

ITEM # MPO 4  
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**AMES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (AAMPO)  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: AMES AREA 2009 PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT  
PLAN (PTDP)**

**BACKGROUND:**

The federal government has mandated an annual, coordinated planning effort between human service agencies and transportation providers in order to increase transportation efficiencies or reduce duplicative services. The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) has charged Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) with this task in urbanized areas and is now requiring that all state/federal funding be incorporated into this planning effort called a Passenger Transportation Development Plan (PTDP). Over the last several months, CyRide staff has been working with human service agencies and transportation providers to identify service gaps, transit challenges, and priority projects. These meetings have occurred through the Human Services Council and United Way's Transportation Collaboration Committee. The result of this effort has been a coordinated plan for the Ames area. Before any transit funding to be incorporated into the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), it must be identified within an approved PTDP. A copy of the "Ames Area 2009 Passenger Transportation Development Plan" that addresses the new federal requirements is enclosed for the Policy Committee's review.

**INFORMATION:**

**PTDP Requirements**

The following information briefly details the requirements of a local PTDP Plan.

- **Survey** - Survey each human service and transportation agency with a federally developed questionnaire
- **Inventory** - Inventory each transportation provider (human service or transportation agency)
- **Needs/Gaps** - Identify transportation needs and gaps
- **Goals/Objectives** - Develop goals and objectives
- **Financial Information** - Identify financial resources available
- **Investment Plan** - Develop a Four-Year Investment Program

The PTDP Committee (human service and transportation providers) reviewed the plan at their February 2008 meeting and recommended the federally-funded projects to the AAMPO for approval. In addition, the AAMPO Technical Committee reviewed the document and offered no changes to the plan. The MPO Policy Committee is required to approve the PTDP plan along with objectives/goals and recommended, developed projects by April 1, 2008. The two most important sections of the plan are the goal/objectives and the investment plan, of which the AAMPO must review and concur. These areas are discussed below in detail for the AAMPO Policy Committee.

### **Goals/Objectives**

Based on needs from transportation providers and human service agencies, several goals and objectives were developed to be focused on the working, low-income, and elderly/disabled populations.

- Reduce fleet ages and improve accessibility of transportation providers
- Extend route hours of service
- Improve frequency of service
- Increase geographic area of service coverage
- Increase the involvement/coordination between providers and human service agencies towards transportation services

These goals/objectives led to specific projects that will begin addressing identified needs listed within the investment plan.

### **Investment Plan**

The projects listed below are critical to securing grant funding within the next twelve-month period. All projects, for which federal grant applications will be submitted, must be included in these two project years of the PTDP for funding consideration. The projects contained in 2008 and 2009 reflect current coordination efforts and address transportation gaps in the Dayton, S. 16<sup>th</sup>, and Stange Road areas, as well as regional service to Iowa City.

The Iowa City Transportation Service (Ames to Iowa City transportation for medical purposes) was chosen as a top project to further discuss with potential local funding partners for possible inclusion into a state grant application due May 1, 2008, to the IDOT. It should be noted that these local funding discussions are still occurring throughout the community. The PTDP Committee recommended that the Iowa City project should be included within the Ames PTDP even though local funding has not yet been identified. If this project was not included within the PTDP, a grant application would not be able to be submitted.

### Program of Recommended Projects – 2008

The projects, below, must be incorporated into the 2008 year of funding as the IDOT will apply for this funding before the 2009 STIP is approved.

	<u>Provider Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Fed. Amount</u>
4	CyRide	Service to Dayton Industrial Area, Dialysis, Agency Locations @ 13th/Dayton	OPS	\$ 314,000	JARC (5316)	157,000
5	CyRide	Brown Route Service Frequency and Hours Expansion (2nd yr. - cont.)	OPS	\$ 44,100	JARC (5316)	\$ 22,050
6	CyRide	Yellow Route (2nd yr. - cont.)	OPS	\$ 4,620	JARC (5316)	\$ 2,310
7	CyRide	2 - 40' HD Hybrid Expansion Buses (Camera) for Dayton Service	CAP	\$ 1,144,000	NF (5317) and CMAQ	\$ 1,015,200
8	HIRTA/Heartland Senior Services	Ames to Iowa City Service (50%)	OPS	\$ 43,978	NF (5317)	\$ 21,989
8	HIRTA/Heartland Senior Services	Ames to Iowa City Service (30%)	OPS	\$ 43,978	STA Coord.	\$ 13,193
8	HIRTA/Heartland Senior Services	1-176" Light Duty (Diesel) Bus (Iowa City Service) (83%)	CAP	\$ 75,000	NF (5317)/STA Coord.	\$ 62,250
18	CyRide	Public Education Program	OPS	\$ 62,600	CMAQ	50,080
19	CyRide	CyRide Facility Plan Update	OPS	\$ 40,000	STP	\$ 10,000
20	CyRide	Alternative Analysis Study - Orange Route	OPS	\$ 200,000	Alternative Analysis Earmark (5339)	\$ 160,000
12	CyRide	2 - 40' HD Hybrid Electric Buses	CAP	\$ 1,120,000	Iowa Power Fund	\$ 1,008,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 3,092,276</b>		<b>\$ 2,522,072</b>

**Program of Recommended Projects – First Year 2009**

	<b>Provider Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Fed. Amount</b>
1	CyRide	General Operations	OPS	\$ 6,039,168	5307	\$ 1,610,455
2	CyRide	General Operations	OPS	(see above)	STA	\$ 489,604
3	AAMPO	Planning	OPS	\$ 33,285	5303	\$ 26,628
4	CyRide	Industrial Area, Dialysis, Agency Locations @ 13th/Dayton	OPS	\$ 329,700	5316	164,850
5	CyRide	Brown Route Service Frequency and Hours Expansion	OPS	\$ 46,305	5316	\$ 23,153
6	CyRide	Yellow Route	OPS	\$ 4,851	5316	\$ 2,426
8	HIRTA/Heartland Senior Services	Ames to Iowa City Service (50%)	OPS	\$ 43,472	NF (5317)	\$ 21,736
8	HIRTA/Heartland Senior Services	Ames to Iowa City Service (30%)	OPS	\$ 43,472	STA Coord.	\$ 13,042
9	Heartland Senior Services (CyRide Subcontractor)	Subcontracted Ames ADA Complimentary Services - Dial-A-Ride Services	OPS	\$ 153,399	5310	\$ 122,719
10	CyRide	Transit Amenities (Shelters)	CAP	\$ 50,000	5310	\$ 40,000
11	CyRide	Replacement of thirteen 40' HD Buses w/cameras	CAP	\$ 4,602,000	5309	\$ 3,819,660
12	CyRide	Twelve 40' HD Hybrid Buses (direct earmark)	CAP	\$ 6,864,000	5309	\$ 5,697,120
13	CyRide	Replacement of three LD Buses	CAP	\$ 240,000	5309	\$ 199,200
14	CyRide	Scissor Lift	CAP	\$ 35,000	5309	\$ 28,000
15	CyRide	Steam Clean Area - Hoist, Floor, Walls, Roof	CAP	\$ 640,000	5309/IG	\$ 512,000
16	CyRide	Facility Cameras/Proximity Card Access	CAP	\$ 56,660	5309	\$ 45,328
17	CyRide	Expansion Phase III (direct earmark)	CAP	\$ 564,000	5309	\$ 451,200
23	CyRide	Ames Transit System-Wide Fare Free & 5 Hybrid 40' HD Buses	OPS	\$ 5,010,955	Iowa Power	\$ 5,010,955
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 18,216,014</b>		<b>\$ 15,926,182</b>

The IDOT requires all transit projects to be coordinated through the PTDP process prior to inclusion of projects into a TIP. If this is not accomplished, CyRide and the Ames community could lose state and federal grant funding next year and would face serious budget ramifications.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the PTDP for submission to the IDOT and FTA for final submission.
2. Approve the PTDP with AAMPO Policy Committee modifications for final submission.
3. Do not approve the PTDP forgoing New Freedom, Job Access Reverse Commute, and 5310 grant opportunities.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended by the Administrator that the AAMPO Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the PTDP for submission to the IDOT and FTA for final submission. This will allow CyRide to include projects within the TIP and apply for grant funding to support services in the Ames community.