## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (AAMPO) TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

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## 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022. Other voting members present were: Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, City of Ames; Gloria Betcher, 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; and Bill Zinnel, Boone County Supervisor. Amber Corrieri, City of Ames and Jacob Ludwig, Transit Board were absent

DRAFT FFY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND SETTING JULY 12, 2022, AS THE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Transportation Planner Kyle Thompson said that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a document that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) updates annually. The TIP includes four years of programming for transportation projects that utilize federal funding or are regionally significant. All the projects must conform to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and regional planning goals. All transportation projects must be listed in the TIP before any federal funding can be accessed. Mr. Thompson explained that the update tonight is for the FFY 2023-2026, and while the TIP does include projects that are receiving funds originating from any federal grant program, the MPO does manage the regional funding as part of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). Every spring the MPO distributes regional applications for the STBG and TAP, and this year three applications were received. One application was received from the City of Ames (Bloomington Road Pavement Improvements) for the STBG funding in the amount of \$1.4 million for FFY 2026. The second application received was from CyRide (Vehicle Replacement) for \$225,000 in STBG funding for FFY 2026. The last application received was from the City of Ames (S. Dayton Avenue Path) for \$520,000 in TAP funding for FFY 2026. The recommendation from staff and the MPO Technical Committee was to fully award the requested amounts. Mr. Thompson said if anyone wanted to see a map and full list of all the programs in the TIP, they are shown on Page 21 of the Draft FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program document. The next step would be to hold a public input session on May 25, 2022; the public comment period will be open until June 30, 2022.

Council Member Beatty-Hansen said that climate was addressed a little bit in the draft. She asked that, as the Council moves forward with the Climate Action Plan, to think about how the Plan can be incorporated further into next year's draft. Mr. Thompson explained that the MPO's support of the Climate Action Plan will be handled more in the Work Program than the TIP. The TIP mainly shows what projects are going to be federally funded within the next four years.

Moved by Murken, seconded by Junck, to approve the Draft FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program and set July 12, 2022, as the date of public hearing. Vote on Motion: 9-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

HEARING ON FY 2023 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (TPWP): Transportation Planner Kyle Thompson noted that this is the same Program that the Council had seen in March 2022. Staff had addressed all the minor comments that were received from the Iowa Department of Transportation. There were not any comments from the public. The final TPWP is due to the state and federal partners by June 1, 2022.

Chairperson Haila opened the public hearing. It was closed when no one came forward to speak.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Zinnel, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 22-242 approving the Final FY 2023 Transportation Planning Work Program for submission to the Iowa Department of Transportation.

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

HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO THE FFY 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): Transportation Planner Kyle Thompson said the Amendment was to reallocate some Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding towards the Ioway Creek Trail project along with adjusting the project limits and incorporating some CyRide projects to receive their Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) funding. No public comments were received during the public comment period.

The public hearing was opened by Chairperson Haila and closed when no one came forward to speak.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Murken, to approve the Amendment to the FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE COMMENTS:** No comments were made

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Betcher, to adjourn the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee meeting at 6:07 p.m. Vote on Motion: 9-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill