

ITEM #:	<u>3</u>
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TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **FFY 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENT**

BACKGROUND:

To receive federal funds for regional transportation projects, it is necessary for the projects to be included in the Ames Area MPO's [Transportation Improvement Program](#) (TIP). The Ames Area MPO's current TIP contains projects programmed for federal fiscal years 2024 through 2027. The TIP was approved on July 11, 2023. The TIP may be amended as outlined below:

Steps for TIP Amendment:

1. Request for amendment(s) by member agency or MPO staff
2. Recommendation by the Transportation Technical Committee
3. Initial review by Transportation Policy Committee; Setting of public hearing date
4. Minimum 15-day public comment period
5. Public hearing and final approval by Transportation Policy Committee

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) has requested (see **attachment A**) that one of its projects be amended in the FFY 2024-2027 TIP. **The project includes replacing and widening both the eastbound and westbound U.S. Highway 30 bridges over the South Skunk River, various hydraulic/drainage improvements to reduce impacts from flood events, and widening U.S. Highway 30 to construct EB and WB auxiliary lanes between the S Duff Ave and S Dayton Avenue interchanges.**

The following changes to the project in the TIP are being requested:

1. Change the project description from a bridge location to a project with termini at S Duff Ave and S Dayton Ave to better reflect where the project work will occur.
2. Move the funding previously shown in FFY 2025 to FFY 2024 to allow the project authorization and letting date to occur on schedule in October.

The Transportation Technical Committee and Transportation Policy Committee have reviewed this proposed amendment and unanimously recommended approval. A 15-day public comment period was also held from July 9 to July 24, 2024, and staff received no public comments.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the amendment to the FFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.
2. Do not approve the amendment to the FFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

MPO DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Transportation Technical Committee and Transportation Policy Committee have reviewed this proposed amendment and unanimously recommended approval. The Iowa DOT has requested this amendment so that its project on US Highway 30 is more accurately described in the TIP and can remain on schedule. **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 - Iowa DOT Request & Preliminary Plans.pdf](#)