

**AMES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION**

**FY 2004  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK  
PROGRAM**

**July 8, 2003  
AMENDED MARCH, 2004**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Governor Thomas J. Vilsack officially designated the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) on March 17, 2003. This designation was the result of the Urbanized Area having a population of greater than 50,000 people in the 2000 census. The AAMPO boundary was then designated based on the Urbanized Area and the City of Ames Land Use Policy Plan.

The AAMPO area is shown on the attached map. The majority of the area is within the corporate limits of Ames. Small areas outside of the corporate limits in Story County and Boone County are included in the MPO boundary because of the need to plan for the eventual inclusion of the area within the city.

The AAMPO is generally the stand-alone metropolitan area of Ames. Ames is located in central Iowa and is served by I-35 and US # 30. Surface transportation needs are met through 180 centerline miles of street. The community has a very progressive mass transit system, CyRide, which carries over 4,500,000 bus passengers per year. Users are primarily Iowa State University based however the bus system serves the entire community. The MPO is served by the Ames Municipal Airport, which serves General Aviation needs for business, industry, and recreation users. Over 31,000 aircraft operations occur annually.

In addition to the Governor's letter designating the AAMPO, the City of Ames City Council, the Story County Board of Supervisors, and the Boone County Board of Supervisors approved a 28-E agreement that provides for the governing of the organization by a Transportation Policy Committee. That committee is made up of the following people:

- City of Ames City Council members and the Mayor (7)
- Boone County representative (1)
- Story County representative (1)
- Ames Transit Agency (CyRide) representative (1)
- Iowa Department of Transportation non-voting representative (1)
- Federal Highway Administration non-voting representative (1)
- Federal Transit Administration non-voting representative (1)

In addition, the Policy Committee will appoint various committees, as appropriate, to advise them. In particular, a Technical Committee will be appointed to advise on the programming decisions that involve project issues. The MPO will contract with City of Ames staff members and a consultant to undertake the regular activities of the AAMPO.

## **WORK ELEMENTS**

### **Administration**

The Fiscal Year 2004 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) and the budget will be monitored and amended as needed. Progress reports will be prepared in accordance

with the required schedule for each of the work elements involved with the approved TPWP.

The Fiscal Year 2005 TPWP and budget will be prepared. The financial audit for Fiscal Year 2004 will be initiated.

Records/minutes of meetings will be created and maintained.

Payment made for the participation in the Statewide Urban Standard Design and Specifications manuals.

Staff: Administrator (Public Works Director)  
Administrative Advisor  
Assistant City Manager  
City Clerk  
Public Works Administrative Assistant  
Finance Director

Cost: \$12,560 (4%)

### **Transportation Improvement Program**

The Federal Fiscal Year 2004-2006 Transportation Improvement Plan (FY 04-06 TIP) will be maintained and amended as necessary. The FY 05-07 TIP for Surface Transportation Projects and Enhancement Projects will be developed. Coordination with the DOT's Statewide Plan will also be undertaken.

Staff: Administrator (Public Works Director)  
Public Works Administrative Assistant  
Municipal Engineer  
Traffic Engineer  
CyRide Director  
CyRide Administrative Assistant  
Finance Director

Cost: \$8,374 (3%)

### **Comprehensive Planning**

This work element involves:

1. Review of subdivision and development projects within the AAMPO area to determine transportation system impact.
2. Analyses related to economic activities
3. Forecasting activities related to transportation planning
4. Updating/amending the bikeways plan, as necessary
5. Updating/amending the Land Use Policy Plan, as necessary
6. Traffic counts along area streets

7. Traffic accident data analyses
8. Street alignment and traffic signal concept layouts
9. Initial work to update the long range transportation plan

Staff: Traffic Engineer  
 Municipal Engineer  
 Administrator (Public Works Director)  
 Director of Planning & Housing  
 Planning Staff

Cost: \$259,308 (82%)

### **Transit Planning**

This work element involves

1. Transit planning issues related to land use and development issues
2. Ridership surveys and analyses
3. Study of park and ride at Iowa State Center

Staff: Transit Director  
 Transit Administrative Assistant

Cost: \$12,560 (4%)

### **Public Participation**

Initial attention will be spent on developing the public participation program. A newsletter will be produced periodically and sent to interested parties. The timing of the distribution will coincide with AAMPO meetings. The newsletter will address the current and anticipated activities of AAMPO.

Informational meetings, as well as public hearings, will be held to obtain public input and feedback on on-going activities of AAMPO.

The City maintains a website and the activities of the AAMPO will be included. This will include the meeting schedule and the approved TIP.

Staff: Administrator (Public Works Director)  
 Public Relations Officer  
 Public Relations intern  
 Administrative Advisor  
 Director of Planning & Housing  
 Transit Director  
 Traffic Engineer  
 Municipal Engineer

Cost: \$8,374 (3%)

## **Committee Support**

Support for the Policy and Technical Committees will be conducted on an as needed basis. Work elements include reports, records management, correspondence, attendance at meetings, and supporting materials.

Staff: Administrator (Public Works Director)  
Administrative Advisor  
Municipal Engineer  
Traffic Engineer  
Operations Administrator  
Planning Director  
Transit Director

Cost: \$12,560 (4%)

## BUDGET SUMMARY

### Funding Sources

FTA 5303	\$ 17,893
FHWA PL	\$ 49,096
STP	\$ 184,000
Local*	<u>\$ 62,747</u>
Total	\$ 313,736

### Expenses

Administration	\$ 12,560	(4%)
Transportation Improvement Program	\$ 8,374	(3%)
Comprehensive Planning	\$259,308	(82%)
Transit Planning	\$ 12,560	(4%)
Public Participation	\$ 8,374	(3%)
Committee Support	<u>\$ 12,560</u>	(4%)
Total	\$313,736	

\* The local match for salaries and other expenses is a part of the City Council adopted 2003/2004 budget for all personnel and associated expenses.