

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

**SUBJECT: 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) has started the process for improvements to the interchange of Interstate 35 and Highway 30 located within the Ames Area MPO's planning boundary. In order for the Iowa DOT to properly complete the preconstruction steps, qualify for federal funding, and keep on their project timeline, the project must be included in the AAMPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Therefore, the Iowa DOT has requested that AAMPO amend the 2035 LRTP plan for inclusion of the I-35 / Hwy. 30 interchange project.

Representatives for the Iowa DOT brought this to the attention of the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) at their March 12, 2012 meeting. According to the Public Participation Plan (PPP), a public meeting is required for an amendment to the LRTP. Staff is already holding a public meeting for the FY 2013 TIP and TPWP on May 1, 2012 and will add the LRTP amendment to the public meeting agenda. Once the public has had a chance to review the amendment, it can be brought back to the Policy Committee for a public hearing at its next meeting on May 22, 2012.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Establish the public meeting date of May 1, 2012, and set May 22, 2012, as the date for the public hearing on this amendment to the 2035 LRTP.
2. Do not approve the public meeting date of May 1, 2012, and set May 22, 2012, as the date for the public hearing.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The AAMPO Technical Committee has discussed this amendment and recommends approval of the amendment to the 2035 LRTP. Therefore, it is recommended by the Administrator that the Transportation Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby establishing the public meeting date of May 1, 2012, and setting May 22, 2012, as the date for the public hearing on this amendment to the 2035 LRTP.