTEE COMMENTS:** Ms. Olson mentioned that she had let the Board of Supervisors know that the AAMPO would be meeting tonight and they questioned what is going on with the 2045 Plan. She stated she had left a message with Traffic Engineer Damion Pregitzer to let him know that they had questions. It was noted that the County wants to be actively involved in the 2045 Plan. Ms. Olson commented that not only a technical discussion needs to be had, but want to make sure their voice is heard from a Policy standpoint. She explained that it would be helpful if Mr. Pregitzer could give her a call and would like to talk with him to find out where they are at in the process as opposed to what is shown online. Ms. Olson noted that one of their concerns is the northwest portion of Ames. Director Joiner explained that staff had received some comments from Mayor Popp and from a few Supervisors, but will have Mr. Pregitzer reach out to her. He noted that staff will be bringing the project level input back to the Policy Committee on July 14, 2020, to review the public input received and share comments from the Technical Committee review. They will then receive formal feedback from the Policy Committee and apply the fiscal constraints to all the projects to make sure they meet the funding availability that is projected. This will happen in August 2020; from there the information will be used to prepare the final draft that will be provided in late September 2020. Ms. Olson commented that she appreciated the update and looks forward to hearing from Mr. Pregitzer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Olson, seconded by Junck, to adjourn the AAMPO Transportation Policy Committee meeting at 6:16 p.m.  
Vote on Motion: 8-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

  
Amy L. Colwell, Deputy City Clerk

  
John A. Haila, Mayor