

Authorizing Resolution
Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery
Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility – Phase II

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 under the FY2011 Continuing Appropriations Act.

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 phase II of an Intermodal Transportation Facility 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 discretionary funding according to the Federal Register; Vol. 76, No 127 filed Friday, July 1, 2011.

2. The Transit Director or his/her designee is authorized to execute and file with its application the annual certification and assurances and other documents the United States Department of Transportation and/or Federal Transportation Administration require 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 October 4, 2011



(Signature of Recording Officer)

President, Board of Directors
(Title of Recording Officer)

October 4, 2011
(Date)

September 26, 2011

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

To Secretary LaHood:

Please accept this letter as Iowa State University's endorsement for the Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility Phase II project under consideration. This expansion would provide additional parking greatly needed for this community to move forward with a revitalization of the campustown district as well as provide enough parking revenue to operationally support a local shuttle service connecting this facility and its alternative transportation modes with the Iowa State University (ISU) campus and entire community.

There is a long history of cooperation between the city and the university in many areas. We have jointly developed a public ice arena facility and a joint aquatic center. But the best example of this cooperation is the development of the CyRide transportation system, which provides more than 5.4 million rides to Ames residents and ISU students annually.

Specifically, for Iowa State University, the expanded facility proposed in this discretionary TIGER grant application will improve our students ability to move within the community as well as travel outside the community as the expansion of this facility will allow for the last link in the Ames transportation network to be located at the facility – CyRide. Additionally, the bike path extension through Iowa State University's Arboretum will allow connections from west Ames through the Intermodal Facility, the campustown business district to Iowa State University's Campus and points beyond. The additional 339 spaces that will be constructed as part of this expansion will spur additional economic redevelopment of the campustown district, which is adjacent to the university and is an important commercial center of the city. An improved campustown enhances the overall image of the city, which helps the university recruit students. Without the expansion of this facility, the magnitude of benefits originally envisioned for this project, cannot be realized.

Over the past year, ISU and the City have been working with a developer to help revitalize the campustown district. In providing additional parking and a transportation link to CyRide, the redevelopment could spur an additional \$500 million in new jobs. With the support of the U.S. Department of Transportation through this project expansion, we can realize the full potential of this facility.

Secretary Ray LaHood

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Iowa State will donate the land where the facility will be located with a value of more than \$2 million as well as the additional local capital needed for the roadways. 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.

In summary, we urge the Department of Transportation to consider and approve funding for phase II of the Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility project as it will positively impact mobility in Ames and the region. It will be the catalyst that is needed, as documented in the campustown study and the subsequent work completed by the campustown developers, to spur significant economic development in Iowa.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory L. Geoffroy".

Gregory L. Geoffroy
President

RESOLUTION NO. 11-478

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 \$12,506,250; 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, additional landscaping of College Creek and improved pedestrian access along the east side of Sheldon Avenue between Lincoln Way and Knapp Street would occur; and,

WHEREAS, a total local match of \$174,125 by the City would be required with \$102,000 from CyRide for bus match, another \$50,000 from CyRide for grant administration, and \$22,125 from the City's 2012/13 budget, if approved for TIGER discretionary funding; and,

WHEREAS, federal dollars are being requested through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) 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 the support of the Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility, Phase II, for the TIGER discretionary grant application is hereby approved.

ADOPTED THIS 11th day of October, 2011.



Diane R. Voss, City Clerk



Ann H. Campbell, Mayor

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

Resolution declared adopted and signed by the Mayor this 11th day of October, 2011.