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TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AWARD OF FFY 2027-2030 STBG FUNDS

BACKGROUND:

On December 18, 2025, the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) released a [2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The NOFO was distributed electronically to all AAMPO member agencies and was also made publicly available on the MPO website. The document outlined the funding programs, eligible project types, application requirements, and the scoring criteria that would be used to evaluate submitted applications. Funding was available for projects wishing to receive funds between federal fiscal years (FFYs) 2027-2030.

Applications were due to the MPO on February 20, 2026. A total of four (4) STBG applications were received (see attachments). No TAP applications were submitted during this cycle. All STBG applications were evaluated by MPO staff and scored on a 100-point scale using the criteria identified in the NOFO, which included:

- Impact on the regional transportation network (60 points)
- Alignment with *Ames Connect 2050* and other adopted plans (25 points)
- Project readiness and understanding of the federal-aid process (10 points)
- Public involvement (5 points)

The following table summarizes the received STBG applications, requested funding amounts, final application scores, and award recommendations:

| Sponsor | Project Description | FFY | STBG Amount Requested | Application Score | Award Recommendation |
|--------------|--|------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| CyRide | Purchase 40' Heavy-Duty Transit Bus | 2030 | \$400,000 | 89 | Award Full Amount |
| City of Ames | E 13th St EB (Between I-35 Ramps) & Lincoln Way/Dayton Ave Intersection Reconstruction | 2028 | \$864,000 | 88 | Award Full Amount |
| City of Ames | E 13th St (McCormick Ave to Dayton Ave) Reconstruction | 2030 | \$995,000 | 84 | Award Full Amount |
| City of Ames | Duff Ave (6th St to 13th St) Mill & Overlay | 2028 | \$840,000 | 81 | Award Full Amount |

All four projects scored well under the adopted evaluation criteria and demonstrated meaningful regional transportation benefits. It was determined that each project:

- Is consistent with the goals and priorities identified in *Ames Connect 2050*.
- Can be accommodated within anticipated STBG funding targets while maintaining fiscal constraint.
- Demonstrates adequate project readiness and committed local match.
- Reflects an understanding of federal-aid requirements and delivery procedures.
- Includes appropriate public involvement efforts.

Based on the scoring results and available funding targets, the recommendation is to award the full requested STBG funding amount to all four projects.

Projects that receive STBG funding will be incorporated into the AAMPO's FFY 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award the full amount of requested STBG funds to all four projects.
2. Award alternative amount(s) of STBG funds.
3. Do not award STBG funds to any project.

MPO DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The STBG project selection process was conducted in accordance with the December 18, 2025, NOFO and all applicable state and federal requirements. Scoring was completed using the adopted evaluation criteria and reflects a transparent and consistent review process. All recommended projects support regional transportation system preservation, mobility, and safety goals and are fiscally constrained within anticipated STBG funding targets. Additionally, the Transportation Technical Committee unanimously recommends the full award of STBG funds to all four projects. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the MPO Director that the Transportation Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[STBG Projects Presentation Slides.pdf](#)

[CyRide - Purchase 40' Heavy-Duty Bus.pdf](#)

[Ames - E 13th St EB \(Between I-35 Ramps\) & Lincoln Way-Dayton Ave Intersection.pdf](#)

[Ames - E 13th St \(McCormick Ave to Dayton Ave\).pdf](#)

[Ames - Duff Ave \(6th St - 13th St\).pdf](#)