

AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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August 19, 2009

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met on August 19, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room at CyRide. President Anders called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Trustees in attendance: Anders and Popken and Trustees present via conference call were Schainker, Madden, and Heilman. Absent: Trustee Pinnegar. Public in attendance: Charlie Kuester, City of Ames Planning and Housing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

Director Kyras informed transit board members, agenda item # 5, Aquatic Center Service, was to be removed from the agenda because the Aquatic Center will not open as planned in August or September 2009.

40' BUS PURCHASE: Director Kyras informed the transit board; CyRide received funding for a 40' bus through the Federal Transit Administration New Freedom program. This will bring the total number of buses to 15 (seven stimulus, five earmark, 2 ICAAP and one New Freedom). CyRide staff believes it would be beneficial to order the bus at this time from Gillig through the current Akron, Ohio bus purchase instead of delaying purchase until the fall of 2010 as the current deliver backlog is 18 months. The price of the bus is \$384,000 and local share will be \$65,280. CyRide staff requests the transit board approve the purchase of bus. In reviewing the capital budget, Director Kyras indicated that the closing balance, even with the scheduled purchase this year of eight additional buses in addition to the New Freedom bus, would be \$900,000.

Trustee Madden made a motion to approve contract award to Gillig Corporation of Hayward, CA for the purchase of one 40' heavy-duty diesel transit bus at an amount not to exceed \$384,000. Motion was seconded by Trustee Popken. (Motion carried unanimously.)

MINIBUS PURCHASE: Director Kyras explained that CyRide is eligible to replace six light duty buses with federal funding as well. One bus is funded with 100% stimulus dollars and the remaining buses will be funded at 83%. Local share for the five buses will be \$66,980. Trustee Popken asked if new minibuses would burn alternative fuel. Asst. Director Leners said because the first hybrid bus is just emerging, the buses would be gas or Flex Fuel E85.

Trustee Madden made a motion to approve contract award to Thomas Bus Sales of Iowa, Inc. of Des Moines, IA for the purchase of six light duty buses at an amount not to exceed \$474,000.

INTERMODAL TIGER GRANT APPROVAL: Director Kyras gave background information on the Intermodal grant. The study team believes it is advancing in the right direction and recommends CyRide be the owner of the facility. The Transit Board of Trustees needs to formally approve submittal of the TIGER grant by the September 15, 2009 deadline and the PTIG application by

October 1, 2009. The PTIG is applying for State Public Transit Infrastructure funding for \$880,000 as local match for the grant. Specifics of the grant as it affects CyRide include:

- Applying for State Public Transit Infrastructure Grant (PTIG) funding for \$880,000 by the October 1, 2009 deadline as local match for the grant.
- Serving as the grantee if the TIGER and PTIG applications are approved. This requires working with Iowa State and the City to construct the facility and provide documentation/reports to the federal and state governments regarding the project.
- Adding a new shuttle route from the facility with funding for its operations secured from the grant in the first two years and the Intermodal Facility operating budget from that point forward.
- Providing local match from CyRide's capital budget (\$204,000) for the purchase of two hybrid buses to operate the shuttle.
- Securing federal discretionary funds and/or local dollars for replacement of the two hybrid buses in 12- 18 years.
- Purchasing and implementing an Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) system.

The City of Ames, Iowa State University and CyRide are committed to develop a project that can be funded.

Trustee Madden made a motion to submit the TIGER grant application to the Department of Transportation by September 15, 2009 and a PTIG application to the Iowa Department of Transportation by October 1, 2009. Motion seconded by Trustee Popken. (Motion approved unanimously.)

SET TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: Next transit board meeting is scheduled for September 30 at 8:00 a.m. in the CyRide Conference Room.

Date of future transit board meetings:

- October 30, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.
- December 9, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.