



Transit Board Meeting  
**AGENDA**

**AMES TRANSIT AGENCY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**CYRIDE CONFERENCE ROOM – August 31, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 p.m.
2. Award of Contract for 2023 Shop Rehabilitation Project
3. Fall Meeting Dates / Times
  - September 21
  - October 19
  - November 16
  - December 21
4. Adjourn

**August 31, 2023**

**Award of Contract for 2023 Shop Rehabilitation Project**

**CyRide Resource: James Rendall**

**BACKGROUND:**

At the July 20, 2023, meeting, the Transit Board approved the release of plans and specifications for the CyRide 2023 Shop Rehabilitation Project, which called for consolidating bus parts into one location, improving maintenance employees' work environment, supporting employee efficiency, and adjusting workspaces to enhance safety. A single alternate was included in the project to add a window into the new ground-level masonry wall to improve visibility within the shop.

The project was included in the FY 2024 Capital Improvements Plan with a budgeted amount of \$750,000. CyRide received a Public Transit Infrastructure Grant (PTIG) to fund this project, and based on this grant, the following budget was established:

Description	State PTIG Funds	Local Funds	Total
Shop Rehabilitation Project	\$581,566	\$168,434	<b>\$750,000</b>

On July 28, 2023, CyRide, in coordination with the Purchasing Division, released Invitation to Bid number 2024-015. Bids were due back on August 23, 2023. Four bids were received for the project, summarized below, with the complete bid tabulation attached to the board packet.

Bidder	Base Bid	Alternate #1
Dean Snyder Construction Company	\$426,000	\$3,500
Edge Commercial	\$395,700	\$5,300
Henkel Construction Company	\$446,000	\$6,000
R.H Grabau Construction, Inc.	\$385,000	\$5,165

All bids received were below the project estimate of \$684,750. After reviewing the four responses, the bid was determined to be competitive and reflects a good understanding of the project's scope of work by the bidders. R.H. Grabau Construction, Inc. of Boone, Iowa, was the low bid on this project. After evaluating the cost of the bid alternative with CyRide's on-call Architecture and Engineering firm, ASK Studios, staff recommends accepting the base bid and the bid alternative. To ensure adequate funding, CyRide is recommending keeping the original project budget available until the project's final completion.

The final award of contract will be subject to approval by the City Council and the Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Public Transit.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve award of contract to R.H. Grabau Construction, Inc. of Boone, Iowa, for the base bid plus bid alternate #1, for a total cost of \$390,165.
2. Direct staff to proceed according to Transit Board priorities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Moving forward with this project will allow CyRide to update the shop area to significantly improve safety, air quality, noise pollution, and work areas. Based upon the favorable bids received and adequate competition, the Transit Director recommends approval of Alternative #1, to accept the base bid plus alternate #1 from R.H. Grabau Construction, Inc. of Boone, Iowa, for a total contract award of \$390,165.

<b>CITY OF AMES, IOWA</b>										
<a href="mailto:amanda.moore@cityofames.org">amanda.moore@cityofames.org</a>	5% Bid Bond	Bidders Status Form	Addendum #1	Buy America Form	Lobbying Form	Form 1 DBE Utilization	Form 2 DBE Letter of Intent	Iowa DOT Non-Collusion Bidding Certificate	BASE BID	Add Alternate #1
<b>BID NO. 2024-015</b>										
CyRide 2023 Shop Rehabilitation										
<b>BIDDERS</b>										
R.H. Grabau Construction Inc. Boone, IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$385,000.00	\$5,165.00
Edge Commercial Grimes, IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$395,700.00	\$5,300.00
Dean Snyder Construction Co. Ankeny, IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$426,000.00	\$3,500.00
Henkel Construction Co Ames, IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$446,000.00	\$6,000.00



August 28th, 2023

Ms. Barbara Neal, Director of Transit  
CyRide  
601 N. University Boulevard  
Ames, IA 50010

Ms. Neal,

There were four responsive bidders who submitted proposals for the CyRide 2023 Shop Rehabilitation project. All bids were lower than the Opinion of Probable Cost.

We recommend the acceptance of the bid proposal from R.H. Grabau Construction Inc. to complete work associated with the base bid as described in the project specifications for \$385,000. We further recommend the acceptance of Add Alternate #1 to provide a window for the shop offices for \$5,165.

We believe the low bid will bring a good value to CyRide.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan M. Carter". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "R" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ryan M. Carter, AIA, NCARB