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Issues/Visioning Workshop
Long Range Transportation Plan
for the Ames Area

October 29, 2009



Welcome!

Thank you for attending this evening's workshop. This will be the first meeting in a series of public meetings to be held during the development of the Ames Area Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. Tonight's workshop will include an overview of the planning process, followed by small group exercises to share ideas and determine the public's transportation vision for the area.

MPO Designation

In 2002, the Ames metropolitan area was officially designated as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) after the Bureau of Census determined that the area had a population in excess of 50,000, which included the student enrollment at Iowa State University. The Ames Area MPO includes the City of Ames, Boone County, Story County, Iowa State University, CyRide, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Highway Administration and the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Once designated as an MPO, communities are required to cooperate and coordinate their efforts, including transportation planning. The metropolitan area is required to prepare a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) that is consistent with the adopted Land Use Policy Plan.

The LRTP for the Ames Area MPO is required to be updated every five years. The previous and first LRTP for the Ames Area MPO was finalized in October 2005.

Purpose

The purpose of the LRTP is to meet anticipated future transportation needs through year 2035 and to serve the overall mobility needs of the area. The plan needs to identify future transportation investments for all modes of transportation including roads, public transit, pedestrian/bicycle facilities, aviation and railroads. This plan will build upon concepts and recommendations from previous efforts; including the previous Long Range Transportation Plan, Transit Feasibility Study, Passenger Transportation Development Plan 2010, Land Use Policy Plan, Urban Fringe Plan and other studies.

The plan will be consistent with federal and state guidelines for Long Range Transportation Plan updates. The guidelines are defined by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU) which was enacted in August 2005 for a five-year period (2005-2009). The next transportation authorization bill may be enacted before the update to the LRTP is complete.

As a whole, the community needs a plan for the future - a blueprint for the future transportation system that is consistent with the land use policy plan and creates a vision for the Ames area.



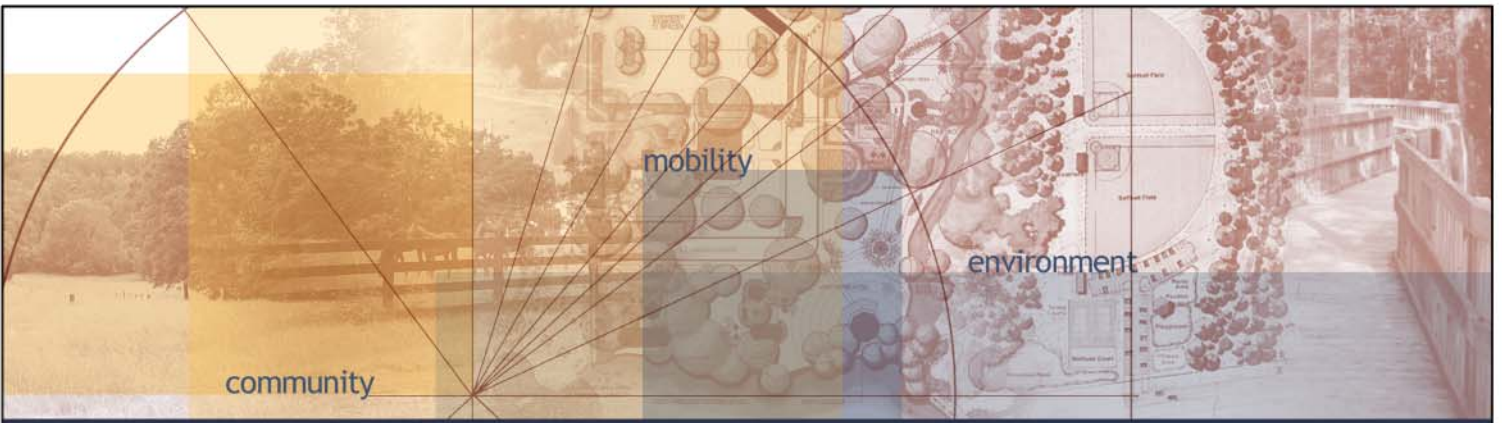


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Agenda

6:00 pm — 8:30 pm

- * **Project Overview**
- * **Small Group Activities**
 - * **Geographic Mapping Exercise**
 - * Vehicular Network
 - * Congested Intersections
 - * Congested Corridors
 - * Identify Issues
 - * Identify Gaps
 - * Transit Network
 - * Identify Issues
 - * Identify Service Gaps
 - * Bicycle/Pedestrian Network
 - * Identify Issues
 - * Identify Gaps
 - * **Break**
 - * **Issues/Opportunities Analysis**
 - * Brainstorming
 - * Round Robin
 - * **Vote/Break**
- * **Discuss Previous Goals and Objectives**
- * **Vision Theme Exercise**
 - * **Develop Vision Themes**
 - * **Prioritize and Present Vision Themes**
- * **Adjourn**



Preliminary Schedule



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