



MARCH 19, 2024
AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met on March 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the CyRide Conference room. President Beatty-Hansen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with Trustees Janes, Lee, Norton, and Schainker present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

FY 2024 BUS & BUS FACILITIES:

Director Neal requested board approval to submit a bus and bus facilities discretionary grant application. On February 8, the Federal Transit Administration released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) with applications due April 25. CyRide recommends submitting a Bus & Bus Facilities discretionary grant for a building expansion at the current site to improve vehicle storage, maintenance, and administrative areas. The expansion would allow for all vehicles to be parked inside, additional depot charging and dispensers for up to six battery electric buses, a fire suppression system to protect the facility, an expanded paint booth and body bay to accommodate the 60' articulated buses, additional conference room, training wing, and expanded employee breakroom. The estimated budget for the project is \$16,635,103, with \$13,368,083 in federal funds and a local match of \$3,267,020.

Director Neal recommended approval of Alternative #1. Applying for the grant would allow CyRide to expand the facility to address vehicle storage, maintenance, and administrative needs. It would also prepare us for a future battery electric bus fleet expansion and continue the path toward a more sustainable and cleaner bus fleet.

Trustee Janes made a motion to approve Alternative #1; Trustee Lee seconded the motion. (Ayes: 5 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

Spring meeting dates:

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

Adjourn: Trustee Janes made a motion to approve adjourning at 4:15 p.m.; Trustee Norton seconded the motion. (Ayes: 5 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, President

Cheryl Spencer, Recording Secretary