



JANUARY 16, 2025

AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met on January 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the CyRide Conference room. President Norton called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. with Trustees Boland, Junck, and Schainker present.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 19, 2024, MINUTES:

Trustee Boland made a motion to adopt the December 19, 2024, Transit Board minutes as presented; Trustee Schainker seconded the motion. (Ayes: 4 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

FEDERAL SECTION 5307 GRANT APPLICATION – FFY 2025 STBG FUNDING:

Director Neal requested authorization to execute and file a Section 5307 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) application. The authorization would be the last funding component necessary for upgrading one 40' diesel bus to a battery electric bus. The base funding for this bus is currently pending in a grant application with the Iowa DOT. After both grants are approved, CyRide will bring an item to the Transit Board for formal approval of the bus purchase. CyRide submitted an STBG application to the AAMPO to receive \$225,000 in funding for a partial bus in March 2021, and the AAMPO approved it in July 2024. Based on increased bus prices and uncommitted STBG funding, the AAMPO increased CyRide's STBG allocation to \$377,050 federal. The Transit Board is required to authorize the grant application request prior to the formal submission of the grant to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Director Neal recommended approval of Alternative #1, to execute and file a Section 5307 Surface Transportation Block Grant application in the amount of \$377,050 to the Federal Transit Administration. Proceeding with this application would allow CyRide to expand its battery electric bus fleet to eight vehicles while keeping local costs to a minimum.

Trustee Schainker made a motion to approve Alternative #1; Trustee Junck seconded the motion. (Ayes: 4 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

Spring meeting dates:

- February 20, 5:00 p.m.
- March 27, 5:00 p.m.
- April 17, 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Trustee Junck made a motion to adjourn at 5:06 p.m.; Trustee Boland seconded the motion.
(Ayes: 4 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

Michael Norton, President

Cheryl Spencer, Recording Secretary