

**AMES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM**

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO FY 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

The Fiscal Year 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee on July 14, 2015. The approved TIP is currently being incorporated into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to make the projects eligible to receive Federal funds.

The Ames Area MPO has been requested to submit two amendments to the FY 2016-2019 TIP. The two amendments include:

- Add project #14980, constructing a portion of the Skunk River Trail from Bloomington Road to Ada Hayden Park. The project was listed in the FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program. Due to project delays, the project letting date has moved to March 2016 and, therefore, needs to be included into the FY 2016 year.
- Modify project #32738, pavement rehabilitation project on 13th Street in Ames;
 - Current Description: from the ISU/Ames jurisdictional limit east 0.184 miles to the Union Pacific Railroad.
 - New Description: from Furman Aquatic Center east 0.29 miles to the Union Pacific Railroad. This is being done so that staff may evaluate the potential of extending sidewalk along the north side of 13th Street to the Furman Aquatic Center.

It is necessary for projects to be included in the Iowa Department of Transportation's approved statewide plan (STIP). The initial step in this process is for the Transportation Policy Committee to approve an amendment to the Ames Area MPO Transportation Improvement Plan. The amendment process includes opening a public comment period starting August 25, 2015 and closing September 21, 2015 and setting a public hearing date for September 22, 2015.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the amendments to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program to add project #14980 and modify project #32738, open the public comment period, and set September 22, 2015, as the date for the public hearing.
2. Direct modification of the amendments to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for project #14980 and project #32738, open the public comment period, and set September 22, 2015, as the date for the public hearing.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Skunk River Trail project was included in the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and due to delays, the project needs to be moved into the FY 2016 year of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. Project #32738 for rehabilitation of a portion of 13th Street is being updated to match the current scope of the project.

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