

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

AMES, IOWA

MARCH 22, 2022

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

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 22nd day of March, 2022. 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; Anita Rollins, City of Ames; Linda Murken, Story County Supervisor; Jon Popp, Mayor of Gilbert; Bill Zinnel, Boone County Supervisor; and Jacob Ludwig, Transit Board.

CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Murken, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the following on the Consent Agenda:

1. Motion approving Annual Self-Certification for FY 2023
2. RESOLUTION NO. 22-124 approving designation of AAMPO representatives to Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance
3. Motion setting May 24, 2022, as date of public hearing regarding amendments to the FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program

Vote on Motion: 11-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

DRAFT FY 2023 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND SETTING MAY 24, 2022, AS DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Transportation Planner Kyle Thompson stated that the Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) is a federally required document that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) develops annually. The TPWP identifies and budgets all the City's transportation planning activities and document updates that the MPO undergoes for the upcoming fiscal year. For FY 2023 the TPWP has been separated into seven work elements. Those elements were: 1] Administration; 2] Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); 3] Transit Planning; 4] Comprehensive Planning; 5] Long-Range Transportation Planning; 6] Transportation Data; and 7] Special Studies. The current proposed FY 2023 MPO budget totaled \$448,000 (\$358,400 in Federal funds and \$89,600 in local funds). The budget fully utilizes all anticipated carryover amounts and has \$42,928 in unobligated funds that can be programmed into future fiscal years as carryover. Mr. Thompson noted there will be a public input session on March 24, 2022, at noon via Microsoft Teams. Any public comments would be accepted until April 30, 2022.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the Draft FY 2023 Transportation Planning Work Program and set May 24, 2022, as the date of public hearing.

Vote on Motion: 11-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE COMMENTS: Gilbert Mayor Popp stated that the 190th Street Corridor Study is going to be important. He noted that having some federal money available would be helpful to accelerate the three roundabouts. Mayor Popp said that having roundabouts would work well with the City of Ames Climate Action Plan, particularly with the gas savings.

Supervisor Murken agreed with Mayor Popp regarding the 190th Street intersections. She noted that they are seeing more growth in North Ames and something needs to be done. Ms. Murken mentioned that she did see an article regarding potential gas savings when utilizing roundabouts instead of traffic signals.

Mayor Haila asked Public Works Director John Joiner to provide more information on the 190th Street Corridor Study and what the process would be. Director Joiner clarified how the projects work in the Long-Range Plan and what steps are taken. He indicated that the current Long-Range Transportation Plan does identify three intersections for potential improvements (Carver and Cameron, Carver and 190th, 190th and Hyde), but it did not identify any particular treatment. The intersections are not identified as roundabouts, turn lanes, traffic signals, or anything specific. The three intersections are programmed into the Long-Range Transportation Plan in three different locations. The Carver/Cameron intersection appears in the developer-driven section, the Carver/190th is in the illustrative section, and 190th/Hyde is in the FY 2025-29 range. Director Joiner stated that since the Carver/Cameron intersection is developer-driven, it has been initiated with the annexation and the upcoming development on the southwest corner (Dankbar/Munch development). After looking at the traffic study and speaking with the engineers, County, and the developer, it was decided that the approach for the Carver/Cameron intersection will be obtaining funding for the developers for signalization and then the developers will create turn lanes. The 190th Corridor Study is more immediate in the Long-Range Transportation Plan and will be done from Carver easterly through Hyde. The Study will look at the traffic needs and what solutions could be done for the intersections and throughout the Corridor. The Study had been moved up in the Ames Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) to FY 2022/23 and in the Draft Work Plan through the AAMPO. Until the Study is done there are not any projects identified. Director Joiner noted that the intersections are in shared jurisdictions. The 190th/Hyde intersection is shared between the City and the County, and as of right now, the Carver/190th intersection is entirely within the County.

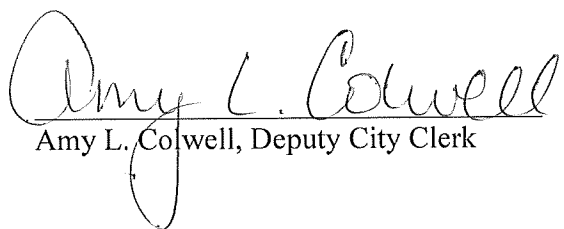
Supervisor Murken stated that the County and the City are sharing the costs for the 190th/Hyde, but the way the area was annexed made it become within the City limits. Director Joiner noted that as the City does the Study and identifies the projects, there will need to be an Agreement between the City and Story County regarding funding and development.

The Mayor asked what would be required for any federal funding and any potential grants. Director Joiner said that the federal funding would be for any projects that have already been identified, and since the Corridor Study has not been done yet, it would be difficult to put forward an application. He mentioned that on a federally competitive level, they will be looking to mitigate major safety concerns (fatalities and major injuries) and major property damage. Fortunately, there have not been any fatalities or major injuries at the intersections. The State has a Traffic Safety Program that cities can apply to annually for grants; this would be a more likely avenue to obtain funding.

Supervisor Murken said that the temporary stop lights at 190th/Hyde have shown improvements in the area, but comments have been made that a roundabout would be better. Mayor Haila noted that the roundabout would be taken into consideration, but other steps must be taken first. It was asked when the Corridor Study would be done. Director Joiner stated the funding will be appropriated on July 1, 2022, but staff might be able to start working on the Request for Proposals (RFP) prior to that date.

Council Member Betcher asked what connection, if any, there was between what the MPO does and what will be recommended to the City Council in the Climate Action Plan. Director Joiner said staff could look at carbon impact and the different options that may help access grant funding.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Popp, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to adjourn the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee meeting at 6:17 p.m.
Vote on Motion: 11-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.


Amy L. Colwell, Deputy City Clerk


John A. Haila, Mayor