



**NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

**AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met on November 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the CyRide Conference room. President Beatty-Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. with Trustees Boland, Gopa, Lee, Norton, and Schainker present.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19, 2024, MINUTES:**

Trustee Boland made a motion to adopt the October 19, 2024, Transit Board minutes as presented; Trustee Schainker seconded the motion. (Ayes: 6 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dr. Joseph Merchant presented an Ames Public Art Commission Project concept.

**BATTERY ELECTRIC BUS FINAL REPORT - INFORMATIONAL**

Staff members from the Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) presented their report detailing the performance of the two battery electric buses (BEBs) to the Transit Board. Overall, the buses have reduced emissions by 108,694 pounds. The board thanked CTE for their study and informative presentation and expressed interest in pursuing another analysis at a later date that would include the Gillig BEBs and the B100 buses.

**RATE SETTING RESOLUTION – FY 2026 BUDGET:**

Director Neal requested board approval of the FY 2026 Rate Setting Resolution. City ordinances require the board to annually set the fare and rate structure for the next budget year. The only changes were modifications to the dates that passes will be sold, and no changes were recommended to the fare structure.

Director Neal recommended that the board approve Alternative #1 to adopt the proposed rate setting resolution and fulfill the city ordinance requirements while maintaining last year's fares.

Trustee Boland made a motion to approve Alternative #1; Trustee Schainker seconded the motion. (Ayes: 6 Nays: 0); Motion carried.

**MONTHLY REPORT:**

**Customer Satisfaction Survey:** 95.2% of respondents indicated they were either very or somewhat satisfied with CyRide, up from 93.4% last year.

**Winter Season Preparation:** With colder weather approaching, preparation work for the winter operational season has begun.

**Token Transit:** CyRide is moving forward with adding the Token Transit app as a way for customers to purchase bus passes securely through their electronic devices.

**Blue Collar Union Update:** Following a recent recertification election, transit employees are the only ones who remain in the blue collar union. The City will negotiate a new contract for transit employees at a future date.

**Triennial Review Final Written Report:** CyRide received its final written report for the Triennial Review conducted on July 11 and 12, confirming zero deficiencies. It is the second consecutive review in which CyRide received no deficiencies.

**Quarterly Report:** The quarterly report statistics were reviewed, showing ridership continuing to increase.

Discussion was held on the Ames Public Art Commission Project. Trustee Boland made a motion for the Ames Public Art Commission Project to be brought back to the board for future consideration; Trustee Lee seconded the motion. (Ayes: 6 Nays 0); Motion carried.

**Fall/Spring meeting dates:**

- December 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
- January 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
- February 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
- March 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
- April 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Trustee Boland made a motion to approve adjourning at 5:58 p.m.; Trustee Lee seconded the motion (Ayes: 6 Nays: 0); Motion carried.

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Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, President

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Cheryl Spencer, Recording Secretary