

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMES AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE AND
REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL**

AMES, IOWA

OCTOBER 27, 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 6:00 p.m. on the 27th day of October, 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 Jacob Ludwig, Transit Board. Jon Popp, Mayor of Gilbert was absent.

HEARING ON FINAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN - "FORWARD 45": Traffic Engineer Damion Pregitzer stated there will not be a formal presentation of the Plan. He pointed out that a 30-day public comment period began following the Policy Committee meeting on September 22, 2020, and was closed on October 22, 2020. All comments received from the public and oversight/partner agencies were minor and were incorporated into the final document. Mr. Pregitzer stated tonight staff would entertain an approval of the Plan or an approval with modifications as voted upon by the Policy Committee.

Referencing the ISU comment that stated "16th Street from University Blvd to Apple Place should be shown as a committed project," Mayor Haila questioned if the wording should say "South 16th Street etc." Mr. Pregitzer stated that is correct as the area is a University-owned segment of South 16th Street from University over to the old railroad right-of-way. Mayor Haila wanted to clarify the location since there are two 16th Streets in Ames. Mr. Pregitzer stated staff did speak with ISU staff, and ISU wanted to make sure that the City of Ames was on the same page and nothing was missing. It was noted that this area is a priority for the City of Ames to complete after the extension of Grand Avenue.

The Mayor also questioned the CyRide comment about the Transit Asset Management Plan and asked if Mr. Pregitzer could explain what that included. Mr. Pregitzer stated he wouldn't be able to provide a lot of detail without asking CyRide staff; however, one of the requirements of the Long-Range Plan is to include information on the Transit Agency assets. CyRide is required to maintain a Transit Asset Management Plan. One of the performance measures that the

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has to do is Transit Asset Management Targets. Brian Ray, HDR Consultant, explained that there is a federal requirement and CyRide develops their own Transit Asset Management Plan. As part of the Long-Range Transportation Plan, the City carries CyRide's information forward into the Long-Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Ray stated that CyRide had just gone through the process of updating its Transit Asset Management Plan, which identified new targets; however, those targets have not been approved by the MPO yet. It was determined that the targets would stay as is until the MPO officially approved the new targets. Mr. Pregitzer pointed out that the majority of CyRide's assets are the age of its buses. The targets are mainly related to how old the buses are and when they need to turn those over.

Mayor Haila declared the public hearing opened. He closed it when no one came forward.

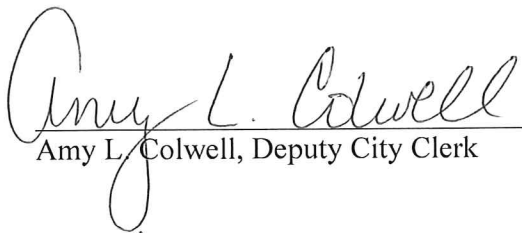
Moved by Ludwig, seconded by Betcher, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 20-558 approving the Metropolitan Transportation Plan - "Forward 45."

Supervisor Lauris Olson questioned how all the elements of the Plan will be put into the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Pregitzer explained that the 2040 Land Use Policy Plan informs so it provided all the background information for the Long-Range Plan in order to project growth. The Comprehensive Plan is saying what the future land use, growth use, and timing would be. The difference is the Long-Range Plan stops after 25 years while the Comprehensive Plan goes beyond that length of time.

Vote on Motion: 10-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE COMMENTS: Supervisor Olson stated that this will be her last AAMPO meeting. It has been an interesting four years and she has enjoyed her time on the Planning Committee, and she had learned a lot about transit.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Olson to adjourn the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee meeting at 6:09 p.m.



Amy L. Colwell, Deputy City Clerk



John A. Haila, Mayor



Diane R. Voss, City Clerk