

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

AMES, IOWA

NOVEMBER 24, 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 6:01 p.m. on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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; Bill Zinnel, Boone County Supervisor. Lauris Olson, Story County Supervisor; Jacob Ludwig, Transit Board; and Jon Popp, Mayor of Gilbert, were absent.

**AMENDMENT TO FY 2021/24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP):** Public Works Director John Joiner explained that an Amendment to the current year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was necessary. The Amendment is to allow CyRide to apply for a COVID-19 Research Demonstration Grant that will allow them to incorporate automatic passenger counters in the buses. Mr. Joiner mentioned that the automatic passenger count will allow potential passengers to look at the number of people on a bus for the route they want to take. This way the potential passenger can decide to take the bus that is coming or take a later one that might not be as crowded.

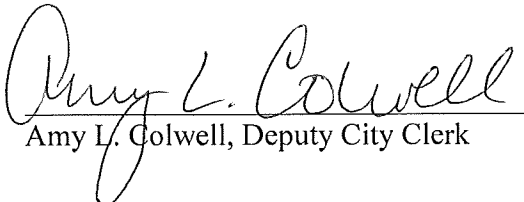
Mayor Haila pointed out that when he had served on the Transit Board, they had looked at having an automatic passenger counter added, but it was very expensive to implement. Another benefit would be that they would be able to do studies and look at ridership as the counter will give real-time data.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Junck, to set the date of the public hearing for the Amendment to the FY 2021/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for January 12, 2021.

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE COMMENTS:** There were no comments from the Policy Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Zinnel to adjourn the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee meeting at 6:05 p.m.

  
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Amy L. Colwell, Deputy City Clerk

  
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John A. Haila, Mayor