

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

**SUBJECT: FFY 2022 - 2025 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 Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). The initial step in this process is for the Ames Area MPO to develop a regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Ames Area MPO's current TIP programs projects for federal fiscal years 2022 through 2025 and was approved on July 13, 2021. The TIP may be amended in accordance with prescribed amendment and public participation procedures.

**The City of Ames has requested (see attached request) that the Ames Area MPO make modifications to two projects listed in the FFY22-25 TIP as follows:**

- **loway Creek Trail Project (ID: 19249)**
  - **Total Cost:** Increase to \$1,082,000 (currently \$922,000)
  - **Federal Funding:** Increase to \$560,000 (currently \$400,000) in FFY22
  - **Location:**
    - **Old Location:** In the City of Ames, loway Creek: from Skunk River to S 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
    - **New Location:** In the City of Ames, loway Creek: from 0.5 miles east of S Duff Avenue to S 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **Skunk River Trail Project (ID: 14983)**
  - **Remove from the TIP** (Currently has \$160,000 in federal funding programmed in FFY22.)

Per the City of Ames request, the Skunk River Trail Project has seen a lack of property acquisition progress; therefore, it is likely that this project would need to continue to be rolled over into future fiscal years. Removing this project from the TIP and reprogramming those federal funds towards the loway Creek Trail project, which has an anticipated letting in September this year, would allow for a more immediate use of the MPO's TAP funds.

Additionally, Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) funds were awarded by the Iowa DOT to CyRide in January for three transit projects. **These three projects need to be added to the current TIP** so CyRide can promptly access the awarded funds:

- **#11 Cherry Night Service (Year 3)** - \$31,609 in CMAQ funding
- **#12 Lilac Midday Service (Year 3)** - \$29,830 in CMAQ funding
- **#6 Brown Night Service (Year 3)** - \$28,258 in CMAQ funding

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 Technical Committee reviewed this proposed amendment on March 10, 2022, and unanimously recommended approval.** The public input period will be available from March 23, 2022, to April 30, 2022. After the public input period, this item will go before the Policy Committee again for the public hearing and final approval on May 24, 2022.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Review the amendment to the FFY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program and set May 24, 2022, as the date for the public hearing.
2. Review and modify the amendment.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The Transportation Technical Committee has reviewed the proposed amendment to the FFY 2022-2025 TIP and unanimously recommended approval. The requested project modifications by the City of Ames will allow the Ames Area MPO to better utilize its accruing TAP funding for trail projects. Additionally, adding CyRide's ICAAP projects will allow them to access their awarded funds.

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

To: Kyle Thompson, AAMPO  
From: Mark Gansen, Civil Engineer II, Public Works - Traffic  
Date: February 28, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Amendments to loway Creek Shared Use Path, TPMS ID# 19249 & Skunk River Trail Shared Use Path, TPMS ID#14983

**UPDATE:**

Through coordination with other City of Ames projects, it has been determined that the project limits of the loway Creek Shared Use Path project need to be modified due to delays in property acquisition. Here's information on the location change:

- Old Location: In the city of Ames, loway Creek: From Skunk River to S. 5<sup>th</sup> St
- New Location: In the City of Ames, loway Creek: From 0.5 Miles east of S. Duff Avenue to S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Through this same coordination it has also been determined that the Skunk River Trail Shared Use Path needs to be removed and reprogrammed at a later date due to the lack of property acquisition and other potential uses of the property.

Through preliminary design of the loway Creek project we've also created a preliminary OPC and would like to request additional TAP funding. Here's information on funding items:

- Local Funding: \$521,800
- Original MPO Funding: \$159,000
- 7-13-21 Amended TIP MPO Funding: \$400,000
- Proposed MPO Funding: \$560,000
- Most recent OPC: \$878,520.50

Also attached is a map for reference for the location change. Please let me know if you need any additional information. Thank you.

# loway Creek Trail Project (Proposed New Project Limits)

