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DEPT:	<u>AAMPO</u>

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: FINAL FFY 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

In order to be eligible for federal transportation funding, projects within the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) planning area must be included in the AAMPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a fiscally constrained, four-year programming document that is updated annually. The TIP typically includes roadway improvements, public transit improvements, multi-modal improvements, and transportation planning activities.

The Final Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026–2029 TIP (see **Attachment A**) was prepared in accordance with Iowa Department of Transportation guidelines and demonstrates fiscal constraint based on current federal funding estimates. A map and full list of projects are included in the Final TIP.

PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS:

In January 2025, the AAMPO released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the three federal programs under its purview for the planning area:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

Applications were due by March 31, 2025. A total of four (4) applications were received and evaluated by MPO staff using the scoring criteria outlined in the NOFO (see **Attachment B**). The following table summarizes the applications received, the application score, and the recommendation for the award of MPO funds:

Sponsor	Description	Program	FFY	Amount	Score	Funds Awarded?
CyRide	Vehicle Replacement (Electric Bus)	STBG	2029	\$400,000	91	Yes
City of Ames	Bloomington Rd Mill & Overlay (GW Carver Ave – 500'W of Eisenhower Ave)	STBG	2026	\$700,000	84	Yes
City of Ames	Duff Ave Mill & Overlay (20th St – Northwood Dr)	STBG	2029	\$1,760,000	84	Yes
City of Ames	ITS & Traffic Fiber Network (Phase 5)	CRP	2027	\$940,000	83	Yes

All four projects were found to be consistent with the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and are recommended for full funding and inclusion in the TIP.

DRAFT REVIEW:

On May 27, 2025, the Transportation Policy Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the Draft TIP. Since draft approval, the TIP underwent a 30-day public comment period and review by state and federal partners. **Minor comments received from the Iowa DOT were received and incorporated into the Final TIP. No public comments were received.**

Once approved, the FFY 2026-2029 TIP will be incorporated into the Iowa DOT's Statewide TIP and will become effective on October 1, 2026 (the start of FFY 2026).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Final FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.
2. Approve the Final FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program, with Transportation Policy Committee modifications.

MPO DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Transportation Policy Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the Draft FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program, and staff addressed minor comments received from the Iowa DOT for the final version. 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 - Final FFY 26-29 TIP.pdf](#)