



FEBRUARY 15, 2024
AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met on February 15, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the CyRide Conference room. President Beatty-Hansen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with Trustees Clark, Janes, and Schainker present.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 18, 2024, MINUTES:

Trustee Janes made a motion to adopt the January 18, 2024, Transit Board minutes as presented; Trustee Schainker seconded the motion. (Ayes: 4 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Grant Olsen presented a public comment about the timetable, requesting that it be more unified throughout the year.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AAMPO ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT:

Director Neal requested board approval of the amendment to the 28E agreement. The Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) has undergone several changes since its establishment, and The Transportation Policy Committee approved an amended and substituted Articles of Agreement 28E on January 23. All member agencies need to approve the amended Articles of Agreement within 60 calendar days of adoption from the AAMPO meeting.

Director Neal recommended approval of Alternative #1. Approving the amendment to the 28E agreement will improve overall clarity, better define the roles and responsibilities of the AAMPO and its member agencies, simplify the membership process, and modify the financial support and staffing responsibilities to better match how the AAMPO operates.

Trustee Janes made a motion to approve Alternative #1; Trustee Schainker seconded the motion. (Ayes: 4 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING REQUEST FY 2028:

Director Neal requested Approval to submit a Surface Transportation Block Grant of \$400,000 in bus capital funds. The AAMPO's grant applications for the FY 2028 budget year are due March 31. The MPO has agreed to increase CyRide's allocation beginning in FY 2025.

Director Neal recommended approval of Alternative #1. If the grant is awarded, the federal funds will help CyRide continue to move toward a more efficient, sustainable fleet.

Trustee Janes made a motion to approve Alternative #1; Trustee Clark seconded the motion. (Ayes: 4 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT:

Spring Semester Ridership Update: For the first two weeks of the spring semester, ridership is up about 5.08% compared to last year. CyRide's highest ridership day during this span was 32,654.

Dial-A-Ride Survey and Contract: The annual Dial-A-Ride survey will start February 18. Results will be brought to a future board meeting.

Ames Intermodal Facility Leases: Executive Express' and Jefferson Lines' leases expire on June 30, 2024. CyRide has begun working with the companies and the Legal Department to negotiate new five-year lease agreements, which will be brought to the board for formal approval at a later date.

Second Quarterly Report: The second quarterly report was presented to the board. Ridership continues to increase, as do passengers per revenue hour and mile.

Spring meeting dates:

- March 21, 4:00 p.m.
- April 18, 4:00 p.m.
- May 16, 4:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Trustee Janes made a motion to approve adjourning at 3:17 p.m.; Trustee Clark seconded the motion. (Ayes: 4 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, President

Cheryl Spencer, Recording Secretary