

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

**SUBJECT: POPULATION ADJUSTMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN AAMPO AND
CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ALLIANCE (CIRTPA)**

BACKGROUND:

Last month, the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary adjustment was approved by the AAMPO Policy Committee and submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) for their approval. The next step in this process is reaching an agreement on the population adjustment between the AAMPO and CIRTPA.

Currently, the base population for the Ames urbanized area is 60,438, according to census geography data. The population within the new MPA boundary is 62,728, resulting in a population adjustment of 2,290 from CIRTPA to the AAMPO. Estimated Surface Transportation Program (STP) targets provided by the Iowa DOT Office of Program Management show funding levels of approximately \$55,819 being shifted from CIRTPA to the AAMPO based on the above-mentioned MPA boundary adjustment and population adjustment.

Pending approval, staff will send a formal letter on behalf of the Policy Committee to CIRTPA requesting their approval of the MPA boundary and population adjustment. This item will be placed on the CIRTPA agenda in January 2013. In order to meet the typical target distribution deadline of February, the Iowa DOT requests that all signed population adjustment resolutions be received by January 31, 2013. Population adjustments received after this deadline will not be processed for the FFY 2014 targets, but can be processed during the following year. The population adjustment agreement is attached.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the population adjustment agreement, and direct staff to send a letter to CIRTPA requesting their approval.
2. Approve the population adjustment agreement with modifications, and direct staff to send a letter to CIRTPA requesting their approval.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended by the Administrator that the AAMPO Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the population adjustment agreement and directing staff send to a letter to CIRTPA requesting their approval.

**JOINT AGREEMENT
FOR METROPOLITAN AND REGIONAL POPULATIONS**

WHEREAS, federal transportation planning regulations provide for the establishment of a metropolitan planning organization within each metropolitan area to serve as a forum for local officials to carry out certain multimodal transportation planning and programming responsibilities within each metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation (hereinafter called the DEPARTMENT) has elected to share certain multimodal transportation planning and programming responsibilities with local officials acting through regional planning affiliations; and

WHEREAS, the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (hereinafter called the MPO) has been designated by the cities and counties within its boundaries, with the concurrence of the Governor(s), to serve as the metropolitan planning organization for the Ames, Iowa metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance (hereinafter called the RPA) has been designated by the general purpose units of local government to serve as the regional planning affiliation within region 11; and

WHEREAS, Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Alternatives (hereinafter called STP) funding is apportioned to the States for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT allocates STP funding to metropolitan planning organizations based solely on population and to regional planning affiliations based partially on population that is initially delineated by the Census-defined urbanized area boundary; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has established an adjusted Federal Highway Administration (hereinafter called FHWA) Urban Area Boundary and a MPO Planning Area Boundary, which have been reviewed and approved by the DEPARTMENT and FHWA.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MPO AND THE RPA HAVE AGREED THAT THE DEPARTMENT shall proceed with allocating STP funding, subject to all terms, conditions and obligations connected with the federal program, based on the delineating boundary and resulting population adjustment described below:

Delineating boundary (map attached):	Ames Area MPO Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary
Resulting population adjustment:	2,290 from the RPA to the MPO

THIS AGREEMENT TO BE IN EFFECT until the next decennial Census.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto have caused this AGREEMENT to be executed by their proper officials thereunto duly authorized as of the dates below indicated, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and representations contained herein.

For the MPO:

For the RPA:

Ann Campbell
Policy Committee Chair, AAMPO

Bret VandeLune
Policy Committee Chair, CIRTPA

date:_____

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