

AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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August 7, 2017

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met on August 7, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in CyRide's Conference room. Vice President Valentino called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. with Trustees Bibiloni, Nelson, Gregory, Valentino and Schainker present. Absent: President Haila.

ANTICIPATED CLOSED SESSION REGARDING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS: Trustee Schainker asked interim City of Ames Attorney, Mark Lambert, if the Ames Transit Agency had legal justification for going into closed session and Mr. Lambert indicated that it did.

Trustee Nelson moved approval for a closed session pursuant to Section 20.17, Subsection 3, *Code of Iowa*, to discuss matters relating to labor negotiations. Trustee Gregory seconded the motion. (Ayes: Five. Nays: None.) Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Nelson and seconded by Trustee Bibiloni to return to Regular Session.

The Regular Session meeting reconvened at 5:34 p.m.

Director Kyras asked the transit board members for direction on the State's Urban Bus Grant Opportunity as she needed to indicate to the Iowa Department of Transportation, within the next few days, how many buses CyRide desired to have included in the application. She indicated that a formal vote could be taken at the board's regularly-scheduled meeting on August 24, 2017, but that an indication of the board's desire would expedite completion of this grant by the its submission date of August 25, 2017. She briefly explained the four options staff had developed for the purchase of one, three, five or eight buses and recommended that the five, new bus option be approved, committing CyRide to \$359,400 in local share, if the state was awarded a grant and it was sufficiently funded to include these CyRide buses. She also indicated that with this commitment, CyRide would need only \$102,520 of the remaining \$314,770 operating closing balance above 10%. This will leave \$212,250 uncommitted for other capital needs.

Transit board members asked Director Kyras if staff was comfortable in purchasing only new buses and not used buses. Director Kyras said she had spoken with Rich Leners, CyRide's Asst. Director of Fleet and Facilities, and that he believes CyRide's fleet is in adequate condition to postpone the purchase of used buses at this time in lieu of an infusion of five new buses at the end of two years.

Vice President Valentino and Trustee Bibiloni indicated their agreement via telephone with including five buses and a local commitment in the state's urban bus replacement grant. Trustees Gregory, Schainker and Nelson also indicated their agreement with this approach.

Director Kyras shared the Council Action Form developed for the Ames City Council meeting on August 8, 2017 regarding the City's contribution to the towers bus turnaround capital project. Trustee Schainker confirmed with the City Attorney, Mark Lambert, that the public improvement bidding requirements would allow the city to provide funding for this project and for ISU to construct the turnaround. Mr. Lambert said this was permissible between two public entities, as opposed to the need for the city to bid/construct improvements if funds were for a public-private project. Trustee Gregory indicated that Iowa State University would follow its normal bidding protocol for the project, as required for all state projects. Director Kyras indicated that CyRide would pay their share and the student's share, which is funded through CyRide's Student Trust Fund.

Adjourn: President Valentino called for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Bibiloni made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. and motion seconded by Trustee Gregory. (Ayes: Five. Nays: None.) Motion carried.

Steven Valentino, Vice President

Joanne Van Dyke, Recording Secretary