

AAMPO POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF IOWA CLEAN AIR ATTAINMENT PROGRAM GRANT RESOLUTIONS

BACKGROUND:

The Iowa’s Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) helps fund transportation projects and programs that result in attaining or maintaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). While the Ames Area MPO is “in attainment” of the NAAQS, ICAAP funds are available for projects in the area which result in reductions in vehicle emissions and traffic congestion.

The Ames Area MPO is required to review all potential ICAAP applications within the area for the following three items: 1) completeness; 2) financial feasibility; and 3) conformity with Ames Area MPO transportation planning processes and plan. If these three items criteria are met, the MPO is to adopt formal resolutions stating that the proposed projects conform to the regional transportation plan. These resolutions are needed by the project sponsors in order to submit their project to the Iowa Department of Transportation for consideration.

The following projects have been submitted to the Ames Area MPO for the FY 2018 ICAAP grant cycle:

| Project Sponsor | Project Name | ICAAP Request | Total Project Cost |
|------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| City of Ames | S. Grand Ext/5 th Street Construction Project | \$931,000 | \$3,400,000 |
| CyRide | 1) #9 Plum Weekday Route Expansion & Bus Expansion | \$230,446 | \$288,057 |
| | 2) #2 Green/#6 Brown/#3 Blue Service Expansion | \$101,757 | \$127,209 |

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Certify that the projects shown in the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program grant application conform to the MPO’s regional transportation planning process.
2. Do not move forward with approving either or both grant applications.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Ames Area MPO Transportation Technical Committee has reviewed the proposed grant applications and unanimously recommended approval. The work accomplished under this grant could lead to future ICAAP funding that will free up local funds to be reprioritized for other local regional projects.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Administrator that the Transportation Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.