

ITEM # MPO 2  
DATE: 03-25-08

**AMES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (AAMPO) TRANSPORTATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: DRAFT FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (TPWP)**

**BACKGROUND:**

As a part of the federal regulations governing MPOs, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provide planning funds to reimburse agencies for those activities. The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) administers the program.

The program activities include several areas. The major activity will be work on updating the 2005 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Work may not be initiated on this study until the beginning of federal fiscal year 2009, which is October 1, 2008. This update is due to be completed by September 30, 2010. The update will include two elements that the Ames City Council identified as important and directed these to be addressed:

- Establish alternative Level of Service (LOS) criteria that may be used when meeting the current LOS C requirement leads to adverse impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.
- Identify a method for establishing system-wide level of service for bicyclists and pedestrians.

In addition, a main planning activity element is to ensure an integrated transportation system. Another integral element is review of development plans to determine impact to the transportation system. In addition to subdivision and major site development activity, this review includes potential changes to the Land Use Policy Plan or Urban Fringe Plan, which are closely linked to the transportation system.

The other elements of the TPWP include the general work of administering the MPO, CyRide activities, and Public Involvement. Once again, the TPWP includes the potential of retaining an Administrative Consultant to assist with planning activities.

The AAMPO Technical Committee reviewed the draft TPWP and unanimously recommended approval.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the draft FY 2009 TPWP and set May 13, 2008, as the date of public hearing.
2. Modify the draft FY 2009 TPWP to change the areas of emphasis and set May 22, 2008, as the date of public hearing.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended by the Administrator that the Transportation Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the draft FY 2009 TPWP and setting May 13, 2008, as the date of public hearing.