

**AMES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (AAMPO)
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM**

SUBJECT: FINAL FY 2010 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

As a part of the federal regulations governing Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provide planning funds to reimburse MPO's for transportation planning activities. The Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) administers this program.

Each year a Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) must be adopted by the MPO. Proposed program activities for the coming year include several areas. The major activity will be updating the 2005 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This update is due to be completed by September 30, 2010. The update will include two elements that the Ames City Council identified as important and directed to be addressed:

- Establish alternative Level of Service (LOS) criteria that may be used in situations where meeting the current LOS C requirement could lead to adverse impacts on the surrounding, existing neighborhood.
- Identify a method for establishing a system-wide level of service for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Additionally, a main planning activity element is to ensure an integrated transportation system. Another integral element is review of development plans to determine impact to the transportation system. In addition to subdivision and major site development activity, this review includes potential changes to the Land Use Policy Plan or Urban Fringe Plan, which are closely linked to the transportation system. A major transit element will be moving forward with the Ames - Des Moines corridor study. The other elements of the TPWP include the general work of administering the MPO, CyRide activities, and Public Involvement.

AAMPO's Policy Committee approved the draft TPWP on March 24, 2009. A public input session was then held on April 22, 2009, to discuss the program and receive comments. No revisions to the program were requested at that meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve AAMPO's Final FY 2010 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP).
2. Direct staff to modify the Final FY 2010 TPWP.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The AAMPO Technical Committee reviewed the draft TPWP and unanimously recommended approval. No revisions to the program were requested by the public.

Therefore, it is recommended by the Administrator that the Transportation Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Final FY 2010 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP).