

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

**AMES, IOWA**

**FEBRUARY 13, 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 5:00 p.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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; Linda Murken, Story County Board of Supervisors, Mayor John Popp, City of Gilbert, and Bill Zinnel, Boone County Board of Supervisors.

**FFY 2025-2029 PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP):** Transportation Planner Kyle Thompson and Transit Planner Shari Atwood presented the Committee Action Form. Planner Atwood explained that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) addresses the PTP development process through the Story County Transportation Collaboration Committee (SCTCC). Any funding addressing the needs of the elderly or those with disabilities must be identified in the PTP; however, other projects are addressed as well. She noted that the PTP must be updated every five years and is due by May 1, 2024. Planner Atwood detailed the priorities identified by the SCTCC as the Dial-A-Ride service which provides CyRide’s Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant services, Dial-A-Ride buses purchased by CyRide, bus shelter improvements, accessibility technology and preventative maintenance. The PTP consisted of five sections, stated Planner Atwood. These included Introduction and Process, Inventory and Process Discussion, Coordination Issues, Priorities and Strategies, and Funding.

Planner Atwood outlined the next steps in the process once the Draft FFY 2025-2029 PTP was approved. A 30-day Public Comment period would begin and be open through March 14, 2024 and the final PTP would be brought back before the Committee on March 26, 2024. She stated that the PTP was exclusively for CyRide and applicable programs. Planner Atwood also highlighted how working with a variety of human service agencies and organizations through the PTP development process allowed CyRide to secure additional funding through federal discretionary grants by the partners providing letters of support for the grant application. These grants have allowed CyRide to add widescale improvements to enhance the service for residents.

Moved by Murken, seconded by Popp, to approve Draft FFY 2025-2029 Passenger Transportation Plan and setting March 26, 2024, as the date of public hearing.

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Rollins, seconded by Zinnel, to adjourn at 5:09 p.m.

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



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Grace Bandstra, Deputy City Clerk



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John A. Haila, Chair

