



**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 2023
AMES CITY HALL 515 CLARK AVENUE
9:00AM-HYBRID MEETING**

Attendance:

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

X	Tracy	Peterson	Ames Municipal Engineer	
▲	Damion	Pregitzer	Ames Traffic Engineer <i>(Chair)</i>	
▲	Justin	Clausen	Ames Operations Manager	
X	Kelly	Diekmann	Ames Director of Planning and Housing	
▲	Justin	Moore	Ames Long Range Planner <i>(Vice-Chair)</i>	
▲	Barb	Neal	CyRide Transit Director	
▲	Jonathan	Bullock	Boone County Engineer	
X	Darren	Moon	Story County Engineer	
▲	Gerry	Peters	Ames Community School District	
X	Dan	Culhane	Ames Economic Development Commission	
▲	Sarah	Lawrence	Iowa State University Campus Planner	
X	Darla	Hugaboom	Federal Highway Administration	†
X	Daniel	Nguyen	Federal Transit Administration	†
▲	Chris	Capaldo	Iowa Department of Transportation	†
▲	Jeff	Von Brown	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	AAMPO Transportation Planner
2	Mark	Gansen	Ames Civil Engineer II
3	Laura	Colebrooke	Ames Principal Clerk
4	Jeff	Von Brown	Iowa Department of Transportation
5	Samuel	Hiscocks	Iowa Department of Transportation

Chris Capaldo?

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 AUGUST 31, 2023, MEETING

MOTION: (Clausen /Lawrence) to approve the agenda of the AUGUST 31, 2023, meeting.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2023, MEETING

MOTION: (Lawrence/Neal) to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2023, meeting.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

IV. RECOMMENDATION ON ICAAP PROJECT APPLICATION

Mr. Thompson said every year the MPO certifies ICAAP applications that are submitted to the DOT. This year there is one application from the City of Ames for the ITS Phase 5 project. Mr. Thompson discussed the scope of the project as well as the funds needed. The awards are typically in January of 2024, and the funds become available in FFY 2025. The recommendation is the project be brought to the policy committee for formal resolution.

Mr. Moore asked if any projects have started. Mr. Pregitzer said Phases 1 & 2 have started funding has been awarded for phases 3 and 4. He detailed what was included in phases 5 and 6.

Ms. Lawrence asked if the signals on the map were ones that were already included in a loop. Mr. Pregitzer said that was correct and gave more details of the configuration. Ms. Lawrence asked if the signal at State & Mortensen would get integrated into the network. Mr. Pregitzer replied that was correct and all signals would be included except the ones on Iowa State University's core campus.

MOTION: (Moore/Clausen) to recommend the presented ICAAP project to the Transportation Policy Committee for formal resolution.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

V. RECCOMENDATION ON TRANSIT SAFETY TARGETS

Mr. Thompson noted these are provided to the MPO yearly by CyRide. The Transit board approved these on August 17, 2023, and they were provided to the MPO on August 22. They are reflected in future planning documents and updates. He discussed the updated targets. The MPO has two alternatives and alternative 1 is the recommendation.

MOTION: (Clausen/Lawrence) to recommend the transit safety performance targets to the Transportation Policy Committee for formal approval.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

VI. RECOMMENDATION ON AMES URBAN AREA BOUNDARY

Mr. Thompson this is the main topic of today. The Census Bureau defines what is an urban area. The Iowa DOT has informed the MPO that the 2010 FHWA urban area can be leveraged as a

starting point for establishing the 2020 FHWA urban area in addition to the 2020 census urban area. On August 21st a meeting took place between COA, Gilbert, and IA Dot to discuss Ames Urban Area Boundary. The preliminary was submitted to the DOT. Mr. Thompson described what the process is going forward for this item. He also went over the changes displayed on a map. He noted Gilbert was included in the 2020 census and Gilbert did want to remain in the MPO area.

Mr. Thompson asked if anyone had questions.

Justin Moore asked if from the COA standpoint the boundary is changing and put a piece of the city outside of the boundary. E of the 13th Street interchange. He asked if that is atypical.

Damion said there is not any urban development in that area. He said if they could use roads for a boundary that was the first preference. He said the 25-year plan boundary does cover the areas of concern. Mr. Thompson said the MPO boundary would mostly remain unchanged.

Sarah said more university affiliated property is included in the new boundary. She felt since it has been more than 10 years since the boundary was updated, there should be more internal conversation at the university to determine what the proposed change means.

Damion said the boundary has nothing to do with ISU jurisdiction or land use, the only impact it would have is the area would now be part of the developed, urbanized area. They would discuss if there is a benefit to the research ag land, if there was a plan to modernize it, if there would be benefit to it being in the urban vs rural area of the MPO. Mr. Thompson said this would allow for more funding opportunities should ISU decide to pursue them. Sarah asked why in 2010 the city limits were followed but in 2020 it was done by roadways.

Ms. Lawrence said she did not feel she could make a recommendation today.

Jeff from Iowa Dot said their timeline is to have everything submitted by the end of the year. He said they are well on their way and encouraged Ms. Lawrence to take time to discuss the changes internally.

MOTION: (Moore/Clausen) to recommend the preliminary Ames urban area boundary to the Transportation Policy Committee for formal resolution and submission to the Iowa DOT.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0 Lawrence abstained

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

No items at this time.

VIII. UPCOMING DATES

- a. Transportation Policy Committee Meeting
September 12, 2023 @6PM-Ames City Hall (Council Chambers)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Clausen) Adjourn meeting of the Technical Transportation Committee at 9:37AM.

Minutes prepared by Laura Colebrooke