

AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AMES, IOWA

APRIL 23, 2007

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met April 23, 2007, 10:30 a.m. at the CyRide Facility, 1700 W. 6th Street. President Kroeger called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m. In attendance: Trustees Schainker, Goodman, Madden, Spurgin and Franklin. Public in Attendance: Catherine Scott, Ames Smart Growth Alliance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Franklin made a motion to approve the March 16, 2007 minutes as presented. Seconded by Trustee Madden. (Motion carried unanimously.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION: President Kroeger extended the transit board's appreciation for Sheena's Spurgin participation on the Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees since May 2004 and wished her good luck as she graduates from Iowa State University and begins her new career.

The transit board extended its appreciation to John Franklin for his participation on the Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees the past year and wished him well in his new position next year with the GSB.

OFFICE CONSTRUCTION BID, AWARD AND BUDGET: Director Kyras reported the purchasing staff opened bids April 16, 2007 on the rebid office building construction. Once again a single bid was received from Harold Pike Construction Company for a sum of \$2,430,000, which was nearly 6% higher than budgeted at \$2,300,000. The bid was \$130,000 higher than the original bid but was determined to be a reasonable cost for the project based on the independent estimate.

The 6% increase in construction will be funded by additional \$196,223 in federal dollars and an additional \$800,000 in state dollars received.

Trustee Madden made a motion to adopt the office construction bid to HPC Construction for a lump sum of \$2,430,000; increase the office construction budget from \$2,856,117 to \$3,000,000 reflecting higher construction costs and rebidding expenses; and to include the additional facility repairs EFIS Exterior Repair and Flood Protection.

Trustee Goodman discussed adding the Rainwater Tank/Irrigation system. Brent Schipper, Architect, indicated the landscape would be all right without this system and this could be added at a later date. Trustee Goodman felt adding this Alternate in that was under 5% would be good idea to add and transit board

members agreed. Trustee Goodman added “to include Alternate #4 – Rainwater Tank /Irrigation System” to Trustee Madden’s motion. (Motion carried unanimously).

TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY: Bill Troe and Rick Nau from URS gave a presentation on the results of the Transit Feasibility Study on the feasibility of a fixed-guide way transit system to serve Ames. The goal of the project was to provide information to decision-makers regarding the feasibility of transit improvements in selected corridors and to assist in prioritizing these corridors. There are six corridors and study areas that were the focus of the feasibility study are: Corridor 1 – ISU Center parking to the ISU campus; ISU to downtown Ames; 13th Street serving the site of the proposed new shopping mall; South Duff retail area; Future development in the area of Mortensen Road (west Ames); North Grand Avenue and North Grand Mall; and, Northwest Ames planned growth area.

If the transit board approves the concept provided by URS, then move to the next level.

FY2008 STATE GRANT APPLICATION: Trustee Kyras reported CyRide annually submits a grant application to the IDOT for support operating and capital needs. The operating share will include State Operating Assistance in the amount of \$487,859, Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) operating for assistance for Yellow and Brown route service improvements in the amount of \$23,200, and Federal Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Funding Assistance for ADA service contract with Heartland Senior Services in the amount of \$88,810 for a total of \$599,869.

The capital is the federal 5309 earmark for \$3,302,668 that includes 10 buses, 6 minibuses, scissor lift, shop exhaust/HVAC System and facility cameras/proximity card access. New Freedom Federal Assistance for bus replacement in the amount of \$94,143 and Federal Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Funding for bus lease to Heartland Senior Services in the amount of \$57,270 for a total capital of \$3,454,081.

Trustee Madden made a motion to approve the FY208 State Grant Application subject to public hearing comments. Seconded by Trustee Goodman. (Motion carried unanimously.)

FY2008 FEDERAL SECTION 5307 AND 5309 GRANT APPLICATION: Trustee Kyras indicated CyRide annually submits a grant application to the IDOT for support operating and capital needs. The operating share will include State Operating Assistance in the amount of \$487,859, Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) operating for assistance for Yellow and Brown route service improvements in the amount of \$23,200, and Federal Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Funding Assistance for ADA service contract with Heartland Senior Services in the amount of \$88,810 for a total of \$599,869.

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RATE SETTING RESOLUTION – FARES (2007-1): Director Kyras explained the shop rate and shuttle rate were increased from \$70 to \$72. The shop rate is used for reimbursement for warranty work done by CyRide maintenance people.

CyRide proposed continuing the proposed fuel surcharge on a case-by-case basis based on last fuel purchase.

Trustee Goodman made a motion to approve the rates as presented. Seconded by Trustee Franklin. (Motion carried unanimously.)

RATE SETTING RESOLUTION – SEMESTER PASSES (2007-2): Director Kyras indicated there were no changes to the semester passes for Reduced or Regular Passes. Number of passes from previous year is up 6% and revenue generated from pass sales increased 11.7%.

Trustee Spurgin made a motion to adopt Alternative #1 to approve Rate Setting Resolution – 2007-2. Seconded by Trustee Goodman. (Motion carried unanimously.)

FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT: Director Kyras indicated this year's revenue were \$118,145 higher than anticipated because this amount reflects the \$40,000 provided by the Ames Area MPO for support of the Transit Feasibility Study. Expenses are estimated to be \$86,041 lower than anticipated which leaves a net increase in the closing balance. No action needed at this time.

TRANSIT DIRECTOR REPORT: Section 5307 (Formula Operating) and Section 5309 (Capital) will increase for FY2008. Federal Transit Intensive Cities funding will decrease because more transit cities are meeting the performance criteria and the amount allocated will decrease.

VEISHEA service went well with no problems.

Goal of CyRide Ridership was to increase by 3% at the end of year and to date the ridership has increased 4.5% and will surpass the 3% goal. The increase is a

community-wide increase with Moonlight Express down -6.0% and Des Moines Airport down 11.2%.

SET TIME AND PLACE OF MARCH MEETING: Next transit board meeting is scheduled for May 21 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Trustee Schainker made a motion to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Madden. (Motion carried unanimously.)