

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

SUBJECT: DRAFT FY 2009-2012 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

BACKGROUND:

In order to receive funds for transportation improvement projects, it is necessary to have the projects be a part of the approved statewide plan. The initial step in the process is for the MPO to develop a draft Transportation Improvement Plan. In previous years, the TIP covered a three-year planning period. New regulations now require the TIP to include transportation planning for four years.

The attached draft plan provides for projects for street improvements, CyRide improvements, and trail projects. In addition, the plan involves annual payments for a pavement management program that is operated statewide and annual support of the Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) program. The pavement management program will provide assistance to staff as decisions are made concerning timing of pavement rehabilitation projects. The SUDAS program brings several benefits. These include increasing contractor interest because the specifications are uniform and the efficiency of staff time because local specifications do not need to be developed and kept updated.

The street projects included in the draft plan meet the criteria adopted by the Policy Committee for project evaluation. A number of projects were evaluated as the plan was developed. The AAMPO Technical Committee has recommended approval of this draft plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the draft FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and set May 13, 2008, as the date for the public hearing.
2. Modify the draft FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and set May 13, 2008, as the date for the public hearing.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended by the Administrator that the Transportation Policy Committee accept Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the draft FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and setting May 13, 2008, as the date for the public hearing.