

AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AMES, IOWA

January 22, 2019

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met on January 22, 2019 at 7:45 a.m. by conference call as board members were unable to satisfy the in-person meeting requirement. President Bibiloni called the meeting to order at 7:46 a.m. with roll call: Trustees Bibiloni, Cain, Jeffrey, Nelson, and Schrader were present. Absent: Trustee Schainker.

Public in Attendance: Cathy Brown and Sarah Lawrence, ISU Facilities Planning & Management.

Public Comments: No public comments were received.

2019-2020 Service Improvements and Budget: Director Kyras recapped the transit board action taken at the January 20, 2019 meeting - approval of Option #2A. She indicated that she had reached out to ISU's Vet. Med. and Facilities Planning & Management (FP&M) Departments and had received comments back. She indicated that the Vet. Med. College preferred the option to deviate the #9 Plum route and shorten the #14 Peach Route (Option #2B in the information provided). She indicated that FP&M shared concerns regarding Option #2B, due to the lack of sidewalks to the facility, which could cost from \$135,000 up to \$150,000 to construct.

Trustee Schainker joined the conference call at 7:49 A.M.

Director Kyras explained that if board members chose to approve Option #2B, that staff recommended implementing this change with the summer schedule on May 13, 2019.

Trustee Jeffrey asked if there was a possibility to implement the #9 Plum route deviation and #14 Peach route modification for the current semester. Director Kyras indicated that schedules were already set and it was not possible to modify service prior to May 13, 2019.

Director Kyras shared the alternative actions that board members could take to set the 2019-2020 service level: reconfirm Option #2A, rescind the previous board action and approve Option #2B or #2C. She briefly explained that Option #2C was the same as Option #2B, but that it included two additional service improvements - #6 Brown evening service extension and #12 Lilac midday service. She shared the impact of these three options on the local funding partner increases.

Trustee Jeffrey shared her thoughts that she appreciated the concern of walking up the hill to get to Vet. Med. and the lack of sidewalks in this area, but believes that these challenges can be addressed through ISU's processes. As a result, she indicated that she could support Option #2C, as it provided more benefits to CyRide customers at a cost under the maximum increase desired by the Transit Board.

Trustee Jeffrey made a motion to rescind the Transit Board's action taken at the January 10, 2019 board meeting and to approve Option #2C, which is contained in Alternative #3. She indicated that this option included the: baseline increase, Chief Safety Officer, Labor Negotiation proposals, six service improvements and one service reduction for a total local funding partner increase in the 2019-2020 budget of 4.6%. She also included in the motion that the #9 Plum, #14 Peach route and #25 Gold route summers/break proposal will be implemented on May 13, 2019, with the remainder of the service modifications being implemented in August 2019. Trustee Schrader seconded the motion. (Ayes Per Roll Call Vote: Trustee Jeffrey, Schrader, Nelson, Cain, and Schainker. Nays: None.) Motion carried.

Transit Director's Report:

1) Spring construction Bids – Plans & Specifications: Director Kyras explained that CyRide's three summer construction projects were progressing and that the plans and specifications would be presented to the City Council in February, with bids to be submitted in March 2019. She indicated that the results of the bids would be presented to the Transit Board for action, prior to taking the bids to the City Council. She also indicated that a special conference call board meeting may be required, tentatively scheduled for March 25, 2019, as the bids will be received after the board's regularly-scheduled March meeting.

Trustee Nelson asked Mark Lambert, City of Ames Attorney, if The Transit Board had legal reason to go into closed session and Mark Lambert, City of Ames Attorney, said "yes" by Section 20.177, subsection 3, *Code of Iowa* to discuss matters relating to contract negotiations.

Trustee Jeffrey moved to go into closed session at 8:02 A.M. and seconded by Trustee Nelson. (Ayes Per Roll Call Vote: Trustee Jeffrey, Schrader, Nelson, Cain, and Schainker. Nays: None.) Motion carried.

Trustee Cain made a motion to reconvene in open session at 8:29 A.M. and seconded by Trustee Jeffrey. (Ayes: Five. Nays: None.) Motion carried.

Next Meeting Dates/Times:

- February 14, 2019 – 4:15 pm
- March 12, 2019 – 4:15 pm
- April 11, 2019 – 4:15 pm
- May 9, 2019 – 4:15 pm
- June 13, 2019 – 4:15 pm
- July 11, 2019 – 4:15 pm

Adjourn: Trustee Jeffrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Nelson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 A.M. (Ayes: Five. Nays: None.) Motion carried.