



**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2023
AMES CITY HALL 515 CLARK AVENUE
9:00AM-HYBRID MEETING**

Attendance:

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

▲	Tracy	Peterson	Ames Municipal Engineer	
▲	Damion	Pregitzer	Ames Traffic Engineer (Chair)	
▲	Justin	Clausen	Ames Operations Manager	
▲	Kelly	Diekmann	Ames Director of Planning and Housing	
▲	Justin	Moore	Ames Long Range Planner (Vice-Chair)	
▲	Barb	Neal	CyRide Transit Director	
X	Jonathan	Bullock	Boone County Engineer	
▲	Darren	Moon	Story County Engineer	
X	Gerry	Peters	Ames Community School District	
▲	Dan	Culhane	Ames Economic Development Commission	
▲	Sarah	Lawrence	Iowa State University Campus Planner	
X	Darla	Hugaboom	Federal Highway Administration	†
X	Johnnie	Gibson	Federal Highway Administration	†
▲	Daniel	Nguyen	Federal Transit Administration	†
▲	Andy	Loonan	Iowa Department of Transportation	†
X	Zac	Bitting	Iowa Department of Transportation	†
▲	<i>Present</i>		<i>Alternate Attendee</i>	*
X	<i>Absent</i>		<i>Non-Voting Members</i>	†

STAFF AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

1	Kyle	Thompson	MPO Transportation Planner
2	John	Joiner	MPO Administrator & COA Public Works Director
3	Mark	Gansen	Engineer
3	Laura	Colebrooke	Ames Principal Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Technical Committee was called to order by Damion Pregitzer at 9:01AM.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF THE MAY 11, 2023, MEETING

MOTION: (Peterson/Diekmann) to approve the agenda of the MAY 11, 2023, meeting.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2023, MEETING

MOTION: (Clausen/Moore) to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023, meeting.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

IV. RECOMMENDATION ON FFY 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Kyle Thompson discussed the TIP for fiscal years 2024-2027. This is the four-year program for any programs that have federal funding. The MPO oversees three different grant programs. Mr. Thompson described each of the programs and what they entailed. The STBG program was discussed and as well as updates for the 2024-27 TIP. The Cherry Ave project has been removed from the TIP by request of the City of Ames. Ms. Peterson said the project was removed since there would have been negative impacts on existing intersections rather than improvements by moving forward with the project. Mr. Thompson noted how the funds for that project would be re-allocated. He also reviewed the three applications for the STBG Program the MPO received.

Ms. Lawrence asked if there were any cost challenges due to supply chain issues and if enough funds were requested for the projects. Ms. Peterson said the length of time allowed for a project has been extended to address that concern. Mr. Thompson noted the amount of funding that would be left in the budget at the end of 2027.

Mr. Thompson said no TAP applications were accepted since the DOT froze the program temporarily while they review the infrastructure bill and how it affects the TAP program. Next year the MPO will accept TAP applications as usual.

The CRP is a new grant program that was introduced in the latest infrastructure bill, no applications were accepted this year. The MPO is still reviewing the bill and putting together the application and selection process. They are expected to accept applications next year. CRP funds are for carbon reduction projects, such as the ITS projects. Mr. Thompson discussed the projects map summary and the development schedule.

Mr. Diekmann said there is no legend for the projects as they are by year rather than project type. He asked which one was the TAP project. Mr. Thompson said the only TAP one was the one on South Dayton. Mr. Diekmann suggested distinguishing the ITS projects from the other ones. Mr. Thompson said he would work on that. Mr. Thompson said the Policy Committee Meeting with review the draft and the public hearing date. Further discussion ensued between Mr. Thompson and Mr. Diekmann.

MOTION: (Peterson/Lawrence) to recommend the draft to the Policy Committee for approval.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

V. OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE

No items at this time.

VI. UPCOMING DATES

Mr. Diekmann asked if he could ask another question. Mr. Pregitzer said he would allow it if Mr. Diekmann kept it to under 30 minutes.

- a. Transportation Policy Committee Meeting
May 23, 2023 @ 6:00PM-Ames City Hall (Council Chambers)
- b. Transportation Policy Committee Meeting
July 11, 2023 @ 6:00PM-Ames City Hall (Council Chambers)
- c. Transportation Policy Committee Meeting
July 25, 2023 @ 6:00PM-Ames City Hall (Council Chambers)
- d. Transportation Technical Committee Meeting
September 14, 2023 @ 9:00AM-Hybrid Format (Room 235 & Teams)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Thompson) Adjourn meeting of the Technical Transportation Committee at 9:31AM.

Minutes prepared by Laura Colebrooke

ITEM#: 4
 DATE: 07-27-23
 DEPT: MPO

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: FFY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

BACKGROUND:

To receive federal funds for regional transportation projects, it is necessary for them to be included in the Ames Area MPO’s Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Ames Area MPO’s current TIP contains projects programmed for federal fiscal years 2023 through 2026 and was approved on July 12, 2022. The TIP may be amended in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Ames Area MPO’s TIP and Public Participation Plan. This process is outlined below:

Steps for TIP Amendment (as outlined in the Public Participation Plan)

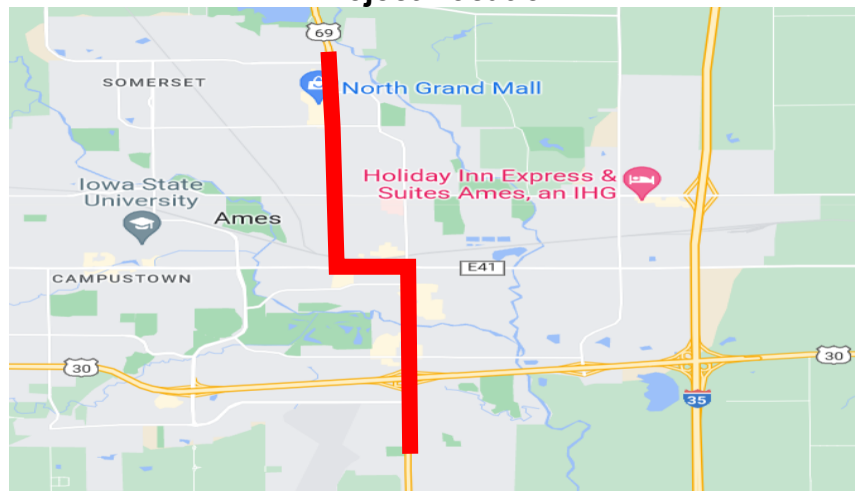
1. Request for amendment(s) by member agency or MPO staff
2. Recommendation by the Transportation Technical Committee
3. Initial review by Transportation Policy Committee; Setting of public hearing date
4. Minimum 15-day public comment period
5. Public hearing and final approval by Transportation Policy Committee

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) has requested to the AAMPO (see attached request) that one of their projects be added into the FFY 2023-2026 TIP as follows:

Project Description

TPMS ID	Location	Project Type	Project Total	Federal Aid	Federal-Aid Program
54852	US 69 (S of Jewell Dr – N of Bloomington Rd)	HMA Resurfacing with Milling	\$3.6M	\$2.8M	National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)

Project Location



This project was originally planned to be programmed in the FFY 2024-2027 TIP as an FFY 2024 project due to an October 2023 letting date. However, in order to authorize the project in September, which would be required to support an October letting date, the project must be programmed in FFY 2023 and therefore be added to the FFY 2023-2026 TIP. **A TIP amendment is required to add any projects to a TIP program.**

The Transportation Technical Committee must review and recommend approval of this proposed amendment before it can be brought before the Transportation Policy Committee. Once the Transportation Policy Committee has reviewed the proposed amendment and set the date of public hearing, the MPO will then begin a public input period from August 5, 2023, until August 31, 2023. After the public input period, the proposed amendment will then go before the policy committee again for the public hearing and final approval on September 12, 2023.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Recommend approval of the proposed amendment to the FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.
2. Recommend approval of the proposed amendment to the FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program, with Transportation Technical Committee modifications.

MPO ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of this amendment to the TIP will allow the Iowa DOT to let this project in October as originally scheduled. Without approval, the Iowa DOT would need to delay the project letting date and add this project into the FFY 2024-2027 TIP instead.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the MPO Administrator that the Transportation Technical Committee adopt Alternative No. 1.

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From: Chambers, Matthew <Matthew.Chambers@iowadot.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 10:49 AM
To: Thompson, Kyle
Cc: Joiner, John; Pregitzer, Damion
Subject: DOT Amendment Request

Importance: High

[External Email]

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Thank you.

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