

AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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November 5, 2007

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met November 5, 2007, 4:15 p.m. at City Hall Conference Room 135. President Goodman called the meeting to order at 4:22 p.m. Trustees in attendance: Ayers, Anders, Madden and Schainker. Arriving later: Trustee Hynak. Absent:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Anders made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2007 Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Madden seconded. (Motion carried unanimously).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public in attendance.

FACILITIES STUDY: Following the request of the board members from the discussion during the October board meeting, Director Kyras and the CyRide staff have revised the scope of work for the facilities study at the request of the transit board. The board requested the study should examine the probability of meeting current and future space needs within the existing CyRide leased property. Following is the steps required for the study.

Task 1 Needs Assessment - The current facility will adequately provide the needs of CyRide for the next 15 years. However, because of the proposed change in fleet type and size, and the existing facility being land locked, brings forward the uncertainty of the current facility that leads to Task 2 - Unconstrained Use of Property. This concept would use all available property identified in Task 1 and include a cost estimate for expansion of a new maintenance shop, bus storage, etc. This would require dialog with ISU and CyRide staff. The consensus of transit board members was to think outside the box and access all areas of the current location and facility and how much land the currently facility has to expand on. Is it practical to invest more money into this facility or if the \$1.7 should be directed to a future project such as a satellite facility or a new building location. Task 3 would refine the work of Task 2 and adjust the plan and cost estimates to reflect Iowa State University requirements for easements, green spaces, etc. This concept includes required meetings with Iowa State, the City and CyRide. It was the agreement of the transit board following a lengthy dialog to proceed.

Task 4 would be three final presentations of the final scope of the plan and cost estimates to CyRide Staff, CyRide/ISU staff, and CyRide Board of Trustees.

The budget for this project is \$40,000 and Director Kyras felt comfortable requesting \$10,000 of the transit portion from the AAMPO. The RFP would be scheduled for 1st of December with a deadline the first of the year. Study would begin in February.

Motion was made by Trustee Madden to negotiate with the AAMPO for support of the transit funding of \$10,000 to move ahead with the funding of a Facilities Study to examine future needs of CyRide's facility. Seconded by Trustee Anders. (Motion carried unanimously.)

TRANSIT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Kyras reported the final details of the 75th million rider.

- ▶ A change order in the amount of \$25,000 for a carpet change will be presented at a future board meeting
- ▶ Report on legislative activities the state and federal funding that could have major impacts for CyRide.
- ▶ Additional service has been requested for the Brown route from Wallace Hall into campus.
- ▶ The black smoke issue with the Iowa City bus has been resolved and one bus should be on the road by mid November.
- ▶ The presentations for the Transit Feasibility Study Meetings have been scheduled for November and presentations have been done for ISU Retirees, Ames Chamber Board, Government of the Student Body and the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee.

SET TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: Next transit board meeting is scheduled for December 10 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room 135 at City Hall.

ADJOURN: Trustee Hynak made a motion to adjourn at 5:01 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Anders. (Motion carried unanimously.)