

ITEM #: MPO 1
DATE: 05-26-09

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

SUBJECT: FINAL FY 2010-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

BACKGROUND:

In order to receive funds for transportation improvement projects, it is necessary to have the projects be a part of the approved statewide plan. The initial step in the process is for the MPO to develop a draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Regulations require the TIP to include transportation planning for four fiscal years. A public input session was held on April 22, 2009, to discuss the program and receive comments. The meeting included discussion of the proposed program, and no revisions were requested.

The attached program includes projects for street improvements, CyRide improvements, and trail projects. In addition, the plan involves annual payments for a pavement management program that is operated statewide and for annual support of the Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) program. The pavement management program will provide assistance to staff as decisions are made concerning timing of pavement rehabilitation projects. The SUDAS program brings several benefits, including increased contractor interest because the specifications are uniform, as well as greater efficiency of staff time because local specifications do not need to be developed and kept updated.

A number of projects were evaluated as the plan was developed. The FY 2010 street project is planned to be the rehabilitation of Duff Avenue from Lincoln Way to 13th Street. The Skunk River Trail, from East Lincoln Way to South River Valley Park, is planned for the FY 2010 trail project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Final FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
2. Direct staff to modify the Final FY 2010-2013 TIP.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The AAMPO Technical Committee reviewed the draft TIP and unanimously recommended approval. Also, no revisions were requested by the public. Therefore, it is recommended by the Administrator that the Transportation Policy Committee accept Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Final FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The projects reflected in the TIP correspond with the City of Ames Capital Improvements Plan.