



February 4, 2022

AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met on February 4, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the CyRide Conference room. Vice President Ludwig called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. with Trustees Beatty-Hansen, Cain, Ríos Martínez, and Schainker present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

BATTERY ELECTRIC BUS FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BUDGET AMENDMENT: Director Neal requested board approval to reallocate additional funds to the battery electric bus facility modifications project. The project was previously approved at the January 26, 2022, board meeting using the architecture and engineering (A&E) firm's estimate of \$152,200. However, following the board meeting, the A&E firm notified staff that the project budget was insufficient due to significant increases in electrical equipment costs, which they were unaware of prior to the January 26, 2022, meeting. Due to the electrical cost increases, the budget was now estimated at \$298,161 and included an 8% contingency budget.

Director Neal reviewed a table that displayed the funding sources for the project. She pointed out that the table shown at the meeting contained the same ending totals as the table in the board packet, but the breakdown of the specific funding sources had been updated to reflect the funding levels from different grants for each component. Staff recommended addressing the funding shortage by using \$44,000 in savings from the depot chargers due to a favorable bid and \$101,961 from the operations closing balance. The City of Ames' final audit process has not concluded, but the anticipated uncommitted amount is projected to be \$1,500,106 above the board directed 10% balance.

Trustee Schainker inquired if the total budget for the project was \$298,161. Director Neal confirmed that \$298,161 was the current total for the facility improvements and reviewed the proposed funding sources for the increased budget. She added that staff is relying on the A&E firm for the best estimate for the project, but final numbers are difficult to predict due to the volatile bidding environment and increased costs of electrical components.

Trustee Beatty-Hansen made a motion to approve Alternative #1, approving the reallocation of \$101,691 from the Operations Fund closing balance, increasing the Battery Electric Bus Facility Improvements project budget to \$298,161. Trustee Cain seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: None. Motion carried.

Director Neal shared that the trademark office at Iowa State University has contacted her about the "electriCy'd" wording that was on the battery electric buses' exterior design. Therefore, the language will be removed from any communications until approval can be obtained from the trademark office. Additional information will be shared with the board as it becomes available.

Adjourn: Trustee Beatty-Hansen made a motion to approve adjourning at 9:11 a.m. Trustee Schainker seconded the motion. (Ayes: 5 Nays: None) Motion carried.

Liz Jeffrey, President

Julie Brousard, Recording Secretary