

ITEM #: 2
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TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: FY 2027 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

The Fiscal Year 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) (**see attached**) is the regional work plan developed by the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. Developing a TPWP is an annual requirement for MPOs and identifies the planning activities the MPO will undertake during the upcoming fiscal year, including responsible parties, schedules, anticipated products, funding sources, and the total program budget.

Each fiscal year, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding is allocated by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) to each of the Iowa MPOs to conduct the planning activities identified in their TPWP. **The following table breaks down the FY 2027 funds being allocated to the AAMPO by funding source.**

Source	Amount
FHWA Planning (PL) Carryover	\$30
FTA 5305d Carryover	\$0
FHWA STBG Carryover	\$97,832
FHWA PL Complete Streets Carryover	\$130
FHWA PL New	\$130,203
FTA 5305d New	\$50,293
FHWA STBG New	\$257,642
FHWA PL Complete Streets New	\$3,338
TOTAL:	\$539,468

Key FY 2027 planning activities identified in the TPWP include:

- Creation of a regional Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan.
- Completion of the Duff Avenue corridor study from the Union Pacific Railroad crossing to 16th Street.
- Conducting a study of the Lincoln Way corridor from Duff Avenue to Grand Avenue.
- Conducting a study of the S Dayton Avenue corridor from S Dayton Place to the interchange with U.S. Highway 30.

- Development of the FFY 2028-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and continued administration of the AAMPO's regional grant funding programs: Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP).

The FY 2027 TPWP includes a total program budget of \$673,383, of which \$539,383 is federal funding and \$134,000 is local match. All available federal funds are programmed. Therefore, there are no unobligated federal funds. The following table summarizes the budget allocated to each work element and sub-activity identified in the TPWP:

Work Element/Activity	AAMPO Staff Hours	Federal Funding	Local Match	Total Funding
1 - Administration	557	\$42,400	\$10,600	\$53,000
2 - Regional Planning	842	\$317,600	\$79,400	\$397,000
<i>2.1 - Regional Planning</i>	<i>842</i>	<i>\$49,600</i>	<i>\$12,400</i>	<i>\$62,000</i>
<i>2.2 - SRTS Plan Consultant</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$48,000</i>	<i>\$12,000</i>	<i>\$60,000</i>
<i>2.3 - Lincoln Way Study Consultant</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>	<i>\$125,000</i>
<i>2.4 - S Dayton Ave Study Consultant</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$96,000</i>	<i>\$24,000</i>	<i>\$120,000</i>
<i>2.5 - Duff Ave Study Consultant</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$24,000</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
3 - Transit Planning	656	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
4 - Data & Analytics	149	\$136,000	\$34,000	\$170,000
<i>4.1 - Data & Analytics</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>\$8,800</i>	<i>\$2,200</i>	<i>\$11,000</i>
<i>4.2 - Demand Model Consultant</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$8,000</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>4.3 - Traffic Data Procurement</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$56,000</i>	<i>\$14,000</i>	<i>\$70,000</i>
<i>4.4 - Pavement Data Procurement</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$63,200</i>	<i>\$15,800</i>	<i>\$79,000</i>
5 - Complete Streets*	47	\$3,468	\$0	\$3,468
FY 2027 Budget Totals	2,251	\$539,383	\$134,000	\$673,383

*No local match is required for the complete streets work element.

After draft approval of the FY 2027 TPWP by the Transportation Policy Committee, the Iowa DOT and federal partners will review the draft and provide comments back to the AAMPO by May 1, 2026. A public comment period will also occur from March 25, 2026, to April 30, 2026. **After all comments received from the Iowa DOT, federal partners, and the public are incorporated into the final document, a public hearing on final approval of the FY 2027 TPWP will occur on May 26, 2026.**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Draft FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program and set May 26, 2026, as date of public hearing.
2. Approve the Draft FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program, with modifications, and set May 26, 2026, as date of public hearing.

MPO DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Draft FY 2027 TPWP was developed in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Iowa DOT and was unanimously recommended for approval by the Transportation Technical Committee. It establishes and budgets for critical work to be performed by the AAMPO over the next fiscal year, including the creation of a regional Safe Routes to School Plan and the completion of multiple corridor studies. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the MPO Director that the Transportation Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Draft FY27 TPWP.pdf](#)

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