

RESOLUTION NO. 10-364

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
AMES INTERMODAL FACILITY TIGER GRANT APPLICATION
FOR THE CITY OF AMES**

WHEREAS, three project partners, the City of Ames, CyRide, and Iowa State University, propose to construct an Intermodal Transportation Facility in Ames at a total project cost of approximately \$13,028,263; and,

WHEREAS, this facility would accommodate and link public and private transportation modes (public transit, intercity carriers, airport shuttle services, car pools/ van pools, taxis, bike commuters, and pedestrians) with the needed parking that would also stimulate redevelopment and long-term revitalization in the community; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed center will also provide parking for the university and Campustown; and,

WHEREAS, a total local match of \$379,000 by the City would be required, which results in \$204,000 coming from CyRide for the bus match, and \$175,000 already committed in the Capital Improvement Plans for traffic signal improvements at Lincoln Way and Hayward Street; and,

WHEREAS, federal dollars are being requested through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER II) program, and staff is recommending that the City Council support this grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ames, Iowa, that support of the Ames Intermodal Facility Expansion TIGER II grant application is hereby approved.

ADOPTED THIS 10th day of August, 2010.



Diane R. Voss, City Clerk



Ann H. Campbell, Mayor

Introduced by:	Mahayni
Seconded by:	Davis
Voting aye:	Davis, Goodman, Mahayni, Larson, Orazem, Wacha
Voting nay:	None
Absent:	None

Resolution declared adopted and signed by the Mayor this 10th day of August, 2010.

August 11, 2010

U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as Iowa State University's endorsement for the Ames Intermodal Facility Expansion project under consideration. This expansion would complete the envisioned Intermodal Facility project for Ames and ISU, significantly improving transportation services, locally and regionally, for Ames residents and ISU students; and it would be the catalyst for a very significant redevelopment of a major commercial district in Ames.

The expanded Intermodal Facility proposed in this second TIGER grant application will allow the community's award-winning CyRide bus system to be located in this facility, which will be the final link in the transportation network serving Ames and ISU. The expanded facility also will provide 339 additional parking spaces, which are greatly needed for this community to move forward with a revitalization of the Campustown business district as well as provide enough parking revenue to support a local shuttle service connecting this facility and its alternative transportation modes with the Iowa State campus and the community.

Campustown, which is adjacent to the ISU campus, is an important commercial center in Ames. An improved Campustown enhances the overall image of the city and university, which helps attract students. Over the past several months, ISU and the City of Ames have been working with a developer to revitalize Campustown. Additional parking and a transportation link to CyRide are key to this redevelopment effort, which could spur an additional \$500 million in new investments and new jobs. We are well on our way with this redevelopment project, and through our partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation, we can realize the full potential of this facility.

Additionally, the expanded Intermodal Facility project calls for a bike path extension through the ISU Arboretum to allow connections from west Ames through the facility and Campustown to the Iowa State campus and points beyond.

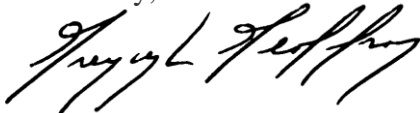
Iowa State will donate the land where the facility will be located with a value of more than \$2 million. Improving public transportation is a high priority for the region, the community, the university and its students. This project will also contribute to the university's sustainability efforts and reduce carbon emissions.

The City of Ames and Iowa State University have a long history of cooperation in many areas. One of the best examples is the development of the Cy-Ride transportation system, which provides more than 5.3 million rides to Ames residents and ISU students annually. We also have jointly developed a public ice arena facility and a joint aquatic center, which just opened to the public this summer.

I urge the Department of Transportation to approve funding for this Intermodal Facility Project expansion because of the improvements it will bring to mobility in Ames and the region, and because of the very significant economic development it will generate.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory L. Geoffroy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "G".

Gregory L. Geoffroy
President

**Authorizing Resolution
Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER II)
Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility**

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the United States Department of Transportation and/or Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation, for capital investment in surface transportation infrastructure authorized through the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2010.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation and/or Federal Transportation Administrator has been delegated authority to award Federal financial assistance for a transportation project;

WHEREAS, CyRide proposes to construct an Intermodal Transportation Facility Expansion in Ames that would provide user-friendly accessible connections between all modes of transportation within one location for public transit buses, intercity buses, airport shuttle services, bicycles, pedestrians, carpools/vanpools, and taxis while providing needed parking to generate long-term economic development growth, production or employment;

WHEREAS, the grant or cooperative agreement for Federal Financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Applicant and may require the Applicant to provide the local share of the project cost;

WHEREAS, the Ames Transit Agency has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the United States Department of Transportation and/or Federal Transit Administration required for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. The Transit Director or his/her designee is authorized to execute and file application for Federal assistance on behalf of Ames Transit Agency with the United States Department of Transportation and/or the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Assistance authorized by 49.U.S.C. chapter 53, Title 23, United States Code, or other Federal statutes authorizing a project administered by the Federal Transit Administration. All public transit systems are eligible to receive TIGER II funding according to the Federal Register; Vol. 75, No 79 filed Monday, April 26, 2010.
2. The Transit Director or his/her designee is authorized to execute and file with its application the annual certification and assurances and other document the United States Department of Transportation and/or Federal Transportation Administration requires before awarding a Federal assistance grant or cooperative agreement.
3. The Transit Director or his/her designee is authorized to execute grant and cooperative agreements with the United States Department of Transportation and/or Federal Transit Administration on behalf of Ames Transit Agency.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified President - Board of Directors, acting on behalf of the Ames Transit Agency, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Ames Transit Board of Trustees held on July 7, 2010.



(Signature of Recording Officer)

Acting President, Board of Directors
(Title of Recording Officer)

July 7, 2010
(Date)