

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

SUBJECT: DRAFT FY 2012 – 15 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

In order to receive funds for transportation improvement projects, it is necessary for the projects to be part of the approved statewide plan. The initial step in this process is for the AAMPO to develop a draft Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Regulations require the TIP to include transportation projects 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, as well as annual support of the Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) program. The pavement management program will provide critical data as decisions are made concerning timing of pavement rehabilitation projects. The SUDAS program brings several benefits, including increasing bidder interest since specifications are uniform and the efficiency of staff time because local specifications do not need to be developed and kept updated.

A number of projects were evaluated as this plan was developed. The FY 2012 street projects will be reconstructions or rehabilitations of the following streets: Ash Avenue from Mortensen Parkway to Knapp Street, Ridgewood Avenue from 13th Street to 16th Street, and Hayes Avenue from 20th Street to 24th Street. The Skunk River Trail Extension from the Hunziker Youth Sports Complex to S.E. 16th Street is scheduled to be constructed for the FY 2012 trail project. It should be noted, however, that completion of this segment will be subject to granting of access easements by the affected property owners.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Draft FY 2012 – 15 TIP and set June 28, 2011 as the date for the public hearing.
2. Modify the Draft FY 2012 – 15 TIP and set June 28, 2011 as the date for the public hearing.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

These projects correlate to the City of Ames 2011-16 Capital Improvement Plan, and the AAMPO Technical Committee has unanimously recommended approval of this draft plan. Therefore, it is recommended by the Administrator that the Transportation Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Draft FY 2012 – 15 TIP and setting June 28, 2011 as the date for the public hearing.