

AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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February 4, 2011

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met on February 4, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. in CyRide's Conference Room via conference call. President Anders called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m. Trustees in attendance were Anders, Pinegar, Madden, Choi, Wacha, and Schainker.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: No public in attendance.

AWARD OF INTERMODAL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION BID: Director Kyras explained that the reason for the Transit Board meeting was to determine the direction of the Intermodal Facility Construction bids. She indicated that since the information continued in the board member's packet was written, several new factors would need to be considered leading to possibly tabling action until the February 17 regularly-scheduled Transit Board meeting.

She indicated that two bid issues had been resolved since discussion of the bids at the January 20, 2011 Transit Board meeting. First, the issue that all bids contained 0% DBE participation has been resolved with the FTA. After discussion with the apparent low bidder, the architect, Neumann Monson and the project management team, steps were being taken to demonstrate "good faith" efforts in this area.

Second, it is the recommendation of the project management team that bid alternate #3 be accepted as it would not have a detrimental impact on the facility and would save the project \$72,000 in expenses.

Director Kyras indicated that Trustees Madden and Schainker had been working on the Intermodal Facility Operating Agreement, but that it is not complete at this time. These two board members indicated that they did not see any obstacles with the operating agreement, just that it had taken longer than predicted.

Trustee Madden spoke to consideration of bid alternate #1 for construction of an additional parking deck. After discussions between the University and City, the two parties had concluded that there was not sufficient time to negotiate the financing of this alternate. Trustee Madden indicated that he had spoken with the Department of Residence about paying for the additional parking spaces. Trustee Madden indicated that he had not heard back from the Department of Residence, but if the Transit Board choose to delay action until the next meeting, there may be a possibility that a response could be received by that date.

Trustee Schainker shared with the board members that he is confident that the Operating Agreement will be completed without any problems, but not in time for the February 8, 2011 City Council meeting. Trustee Schainker has not briefed the City Council yet on the Operating Agreement, but believes that the City Council will consider assuming part of the financial risk and operation of the facility in light of their commitment to revitalizing the Campustown area. This action will take place during the February 22, 2011 City Council meeting. The Land Lease Agreement is completed and signed by the Board of Regents.

Trustee Madden shared with the board members that he did not see any reason to table the bid award, but felt that he could support approval of the agreement at this time, subject to the completion of the Operating Agreement.

Trustee Wacha asked if Director Kyras had inquired about the possibility of funding a portion of the bike path alternate (#2) with the available funds above the apparent low bid. She indicated that she had spoken with the project management team and FTA and both had agreed that the best option was to not accept bid alternate #2 at this time; however, to revisit the possibility of fully funding this alternate with unused contingency that might be available later in the project. She indicated that this could be included in a change order at that time, if funding was available.

Trustee Madden made a motion to approve Alternative #1 to approve award of contract to Weitz Company as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for construction of the Ames Intermodal Facility for \$7,115,000, accepting the base bid and bid alternate #3, subject to approval of the Operating Agreement. Motion seconded by Trustee Wacha. Ayes: 6: Nays: 0. (Motion carried unanimously.)

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: February 17, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the CyRide Conference Room.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:14 a.m.

Robert Anders, President

Joanne Van Dyke, Recording Secretary