

ITEM #: 3
DATE: 09-24-24
DEPT: AAMPO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ICAAP APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

BACKGROUND:

The Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) helps to fund transportation projects and programs that result in attaining or maintaining the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). The Ames Area MPO (AAMPO) is in attainment of the NAAQS, and ICAAP funds are available for projects in the area which result in further reductions in vehicle emissions and traffic congestion.

The AAMPO needs to review all ICAAP applications within the area to ensure that they are financially feasible and conform with MPO's transportation planning process. If the criteria are met, the MPO adopts formal resolutions stating that the proposed projects conform to the regional transportation process. These resolutions are needed by the project sponsors to submit their project to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for consideration. Project sponsors are responsible for delivering their completed application to IDOT by October 1, 2024, at 5PM.

The following project has been submitted for a resolution by the MPO for the FFY 2026 ICAAP grant cycle:

| Project Sponsor | Project Name | ICAAP Request | Total Cost Project |
|------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| City of Ames | Ames Traffic Network – Phase 5 (Fiber Network & Adaptive Control) | \$1,312,000 | \$2,515,000 |

See Attachment A for a summary sheet detailing the project's general description, location, and funding amounts/sources. See Attachment B for the project's ICAAP Application.

ICAAP awards will be made by the Iowa Transportation Commission in January 2025. Funds will become available in FFY 2026, which begins on October 1, 2025.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Certify that the project shown in the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) Grant Application conforms to the AAMPO's regional transportation planning process.
2. Certify that the project shown in the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) Grant Application conforms to the AAMPO's regional transportation planning process, with Transportation Policy Committee modifications to the application.
3. Do not certify that the project shown in the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) Grant Application conforms to the AAMPO's regional transportation planning process.

MPO DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Transportation Technical Committee has reviewed the proposed grant application and unanimously

recommended approval. The work accomplished under this grant would help further the City of Ames's traffic fiber network and its implementation of traffic adaptive signals. Also, the project is already programmed in the MPO's FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program with \$700,000 in Carbon Reduction Program funding. **On September 12, 2024, the Transportation Technical Committee unanimously recommended certifying that the application conforms to the AAMPO's regional transportation planning process.** Therefore, it is the recommendation of the MPO Executive Director that the Transportation Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Attachment A - Project Summary Sheet.pdf](#)

[Attachment B - Ames ICAAP Application.pdf](#)