

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

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO FY 2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

This amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the addition of a new mini-van. CyRide plans to dedicate one “unscheduled” vehicle each day within its demand response services to address unforeseen operational issues to ensure smooth operation of service. A need was identified through the [Demand Response Service Action Plan](#) finalized in January 2015 to keep all demand response public transit service operating in the Ames community on time alleviating concerns from passengers. Specifically, Action Item #23 in Appendix H, the Demand Response Service Action Plan identified this need and was seen as something that would improve not only HIRTA’s service but CyRide’s Dial-A-Ride service as well. The vehicle would be operated to keep the service within the City of Ames on-schedule as much as possible and assist where needed. Although the DRS Action Plan identifies a bus to operate this service improvement, discussions have identified the appropriate unscheduled vehicle as an accessible van. This vehicle expansion will be a mini-van, equipped with cameras and will be ADA Accessible. The mini-van has a total project cost of \$57,500; utilizing \$42,925 Section 5310 Federal funding and \$14,575 local match (\$7,575 CyRide local; \$7,000 HIRTA local).

It is necessary for projects of this type to be included in the Iowa Department of Transportation’s approved statewide plan (STIP). The initial step in this process is for the Ames Area MPO to amend the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Amended FY 2015-18 TIP to include a new accessible mini-van.
2. Approve the Amended FY 2015-18 TIP with Policy Committee modifications.

ADMINISTRATOR’S RECOMMENDATION:

In addition to being identified through the Demand Response Service Action Plan, this project was amended into the Ames Area 2015 - 2019 Final Passenger Transportation Plan at the May 26, 2015, AAMPO Policy Committee meeting. At the public input session held June 30, 2015, no revisions were requested by the public.

Therefore, it is recommended by the Administrator that the Transportation Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

Approved 2015 Transit Program

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MPO-22 / AAMPO (1 Projects)

Fund	Sponsor	Transit # Expense Class Project Type	Desc / Add Ons / Addnl Info		FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
5310	Ames	3687 Capital Expansion	Minivan VSS	Total	57,500			
				FA	42,925			
				SA				