



April 19, 2013

ADMINISTRATION:

Facility Construction: Construction started April 8th with the installation of chain link and silt fences around the perimeter of the property. In the next year, you can look forward to additional bus storage, flood proofing additions, more bus-headroom for the Cybrid fleet and wash bay rehabilitation. Heavy equipment began tree removal in preparation for the construction of the floodwall and perimeter circulation lane. The general contractor is planning on removing the drive north of Door 8 starting the week of April 22nd. To maintain circulation on the site, the contractor will remove the west parking island and replace it with a temporary rock drive. This phase of the concrete work is expected to last approximately two weeks and all buses will be routed through Door 13 to enter the building.

The outer circulation lane should be complete by the second week of May. Lane 13 will be closed with the start of the summer schedule and will remain closed until the start of the fall schedule. Temporary outdoor fueling facilities will be placed along the new perimeter road and all traffic will enter the building through Door 8. HVAC demolition has started on the inside of the facility. Watch for temporary lane closures inside the building and be alert for construction workers both inside and outside of the facility.

If all of the construction work on site is not enough, University Blvd. will be undergoing a patching project over the summer. Check for more construction updates, as well as a visual site plan, on the bulletin board located on the wall opposite of the driver mail boxes. As always, your continued cooperation and patience is appreciated during this project.

Parking: Parking has been and will continue to be difficult over the next six weeks until summer schedule begins. A handful of parking spaces will be lost to the construction of the temporary rock road mentioned above. To offset this, we've asked the contractor to install temporary gravel parking at the east of end of the parking lot where the trees were recently removed. The goal of the temporary parking is to replace any spaces lost to construction plus put down enough gravel for additional spaces if possible.

For the remainder of the spring semester, employees should utilize the visitor parking and hashed out areas to park. Additionally, CyRide will be moving the shop trucks to the front curb to allow more parking locations within the lot. Parking seems to be just a temporary issue. Be sure to bring up any issues you may have with the construction to Rich Leners.

On the bright side, the construction will bring another 30 more parking spaces by the fall of 2013!

Parklet on Chamberlain: Iowa State University's Landscape Architecture Student Association plans to place a "parklet" on Chamberlain Street in parking place 50 from August 21st through August 28th as a demonstration project. According to a request to the City to forgo meter fees (<http://www.cityofames.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=11910>), "a parklet is a parking space that has been converted to a 'park' to provide enhanced amenities and/or green space for people in business districts where sidewalk space is limited like Campustown and Downtown Ames." Furthermore, the parklet offers a place for people to sit and rest while taking in the activities of the street. Previously, the students had requested to place the parklet on Welch Ave. near Battles B-bque. While this parklet is not directly on a CyRide route (upon our request), it may be a location passengers want to see during the demonstration week.

OPERATIONS:

Summer/Fall Schedule Changes:

There have been a few minor changes to the summer and fall timetables:

- An extra minute has been added between Bessey and 100 UV for Blue North all days except for weekday afternoons when it already has 5 minutes
- An extra minute has been added between Bessey and Aspen/Stange for Brown North weekdays
- An extra minute has been added between Parks Library and ISC for Orange and Gray
- An extra minute has been added between Jack Trice Stadium and S. 4th/S. Kellogg for Blue South
- Weekday Brown starts at Mortensen/Ash at noon like the school year
- Weekend Blue South is leaving the Mall one minute earlier all day to give an extra minute at the south end

Aqua route has been changed to operate between City Hall and The Aquatic Center only. The route will no longer travel to Beyer Hall on campus. (Tom D.)

Saving Fuel: With fuel prices up we want to remind everyone to help us save fuel by shutting down your bus when you can. If you do not need to keep the bus running for A/C and you have more than 3 minutes at your end point, please remember to shut your bus off. (Rob and Jenny B.)

VEISHEA Update/Plans: VEISHEA 2013 is Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20. CyRide is expecting heavy ridership throughout those days and evenings. There will also be numerous road closings for the festivities. Typically, Welch Avenue and Lower Friley are closed Friday through Sunday. On Saturday, most of campus will be closed for the parade. We will post any detour information at dispatch as it becomes available. (George S.)

HIRING AND TRAINING:

Can you train a lot? Instructors, if you are willing to train more than three shifts per week, please let Jenny know so we can plan accordingly before we get many new trainees in the door over the next 3 months. In addition, if you find yourself getting burned out on training or need a break, please talk to Jenny. We would rather reduce your training hours than have you get to the point where you do not want to train at all. (Jenny)

Driver Run Pick Dates: Summer and Fall 2013 run picks have been or will be on the following dates:

- Summer Full Time: April 3-April 9
- Summer Part Time: April 12-19
- Fall Full Time: April 11-17
- Fall Part Time: April 22-May 1

Help a Laneworker: Now that the weather is warming, when you return to base to park your bus at the end of your shift, please close all windows and roof vents. Also walk through your bus and pick-up any rubbish or lost items. Doing the above will make the laneworker's life easier when they clean and refuel your bus. (Tom B. & George)

Safe Driver Awards: The following drivers earned Safe Driver Awards in January, February and March, 2013. Drivers earn the award from the National Safety Council after 2,080 hours of driving without a preventable accident. A CyRide award is given after 1,040 hours of driving without a preventable accident. **Congratulations to all !!** (Karen)

Glenn Crosswait	21 yrs	John Sorbo	18 yrs.
Paul Klimesh	16 yrs.	Yvette Gahring	5 yrs.
Dave Coe	3 yrs.	Ron Sewald	4 yrs.
Jeff Graney	3 yrs.	Jason Lippard	2 yrs.
John Murray	2 yrs.	Tim Onstot	1 yr.
Michael Zweibahmer	1 yr.	Damian Hosch	1 yr.
Ted Mathews	1 yr.	Anasia Sturdivant	1 yr.
Fallon Shakespeare	1 yr.	John Vachris	1,040 hrs.
Andrew Murray	1,040 hrs.	Jacob Lick	1,040 hrs.
Kathy Marshall	1,040 hrs.	Charles Long	1,040 hrs.
Amanda Veen	1,040 hrs.	Michael Nissen	1,040 hrs.
Bill Bagnall	1,040 hrs.	Aleksey Kostyushko	1,040 hrs.
Dan Strodtman	1,040 hrs.	John Connor	1,040 hrs.

FLEET AND FACILITIES

Bus Procurement: CyRide will be purchasing six more buses over the next few years due to receiving \$2,031,840 in federal funds from a 2012 State of Good Repair (SGR) national discretionary grant. CyRide was the only transit agency to receive funding for buses in the State of Iowa. The only other Iowa transit agency to receive 2012 SGR funding was Des Moines DART, to replace their outdated electronic farebox system.

This funding for buses was an important accomplishment for CyRide as the new two-year transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), will no longer provide SGR funding to any transit agencies for buses. MAP-21 changed the designation of the SGR funding to be allocated to only transit agencies providing "rail" transportation. CyRide is working with our legislators and the American Public Transit Association to modify MAP-21 and provide opportunities for small transit systems to obtain future discretionary grants.

BREAK ROOM COMMITTEE CHIRPS AND CLIPS:

Soup Day Recap: Many tasty soups and treats were shared at the CyRide's Employee Soup Day in March. It was nice to see employees in the Breakroom throughout the day enjoying the soups and treats. We look forward to another successful Soup Day in 2014.

CyRide Roadeo: CyRide Roadeo will be held May 18 at the Iowa State Center parking lot(s). If you haven't participated in a past, the Roadeo is an obstacle course that you manipulate a CyRide bus around or through orange cones, tennis balls or yellow barrels. The fastest driver through the course meeting the requirements of each obstacle wins. However, the roadeo is also the one time of the year employees can plow through ten yellow barrels at high intense speeds (no foot covering the brake) and stop inches from the orange cone at the end of the lot without having to fill out an accident report afterwards! Keep in mind that the objective is to not touch/move any of the barrels.



Nathan Shimanek is organizing the event and finalizing the details and he mentioned, "thanks to all the help from the employees, it is easy this year." As in the past, volunteers are asked to help set up and tear down the course, judge driving skills, score the event, and anything else Nathan needs help with for this function.

CyRide will provide coffee, juice, and pastries in the morning and the Breakroom Committee will provide lunch, meat, buns, drink, and condiments, and asks attendees to bring side dishes, salads, or desserts to share. The Breakroom Committee is currently requesting volunteers to help with grilling.

So do not fear the barrels and come down to participate in CyRide's Roadeo whether it be driving, judging, scoring, grilling or cheering on your friends.

Breakroom Committee Meetings: The breakroom committee will meet in May (usually the first Monday) to finalize details for the CyRide Roadeo. Minutes from all meetings are posted in the Employee Breakroom, as well as other bulletin boards within the facility to keep employees informed.

Thank you to all of our employees (you know who you are) that step up and help with the Breakroom essentials. It is "certainly appreciated." Thank you.

Eric Ollie recently stepped down from the Breakroom Committee after serving seven years on the Committee. Thank you Eric for all your contributions over these years! We now welcome our newest committee member: Helen Meyerhoff.

Thanks from your Breakroom Committee:

Ray Coffey, Barbie Hoskin, James Crabb, John Cramer, Yvette Gahring, Helen Meyerhoff, and Joanne Van Dyke