

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

**SUBJECT: FFY 2021 - 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)  
AMENDMENT**

**BACKGROUND:**

To receive Federal funds for transportation improvement projects, it is necessary for the projects to be included in the approved Iowa Department of Transportation statewide plan. The initial step in this process is for the Ames Area MPO to develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Regulations require the TIP to include transportation projects for four years. The TIP may be amended in accordance with prescribed amendment and public participation procedures.

The amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 - 2024 Transportation Improvement Program involves the following:

- **Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) funds awarded by Iowa DOT on January 13, 2021 to CyRide.** Projects added to receive ICAAP award:
  - West Ames Changes: New expansion route #12 Lilac; added frequency #1 Red, #11 Cherry, #7 Purple (year 2) **\$320,372**
  - #11 Cherry Night Service (year 1) **\$33,544**
  - #12 Lilac Midday Service (year 1) **\$31,655**
  - #6 Brown Night Service (year 1) **\$29,984**

The requirements to process amendments to the TIP call for an opportunity for public review and comment as well as approval by both the Technical and Policy Committees of the Ames Area MPO. The Technical Committee reviewed the amendments on March 3, 2021. The Policy Committee will review the amendments on March 23, 2021 and set the date of public hearing. The public input period will be available from March 24, 2021 to April 30, 2021. After the public input period, this item will go before the Policy Committee again for public hearing and final approval on May 25, 2021.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Review the amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and set May 25, 2021 as the date for the public hearing.
2. Review and modify the amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and set May 25, 2021 as the date for the public hearing.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The Ames Area MPO Transportation Technical Committee has reviewed the proposed amendment to the FFY 2021-2024 TIP and unanimously recommended approval. This amendment will allow CyRide to access ICAAP funds which were awarded to them by the Iowa DOT for the projects shown.

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