

Ames Area MPO/CyRide Update

Human Services Council

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1. **Passenger Transportation Development Plan Changes:** The PTDP is an annual coordinated effort between the transportation providers and human service agencies providing service for the Ames community. The efforts focus on transportation for the low-income, elderly and disabled populations. The IDOT requires that federal/state transit funding be part of the PTDP coordination process. The plan is the responsibility of the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization with CyRide (Ames transit provider) providing the staff to facilitate this process. The purpose is to: 1) enhance transportation access, 2) minimize duplication of services, 3) facilitate the most appropriate cost-effective transportation possible with available resources

For the next year's PTP, we only need to provide an update including:

- Process: Coordination efforts discussion through HSC, TCC & others documentation including: New transportation needs; results of current projects; prioritize needs (send out e-mail ranking projects).
- Review previously recommended projects – funding, implementation, and impact.
- Recent developments – any changes that could impact previous list of identified needs.
- Recommended Projects changes – new projects needs amendment or simply revision if estimated funding changed.

2. **Intermodal Transportation Facility** – CyRide submitted a TIGER grant to the US DOT on September 10, 2009. This is for an Intermodal Facility to be built in campustown at the corner of Hayward/Chamberlain. This will provide a focal point for transportation within the Ames community housing eight different transportation modes while providing additional parking needed for campustown to support economic development and also to ISU for their growing needs. Several agencies provided letters of support as part of the proposal effort of which we had over 25! Thank you for your support!

Now we need your help in urging our legislators for their support of the Ames Intermodal Facility. This afternoon, I'll be forwarding a request for individuals/agencies to help in writing their Senators for their strong support of the project. There will be draft letters already constructed for Senators Harkin and Grassley as well as Congressman Latham in which you only would need to change your name, address at the bottom. If you feel supportive of the project, please send out a letter directly.

3. **TIGGER Hybrid Success** – CyRide submitted a TIGGER grant to the Federal Transit Administration in Washington earlier this year requesting hybrid upgrades to 12 buses at \$2.4 million. On Monday, September 21, FTA released that CyRide was awarded \$1.6 million for these upgrades. This will equate to 8-10 buses depending on the hybrid transmission implemented. CyRide already had 2 hybrids on order for the Dayton service. Therefore, by next September 2010 – we'll be seeing a total of 10-12 hybrids within CyRide's greener fleet! For more information go to:
http://www.fta.dot.gov/regional_offices_10555.html