



**TO:** Transportation Policy Committee Members  
Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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**SUBJECT:** Draft of the 2010 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

HDR consulting group has completed the draft of the 2010 update to the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which is being presented for your review and comment. Federal regulations require that the LRTP be updated every five years. The current LRTP was updated in 2005.

The purpose of the update is to have a document that embodies the community's vision for transportation while being consistent with growth policies such as the Land Use Policy Plan (LUPP) and Ames Urban Fringe Plan. Public involvement throughout the process was critical to the success of the plan. Input was also gathered at every step from those agencies, groups and committees that will be affected by potential improvements to the transportation system.

The LRTP will be used as a tool in development of programs and projects in the AAMPO Transportation Improvement Program and the City of Ames Capital Improvement Plan. It will also be used as a guide for transportation improvements that will be required as new areas may develop. In accordance with Federal regulations, the LRTP will have a subsequent update in 2015.

At the August 31 work session, a presentation on the draft plan will be given by the consultant who prepared the LRTP. The Transportation Policy Committee will then have a formal hearing on the plan on September 28, 2010.

The public may access this draft plan at the following URL:  
<http://www.aampo.org>