

August 16, 2010

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

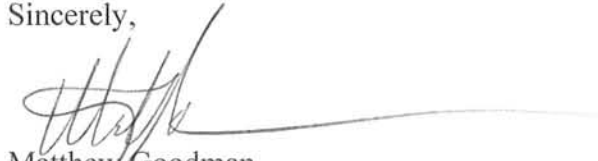
Dear U.S. Department of Transportation Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to demonstrate the Campustown Action Association's support for the Ames Intermodal Facility Expansion project requesting funding under the TIGER II federal program. The Campustown Action Association is the group of property and business owners in the Campustown Business District in Ames, Iowa who have come together to provide leadership to the community regarding issues affecting the success of this important area of the city.

The Association has met to discuss the proposed expansion to the Ames Intermodal Facility and strongly supports the project in helping to meet the association, city, university and region's efforts to bring quality, long-term jobs to this area of Ames. The additional parking will bring a needed infusion into the area that will catalyze redevelopment and improve the accessibility of this intensely-developed area for its residents, visitors and customers.

Without this expansion project the Campustown area benefits will be dramatically reduced, as parking and the inclusion of CyRide within the facility are important elements to its success. As an association, we encourage your department to strongly consider this application for funding as it not only benefits the Central Iowa region, but also epitomizes the type of project envisioned for the TIGER program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Goodman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Goodman
Vice President
Campustown Action Association

Burlington Trailways

August 8, 2010

Ms. Sheri Kyras
CyRide
1700 West 6th Street
Ames, Iowa 50014

Dear Ms. Kyras:

Burlington Trailways fully supports CyRide's TIGER II grant application for additional funding to include CyRide as a transportation mode in the Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility. As I understand it, CyRide received funding within the first award of TIGER discretionary funding and included all transportation modes except themselves in the redesign efforts. Without having CyRide to connect our passengers throughout the Ames community, our intercity passengers will continue to have issues in riding our services.

Over the past year, Burlington Trailways has changed depot locations three times in struggling to find a new depot location from our east-side location. Therefore, we graciously are waiting for the Ames Intermodal Facility project to be opened in June 2012. This facility will undoubtedly increase Burlington Trailways' ability to encourage intercity transportation while providing a stable depot location for the foreseeable future and this will only be better in having CyRide as a mode within the facility. We plan on hiring a person in coordination with another intercity transit provider to operate our ticket counter sales at this facility. CyRide is the final critical transportation mode allowing connectivity throughout the Ames community that our passengers desperately need. Therefore, we support and encourage your submittal of a grant application allowing such livability to be possible.

Sincerely,



Robert H. Hoxie
Director of Safety, Training,
& Public Funding



August 20, 2010

Sheri Kyras
CyRide

Re: Support Tiger II Grant Application

I am writing in support of CyRides application to TIGER II to provide CyRide shuttle service, additional parking and additional bus bays to the Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility that was partially funded under TIGER I.

This project will enhance the intercity bus service that Jefferson Lines provides to passengers traveling to or from Ames, Iowa. Without this service our passengers will not have connections with local transit transportation.

We believe the connectivity of services between intercity bus companies and urban transit is essential to the future of transportation in the Midwest.

I urge the favorable review of the CyRide grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bonnie Buchanan'.

Bonnie Buchanan
Vice President of Marketing and Sales



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August 2, 2010

Mr. Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington DC, 20590

Re: Ames Intermodal Facility Expansion – TIGER II Grant Application

To Secretary LaHood;

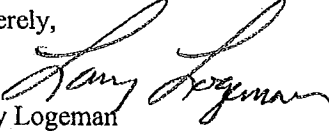
My name is Larry Logeman. I own a small passenger transportation company that specializes in airport shuttle services. We recently opened a branch office in Ames, Ia. I wanted to write this letter to support the Ames Intermodal Facility Expansion project developed through the CyRide, City of Ames and Iowa State University partnership and urge the US Department of Transportation to approve TIGER II funding for this project. CyRide has been a great leader in the community and we have been blessed to work with them on opening our Ames branch office and over the past year on the development of the Intermodal Facility.

This expansion would provide the last component that is critical to the Intermodal Facility and our operation – a CyRide shuttle service operating throughout the facility by our indoor waiting terminal area. We visualize local residents being transported to the facility via CyRide to connect with our private airport shuttle operation to the Des Moines International Airport, more than 60 miles from Ames. Having CyRide as part of the transportation at the facility will allow for easier transfers between transportation modes and will provide the catalyst to increase riders on our shuttle operation from the Des Moines Airport and throughout the community. Our route structure does have some limitations. I am confident that our ridership would increase if our customers could transfer to a city bus in the same building that we pick up and drop off our passengers to get to their ultimate destination.

We are excited about our upcoming move to the Intermodal Facility in June 2012 as it will drastically increase the access to alternative transportation for Ames. But without CyRide, our passengers traveling from the airport to Ames may opt to drive to the facility instead of using a clean transportation mode. CyRide's service compliments our shuttle service in connecting our passengers throughout the Ames area.

I urge you to consider this facility expansion as a positive use of federal dollars.

Sincerely,


Larry Logeman
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August 5, 2010

Ms. Sheri Atwood
Director of Transit / CyRide
1700 University Boulevard
Ames, IA 50010

Dear Ms. Atwood:

SUBJECT: AMES INTERMODAL FACILITY LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency (HIRTA) offers this letter in support of the City of Ames/Iowa State University/CyRide application to the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGERII) program to fund the second stage of an intermodal facility near Iowa State University in the City of Ames.

The HIRTA understands that bays will be included in this facility for CyRide, HIRTA, intercity bus carriers, Jefferson and Burlington Trailways, and the airport shuttles private operator Executive Express. The HIRTA appreciates being included in the plan, as it will allow our Contractor, Heartland Senior Services, to bring our passengers from all over Story County to one central location to access other transit modes.

As a whole, this intermodal facility will be a huge asset to the Ames Community, by making various forms of public transit more easily accessible, providing available parking for vanpools, making it easier and more economical for people to get to work, creating bicycle parking to allow healthier and cleaner modes of transportation and also by providing space green space to add to the appeal of those taking advantage of this new facility and the services available.

The HIRTA encourages the funding of the City of Ames/Iowa State University/CyRide Intermodal Facility through the TIGER II program.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Julia Castillo, Executive Director

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August 10, 2010

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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Ames Intermodal Facility Letter of Support

Heartland Senior Services of Story County submits this letter of support for the CyRide application to the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER II) program to fund an intermodal facility near Iowa State University in the City of Ames.

Heartland Senior Services is the public transportation provider for Story County through a contract with the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency (HIRTA) and is the para-transit provider for the City of Ames through a contractual relationship with CyRide. The Intermodal Facility will provide a bay for Heartland Senior Services to connect its passengers with the inter-city buses which will be housed in the facility. This will lead to easier transfers between various types of transportation in the City of Ames and should lead to greater use of those transportation options.

Heartland Senior Services supports the funding of the CyRide application for the Intermodal Facility.

Sincerely,



Theresa Erlbacher
Transportation Director



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