



# Iowa Department of Transportation

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September 15, 2011

U.S. Department of Transportation  
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RE: Ames Intermodal Facility Expansion TIGER Discretionary Grant

Dear Department of Transportation Official:

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) offers its full support of the Ames Intermodal Facility and encourages federal funding approval under the TIGER discretionary program. This project represents collaboration between the private and public sectors and is positioned to be an economic catalyst for the community as well as an important multimodal transportation hub.

The Iowa DOT is excited about this expansion project for the Ames community and central Iowa region as this expansion will include the local transit provider, CyRide, to operate a shuttle route to/from the facility, thus completing the multi-modal aspect of the project. Without this important connection to/from other areas of Ames, individuals may not utilize the Intermodal Facility to its fullest potential. Ames already is a community in which nine-percent of the public rides public transit on a daily basis. CyRide is an essential component in the Intermodal Facility project to access intercity or regional transit modes thereby contributing to an even more livable community.

For the past several years, the private, intercity carriers have been shuffled around the outskirts of Ames. They now reside in a temporary centralized location until the Intermodal Facility construction is finalized in June 2012. However when the intercity carriers do relocate for this final time, connection to the facility via a CyRide shuttle is the critical piece which is currently unfunded, estimated at \$200,000 in parking revenues annually. This new home for the intercity carriers will certainly attract additional usage but not without the localized transit system to tie the transportation modes together. The other transportation elements to be completed with this TIGER discretionary grant request are the bicycle/pedestrian trail connection into west Ames containing a high density residential area and fulfilling the vanpool/carpool parking spaces need from the original vision of the project.

Again, I encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to award funding to the Ames Intermodal Facility under the TIGER discretionary program. It is the Iowa DOT's opinion that it meets the intent of this program and will benefit Iowans in Ames and the central Iowa region.

Sincerely,

Michelle McEnany, Director  
Office of Public Transit  
Iowa Department of Transportation



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RE: Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility: Phase II - TIGER Discretionary Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm the Ames Intermodal Facility Expansion project within the current FFY2012 Ames Area Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the current 2030 Long Range Plan illustrating local commitment to CyRide's TIGER discretionary grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Specifically, the Ames Intermodal Facility is contained within the 2012 year of the FFY2012 TIP as well as the FFY2011 TIP. The Ames Area MPO staff has been directly involved with the steering committee developing this expansion project and believes this transportation improvement to be important to Ames, the central Iowa region and nation.

The local transit operator, CyRide, is not currently part of the Intermodal Facility transportation due to a lack of available parking revenue to sustain a shuttle route from this facility. It is estimated that the parking revenue will fund the facility maintenance repairs, but will not be enough for the inclusion of a transit route. Funding the phase II portion of the facility with TIGER will allow for this service to be operated. While all the intercity transit, regional transit, airport shuttle operator, taxi, vanpool/carpool transportation modes have been integrated into the facility project, the connectivity is lost as CyRide doesn't operate through the facility as originally conceptualized. In other words, the ***livability of the project has been lost*** and ease of ***accessing transportation from users will be lacking*** without CyRide integrated into the facility operational structure. In the MPO's view, additional facility parking needs to be built providing the revenues needed to meet the livability of the project allowing the entire community to access the facility via transit. Ames is a community where over 9% of the population rides transit to work in a state that averages only 1% transit ridership. This is a community where access to alternative transportation is not just a need but a desire. This is a community where the residents are the nation in traveling to attend Iowa State University from across the United States as well as countries throughout the world.

Expansion of the facility would also increase the livability of the project by completing the bike path through ISU's arboretum, as originally conceptualized, to make a connection from a high capacity residential area into ISU campus.





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The MPO acknowledges that CyRide has had several opportunities to obtain input from the public interests groups for this facility expansion meeting the MPO's goal for public participation for this project including neighborhood groups and historical perspectives to the design of the facility. This information and meetings have been communicated through newspaper articles and via CyRide's website.

The MPO staff believes that phase II of this Intermodal facility realizes the full "livability" concept of the Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility in connecting eight transportation modes throughout Ames while sharing parking for multiple needs. The Ames Area MPO strongly supports the TIGER discretionary grant application for the Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility – Phase II in the campustown area.

Sincerely,

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John Joiner  
Public Works Director & Ames Area MPO Director

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**STORY COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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September 27, 2011

U.S. Department of Transportation  
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The Story County Board of Supervisors offers this letter of support for CyRide's application to the Department of Transportation's TIGER Discretionary Grant program for the expansion of the Ames Intermodal Facility near Iowa State University in the City of Ames.

The Board understands that the facility funded with TIGER I funding was significantly less than originally planned for the facility and several major pieces of the overall project were not able to be funded under the first TIGER program. The missing transportation link in this facility, once open, will be the inclusion of CyRide. We believe it is essential to the success of the coordinated transportation system in Central Iowa to include CyRide in this facility and for our county-wide public transportation customers to access regional transportation. The parking component that will spur the redevelopment of the Campustown Business District will also provide the needed revenue to operate CyRide service from the facility. Therefore, the parking, transit and bicycle components of the application are integrally connected and required to develop a successful project.

The Board anticipates this project will significantly improve access to transportation services, increase transportation mode choices, reduce dependence on oil, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve livability within the community of Ames and Iowa State University as well as Story County.

Therefore, the Story County Board of Supervisors strongly supports the expansion of this facility and urges the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund this needed expansion of the Ames Intermodal Facility.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Toot, Vice-Chair  
Story County Board of Supervisors

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Government of the Student Body

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## SENATE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STUDENT BODY

### SENATE MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 2011-2-034 SR

- TITLE:** Supporting Phase II of the Intermodal Facility through TIGER
- WHEREAS:** The City of Ames and Iowa State University have the opportunity to apply for grant funding from the US Department of Transportation for the second phase of the Intermodal Facility, and
- WHEREAS:** Phase II of the Facility would include additional parking spaces, a bike path extension, additional bike lockers, additional vanpool spaces, and a shuttle to campus, and
- WHEREAS:** These services would be greatly beneficial to Iowa State University Students and Ames residents alike, be it therefore
- RESOLVED:** That the Government of the Student Body, on behalf of nearly 30,000 students, overwhelmingly support CyRide's application for the TIGER grant through the US Department of Transportation, and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That copies of this resolution be sent to the US Department of Transportation, the Ames City Council, President Geoffroy, and CyRide to be included in the support materials for TIGER funding.


September 28, 2011


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Speaker of the Senate/Date 9/29

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# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### SENATE RESOLUTION F11-02 SENATE MEETING October 31, 2011

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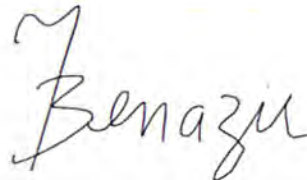
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Erica A. Smith, President



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Benazir Fateh, Chair of the Senate

September 22, 2011

Sheri Kyras, Transit Director  
CyRide  
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Ames, IA 50010

**RE: Ames Intermodal Facility**


Dear Sheri,

On behalf of the Ames Chamber of Commerce and the Ames Economic Development Commission I write to you in support of the 2011 TIGER Program funding application for the joint project between the City of Ames, Iowa State University, and our local mass transportation provider, CyRide.

We are highly grateful for the previous funding that has been appropriated and hope that this next phase of funding will also come to fruition for the project that is so vitally important to Iowa State, Campustown, and the greater Ames community. With the first phase of the Intermodal facility now under way, our understanding of the anchor of which this facility provides to the Campustown area is all that much clearer. The funding the 2011 TIGER Program can provide is imperative to helping Campustown meet its full potential while greatly enhancing the greater Ames community.

On behalf of the nearly 750 members of the Ames Chamber of Commerce, the 100 plus investors in the Ames Economic Development Commission and the leadership of these groups; we wholeheartedly support the application for funding for the great, and very much needed, project.

Sincerely,



Daniel A. Culhane, CEcD  
President & CEO  
Ames Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development







## Convention & Visitors Bureau

UNIVERSITY  
COMMUNITY  
OPPORTUNITY

October 3, 2011

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

Dear Tiger II Grant Committee,

On behalf of the Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau, I am writing to you in support of the proposed expansion of the Ames Intermodal Facility. This joint project between the City of Ames, Iowa State University and CyRide is an excellent example of why Ames and Iowa State University continue to be one of the finest university-based meeting sites in the United States.

The Bureau is excited about the opportunities the proposed expansion of this new facility will bring to our community. Transportation to Ames and within the community is an important factor when visitors are choosing a destination for an event or individual travel. The intermodal facility will provide valuable services for residents, Iowa State students and visitors that will provide better mobility throughout the community, increase the quality of life for area residents and help us continue to be better stewards of our natural resources and the environment. The facility expansion also will generate additional development in Campustown, creating a more dynamic area for residents and visitors.

Ames continues to be a preferred destination for more than a half million visitors each year, due to ongoing efforts to provide key services that make it rewarding to visit our community. The travel industry is important to the continued vitality of Ames. During 2010, visitors generated more than \$64.5 million dollars in economic impact for our community.

As we plan for the continued growth of the travel industry, we look at how the available services affect the quality of life for local residents and their impact on local businesses and the university. We support the expansion of this new facility and look forward to promoting the additional services to visitors in the future.

Sincerely,

Julie J. Weeks  
Director  
Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau



# Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc.

*Helping People. Changing Lives.  
Building Communities.*

September 19, 2011

## **TIGER - Letter of Support Ames Intermodal Facility Expansion**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this document as a *Letter of Support* for CyRide in Ames, Iowa. I have had the privilege of working with the staff at CyRide for many years and am excited to support this grant application.

Having worked for Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA) for the last 19 years, I have seen firsthand the impact that CyRide has had in our community. MICA provides various programs for low incomes families in Story County with the majority of families residing in Ames. Because many families do not have their own personal vehicle, they rely on CyRide for doctor appointments, school functions, grocery shopping, and misc. errands.

Without having CyRide as a part of this project, other connecting routes from Jefferson Lines, Executive Express, and Burlington Trailways could be lost. Needy families often use these routes, so not having them available would certainly jeopardize their ability to connect with family and friends outside of our area.

As a health conscious woman, continuing the bike/pedestrian path between Sheldon and State Streets is a huge "plus" for commuters in Story County. Every opportunity that we have to improve this transportation route will certainly benefit the young and old in our community for years to come!

We are proud to partner with CyRide to serve families in our community and hope that they are successful with obtaining this grant funding.

Sincerely,

*Janelle Durlin*

Janelle Durlin  
Story County Health Resource Director



# Central Iowa

September 19, 2011

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

Dear members of the Department of Transportation:

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Central Iowa would like to express support and endorsement for CyRide's application for TIGER funds for additional features for the Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility. Many persons with mental illness use public transportation because they are not financially able to own a vehicle. Also, persons with mental illness frequently need to take medications that cause sedation, making it dangerous for them to drive. Many of these people are already using CyRide on a daily basis to get around Ames. However, when they have appointments in Des Moines or Iowa City, or want to travel to visit friends or family members, they find it difficult to arrange transportation. Being able to access transportation modes that operate throughout the region and nation would improve livability for these people suffering from disabilities.

NAMI is delighted that CyRide continues to grow and serve the community. We are very supportive of the work of CyRide and their request for funding that would enhance the lives of those living with mental illness.

Sincerely,

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Deb Niehof, Executive Director



**OUR VISION.**  
TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF  
LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY  
FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.

**OUR MISSION.**  
UNITED WAY OF STORY COUNTY  
IS A STRATEGIC LEADER IN BUILDING  
COUNTYWIDE PARTNERSHIPS  
TO IDENTIFY NEEDS AND TO DEVELOP,  
SUPPORT AND EVALUATE EFFECTIVE  
HUMAN SERVICES FOR OUR  
DIVERSE COMMUNITY.

September 23, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Story County 2010 needs assessment reconfirmed the 2005 results that transportation issues continue to be a barrier for many. In 2007, UWSC formed the Transportation Collaboration that includes representatives from Cy-Ride (local public transit provider), HIRTA (regional public transit provider for Story County), and human service agencies to address issues identified through the needs assessment.

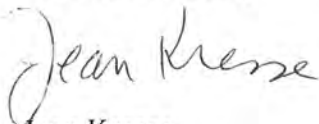
Services provided through both CyRide and HIRTA provide safe, efficient and reliable transportation to many of the human services agency's clients supported through UWSC. However, because of limited resources, not all needs are being met. Connecting to other transportation modes can be a challenge for many.

We support the Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility: Phase II grant application for federal funding on behalf of several transit agencies in Iowa to improve direct connections to other transportation modes such as Jefferson Lines, Burlington Trailways and Executive Express.

The community relies a great deal on CyRide and other transportation providers. With over 29,000 students enrolled at Iowa State University connecting transportation modes is critical to the community. The creation of a transportation hub which is centrally located will improve access to transportation, parking and stimulate long-term development in the Campus Town area.

Our entire community would benefit from the improved mobility and linkage of public and private transportation modes that the Intermodal Transportation Facility would offer. Phase II of the project would ensure that the facility would meet the needs of our growing community.

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Jean Kresse  
President and CEO




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## Federal Wage Rate Certification

The Ames Transit Agency (CyRide) \_\_\_\_\_, certifies that they will comply with the  
(Legal Name of Applicant)  
requirements of Subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code (Federal Wage  
Rate Requirements) as required by the FY2011 Continuing Appropriations Act for any projects  
that receive federal funding under the TIGER program.

Dated: 10/17/2011 \_\_\_\_\_

  
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(Signature)

CyRide Transit Director  
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(Title of Authorized Official)