

ITEM # MPO 3  
DATE: 09-25-07

**AAMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: AMES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (AAMPO)  
SELF-CERTIFICATION**

**BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to federal regulations, each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) must self-certify that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements. The AAMPO recently underwent a process review by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). FTA and FHWA issued a joint report on July 23, 2007, finding that the transportation planning activities of AAMPO are being carried out in accordance with federal regulations, policies, and procedures.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Certify that the AAMPO transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements.
2. Reject the certification.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Both the FTA and FHWA recently determined that the AAMPO is carrying out its transportation planning activities in accordance with federal requirements. However, each MPO must also certify that transportation planning activities are being conducted in accordance with these requirements.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Administrator that the AAMPO Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby certifying that the AAMPO transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements.

**AMES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
ANNUAL SELF-CERTIFICATION**

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.334, the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT), and the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) hereby certifies that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(l), 23 U.S.C. 135, and 23 CFR Part 450.220;
- (2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI assurance executed by each State under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;
- (3) Section 1101(b) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Pub. L. 105-178) regarding the involvement of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded planning projects (Sec. 105(f), Pub. L. 97-424, 96 Stat. 2100; 49 CFR, Subtitle A, Part 26);
- (4) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and U. S. DOT implementing regulation;
- (5) The provision of 49 CFR Part 20 regarding restrictions on influencing certain activities; and
- (6) Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)).

For AAMPO:

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Ann Campbell  
Policy Committee Chair

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July 23, 2007

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RE: Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Planning Review Report

Dear Mr. Joiner:

Please find enclosed the final report resulting from the review of the Ames area metropolitan transportation planning process, which was conducted on May 8, 2007 by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The report documents that transportation planning activities in the Ames metropolitan area are being carried out in accordance with governing Federal regulations, policies, and procedures. Specific recommendations for improvement, along with strengths of the local planning process, are also given in the report.

Please extend our appreciation to all those who participated in the review. If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact Mr. Mark Bechtel at FTA (816) 329-3937, or Mr. Tracy Troutner at FHWA (515) 233-7305.

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Sincerely,

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