

AAMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: AMES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (AAMPO)
FEDERAL HIGHWAY STIMULUS PROJECTS**

BACKGROUND:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was recently signed into law by President Obama. This act includes appropriations for highway stimulus funding, of which Iowa's share is approximately \$358.2 million. Of that amount, \$120 million will be allocated to local agencies and \$238.2 million will go to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). The amount suballocated to the AAMPO is \$2,099,562.

Construction of the projects under this initiative will be financed with 100% stimulus funds up to the total allocated amount, without local match requirements. However, the City will be required to cover the costs to design these projects, which is estimated to be approximately \$200,000. Funding for this design work has been identified from savings in earlier projects funded by General Obligation bonds.

In order to support the intended stimulus effect of this funding, the designated projects (1) must not have been budgeted in 1009/10, and (2) must facilitate a quick turn-around from initiating project design through project letting. The projects recommended to receive AAMPO funding are as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Construction Estimate</u>	<u>Target Letting</u>
G. W. Carver Rehabilitation (Stange Road to Bloomington Road) (Approved in CIP for 2011/12)	\$1,000,000	August 18, 2009
Lincoln Way Rehabilitation (Hickory Dr. to east of Marshall Ave.) (Approved in CIP for 2010/11)	\$849,562	July 21, 2009
Skunk River Trail (S. River Valley Park to Carr Pool) (Approved in CIP for 2010/11, plus a portion of the 1011/12 project)	\$250,000	July 21, 2009

In accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act requirements, these projects must be added to the AAMPO FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order to utilize the stimulus funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Amend the AAMPO FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the stimulus projects to FY 2009 in accordance with all applicable American Recovery and Reinvestment Act requirements.
2. Reject the amendment.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the addition of these projects into the 2009 Transportation Improvement Program will allow the initiation of the project development process. This will enable letting in the summer of 2009 and the probability of construction commencing during 2009.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Administrator that the AAMPO Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby amending the AAMPO FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the stimulus projects to FY 2009 in accordance with all applicable American Recovery and Reinvestment Act requirements.