ITEM # MPO6 DATE: 03-26-13

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

SUBJECT: IOWA CLEAN AIR ATTAINMENT PROGRAM (ICAAP) PROJECT SUPPORT FOR MORTENSEN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS GRANT APPLICATION

BACKGROUND:

The City of Ames submitted a competitive ICAAP grant application for Mortensen Road Improvements between South Dakota Avenue and Dotson Drive to the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) on March 1, 2013. The intent of ICAAP is to fund projects or programs which help to maintain Iowa's clean air quality by reducing transportation related emissions.

One of the requirements for this grant application is Policy Committee approval that the Mortensen Road Improvements project conforms to the AAMPO's regional transportation planning process and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This project is consistent and included in the AAMPO's 2035 LRTP. The roadway improvements along Mortensen Road will reduce vehicle delay and congestion, promote travel by transit, and enhance walk ability and bike ability along the route.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Certify that the Mortensen Road Improvements is consistent with the objectives of the AAMPO 2035 LRTP, and the AAMPO supports the application to the Iowa DOT's ICAAP program.
- 2. Reject the certification.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Administrator that the AAMPO Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby certifying that the Mortensen Road Improvements is consistent with the objectives of the AAMPO 2035 LRTP, and the AAMPO supports the application to the Iowa DOT's ICAAP program.