

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

AMES, IOWA

JANUARY 23, 2024

The Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Transportation Policy Committee meeting was called to order by Ames Mayor and voting member John Haila at 6:01 p.m. on the 23rd day of January, 2024. Other voting members present were: Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, City of Ames; Amber Corrieri, City of Ames, Tim Gartin, City of Ames; Rachel Junck, City of Ames; Anita Rollins, City of Ames; Jeff Clark, Ames Transit Agency Representative; Linda Murken, Story County Board of Supervisors, and Shawn Bryant, Boone County Board of Supervisors. Gloria Betcher, City of Ames, joined the meeting telephonically.

CONSENT AGENDA: Committee Member Murken requested to pull Item No. 1.

Moved by Bryant, seconded by Junck, to approve the consent agenda less Item No. 1.

1. Motion approving Annual Self-Certification for FY 2025
2. RESOLUTION NO. 24-048 approving designation of AAMPO representatives to the Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance (CIRTPA)
3. Motion supporting the Iowa Department of Transportation's Roadway Safety Targets
4. Motion approving Transit Asset Management Targets

Roll Call Vote: 10-0. Motions/Resolutions declared carried/adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

ANNUAL SELF-CERTIFICATION FOR FY 2025: Committee Member Murken asked when the last Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization process review by the Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration was done. Transportation Planner Kyle Thompson stated that the last federal review was in 2020, as reviews used to be scheduled every five years, but he believed the federal government was moving away from that process to self-certification.

Moved by Murken, seconded by Rollins, to approve Annual Self-certification for FY 2025.

Vote on Motion: 10-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

UPDATED METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY FOR THE AAMPO: Planner Thompson explained The AAMPO Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary defines the extent for which the AAMPO is responsible for conducting planning activities and developing transportation planning documents such as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He furthered that the new boundary, with slight edits from the previous boundary, encompassed anticipated growth in the next 20 years and better aligns with the current and future roadway network.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Murken, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-049 adopting updated Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary for the AAMPO.

Roll Call Vote: 10-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE BYLAWS: Planner Thompson explained the bylaws establish the voting representation, committee officers, and establish the meeting rules and voting procedures. He stated the existing bylaws were adopted on March 26, 2013, coinciding with the last update to the AAMPO MPA Boundary after the 2010 Census. He continued that since the AAMPO is currently undergoing the process to update its MPA Boundary after the 2020 Census, now is an appropriate time to conduct a review of the bylaws and make any appropriate updates. He reviewed the proposed changes and stated that the purpose of these changes was primarily to improve clarity and better define various functions and processes, with no major functional changes being proposed. Furthermore, the proposed amendments to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) Bylaws will improve the structure and readability of the bylaws as well as better define the various functions of the TPC and its processes.

Moved by Bryant, seconded by Junck, to approve an amendment to the Transportation Policy Committee Bylaws.

Vote on Motion: 10-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE AAMPO'S ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT: Planner Thompson explained this amendment would fully update the MPO's Articles of Agreement (28E Agreement) which were established in 2003. Planner Thompson further explained that these amendments would simplify the process for an entity to formally join the MPO and also clarify staffing responsibilities. He stated should the proposed amendment to the MPO's 28E Agreement be approved by the Transportation Policy Committee, all AAMPO member agencies would be required to formally adopt the amendment within 60 calendar days of the approval of the new amendments, or by March 23, 2024. He elaborated that signature pages would be prepared by the MPO and shared with each member agency as a part of this process. Once all measures of approval and signature sheets were received from the member agencies, the amended Articles of Agreement would be submitted to the Secretary of State as an amendment to the existing 28E Agreement.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Rollins, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-050 approving amendment to the AAMPO's Articles of Agreement.

Roll Call Vote: 10-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

POLICY COMMITTEE COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Murken, seconded by Bryant, to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Vote on Motion: 10-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.



Grace Bandstra, Deputy City Clerk



John A. Haila, Chair

