

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

AUGUST 8, 2023

The Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Transportation Policy Committee meeting was called to order by Ames Mayor and voting member John Haila at 5:59 p.m. on the 8th day of August, 2023. 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 Board of Supervisors; Jonathan Popp, Mayor of Gilbert; and Bill Zinnel, of Boone County Board of Supervisors.

MOTION ACCEPTING THE FINDINGS OF THE 190TH STREET CORRIDOR STUDY:

Director of Public Works John Joiner, Traffic Engineer Damion Pregitzer, Civil Engineer Mark Gansen, and Transportation Planner Kyle Thompson were available to answer questions about the report. Transportation Planner Thompson clarified that a vote was requested on acceptance, which meant accepting that the methodology of the report was done with best technical practices. He stated that accepting the report did not mean agreeing to any prices, schedules, or contracts. Mayor Haila noted that project schedules would be determined through the budget process as well. Engineer Pregitzer reminded the Committee that the study was performed as an intermediary in the long-range plan, and scoring, as well as fiscal constraints of these projects would be addressed before October 2025 when the next plan is adopted. Planner Thompson explained that the intersection of 190th Street and Hyde Avenue was already a part of the short-range planning and could be submitted for federal aid as soon as next year, while the other two intersections would take place in October 2025.

Mayor Popp thanked the Committee for tabling the vote, then asked follow-up questions from the report. He stated that safety concerns should be a top priority of any decisions made going forward. Council Member Gartin questioned how the issue of meeting notice was handled. Positive feedback was received from the Committee in regard to the new method of distributing meeting materials for Committee members to review.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Murken, to accept the report.

Vote on Motion: 8-1. Voting Aye: Beatty-Hansen, Betcher, Gartin, Haila, Junck, Murken, Rollins, and Zinnel. Voting Nay: Popp.

MOTION SETTING SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, AS DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AMENDMENT TO THE FFY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Planner Thompson explained the Public Hearing was to satisfy a requirement for the Department of Transportation (DOT) and that AAMPO guidelines were being followed to alert community members to the Public Comment period.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Popp, to set September 12, 2023, as date of Public Hearing

regarding amendment to the FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.
Vote on Motion: 9-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Murken, seconded by Junck, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.
Vote on Motion: 9-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.