

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

AMES, IOWA

JULY 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Transportation Policy Committee meeting was called to order by Ames Mayor and voting member John Haila at 6:00 p.m. on the 13th day of July, 2021. Other voting members present 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; Linda Murken, Story County Supervisor; and Jacob Ludwig, Transit Board. Jon Popp, Mayor of Gilbert; and Bill Zinnel, Boone County Supervisor, were absent.

HEARING ON FINAL FFY 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): Public Works Director John Joiner explained that the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program was presented to the Committee in May. During the public comment period, the document and project maps were available online and at a virtually held public input session. AAMPO staff received and addressed minor comments from the Iowa Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration.

Chairperson Haila opened the public hearing and closed it when no one came forward to speak.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Murken, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-385 approving the Final FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Vote on Motion: 9-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE COMMENTS: Story County Supervisor Murken wanted to know the progress or lack thereof on studying the 190th and Hyde Avenue intersection. She noted that the Story County Board of Supervisors is concerned about this intersection. Ms. Murken pointed out that formal correspondence was given to the City in September 2019, and a stop sign was put up, but it did not work out well. She noted that the City has since annexed the area. The issues regarding this intersection is being exacerbated by all the development in the area (Auburn Trail, Hayden's Preserve, and additional housing on the east side of Hyde in Quarry Estates). Ms. Murken mentioned that the intersection needs to be studied sooner rather than later.

Traffic Engineer Damion Pregitzer noted that the 2040 Long-Range Plan showed improvements to paving in the area only. He explained the new 2045 Long-Range Plan had accelerated the area into an intersection improvement. Mr. Pregitzer mentioned that the short-term is FY 2025-2029, and two years in advance the City would be the sponsor of this project and it would be put into the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). The current CIP shows that in FY 2022/23, the North Growth intersection studies are scheduled to be done. Mr. Pregitzer explained that the two-year planning process in advance of an actual improvement is a typical timeline. Ms. Murken verified that the earliest a study could be done would be July 1, 2022, with something being done in FY 2025-2029. Mr. Pregitzer confirmed that was correct if the City wanted to use federal aid; improvements could

be done faster if a safety grant was received through the state or some other type of grant, but that is what the traffic study would tell staff. The traffic study would indicate the cost, and look at safety concerns, and operations to help them determine how competitive staff could be with a federal or state program. Ms. Murken inquired if there was an estimate as to how much the traffic study would cost. It was noted that the City budgeted \$65,000 to do all three intersections in the area, and the normal range is \$10,000 to \$15,000 per intersection. Ms. Murken mentioned that she would like to have further discussions to see what options there would be to move the traffic study into this fiscal year. She noted that her concern was that last year the schools were held virtually and there were not any problems with the intersection due to less traffic; however, schools will be open as usual this year and it will become a bigger problem. She would like to figure out a way to continue a discussion of the intersection, in question.

Council Member Corrieri asked how other studies that are planned in the Work Plan would be affected if the Council decided to discuss moving up the timeline for the traffic study along 190th and Hyde. Mr. Pregitzer mentioned that it would be part of staff's job in putting a proposal together to let the Council know what the impacts would be from a funding and workload perspective.

Ms. Murken stated that with the school year starting soon, she felt they needed to have some temporary measures put in place at the intersection. Council Member Gartin commented that he will be making a motion during Council Comments to ask for temporary measures. Ms. Murken mentioned that the County would be interested in being a part of the conversation as they are interested in 190th and the other two intersections that are scheduled to be done in FY 2025-2029.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Ludwig, seconded by Betcher to adjourn the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Amy L. Colwell, Deputy City Clerk

John A. Haila, Mayor