

ITEM#: AAMPO 2

DATE: 5-25-21

**AMES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: FFY 2021 - 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)  
AMENDMENT**

**BACKGROUND:**

To receive Federal funds for transportation improvement projects, it is necessary for the projects to be included in the approved Iowa Department of Transportation statewide plan. The initial step in this process is for the Ames Area MPO to develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Regulations require the TIP to include transportation projects for four years. The TIP may be amended in accordance with prescribed amendment and public participation procedures.

The amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 - 2024 Transportation Improvement Program involves changing the following:

**TPMS Project Updates**

- **Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) funds awarded by Iowa DOT on January 13, 2021 to CyRide.** Projects added to access ICAAP award:
  - West Ames Changes: New expansion route #12 Lilac; added frequency #1 Red, #11 Cherry, #7 Purple (year 3) **\$320,372**
  - #11 Cherry Night Service (year 2) **\$33,544**
  - #12 Lilac Midday Service (year 2) **\$31,655**
  - #6 Brown Night Service (year 2) **\$29,984**

The requirements to process amendments to the TIP call for an opportunity for public review and comment as well as approval by both the Technical and Policy Committees of the Ames Area MPO. **The Policy Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the draft amendments on March 23, 2021 and set the date of public hearing. The public input period was available from March 24, 2021 to April 30, 2021; no public comments were received by staff.** This item now goes before the Policy Committee again for public hearing and final approval.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.
2. Approve the amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program with Transportation Policy Committee modifications.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The Ames Area MPO Transportation Technical Committee and Transportation Policy Committee have reviewed the proposed amendment to the FFY 2021-2024 TIP and unanimously recommended approval. Additionally, no public comments were received. This amendment will allow CyRide to access ICAAP funds which were awarded to them by the Iowa DOT for the projects shown.

Therefore, it is recommended by the Administrator that the Transportation Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.