



APRIL 17, 2025

AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met on April 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the CyRide Conference room. Trustee Boland called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. with Trustees Junck, Lee, Rolwes, and Schainker present.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 27, 2025, MINUTES:

Trustee Junck made a motion to adopt the March 27, 2025, Transit Board minutes as presented; Trustee Lee seconded the motion. (Ayes: 5 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF MOBILE COLUMN HOISTS:

Director Neal requested approval to purchase six mobile column hoists for buses. The maintenance division uses in-ground and mobile column hoists daily to service the fleet. CyRide currently has one in-ground hoist to lift the 60' articulated buses. Purchasing six mobile hoists would provide flexibility to lift any vehicle CyRide operates and improve the ability to complete repairs.

CyRide and the Purchasing Division issued Request for Quotation 2025-149 for the purchase of six mobile column hoists. Nine bids were received, and Midwest Lift Works LLC. Of Jordan, Minnesota, was the lowest bidder who met all specifications for a total cost of \$88,920.00. The bid exceeded the budgeted amount by \$13,920. It was proposed that CyRide delay the Cooling Tower Loop project to address the shortfall and reallocate the funds to support the mobile column hoist purchase.

Director Neal recommended approval of Alternative #1, to approve the award of contract to Midwest Lift Works LLC. Of Jordan, Minnesota, for a total cost of \$88,920, which would increase the number of mobile hoists CyRide has and improve repair time.

Trustee Schainker made a motion to approve Alternative #1; Trustee Junck seconded the motion. (Ayes: 5 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

STATE GRANT AND PUBLIC TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (PTIG) APPLICATIONS:

Director Neal requested approval of CyRide's State Grant and Public Infrastructure Grant (PTIG) applications. The applications are due May 1, 2025, and, if approved, funding would be available for the FY 2026 budget year to support operation and capital needs. State Transit Assistance is expected to be approximately \$1,100,000 and is guaranteed funding with no local match requirement. Section 5310 funding is included in the operating budget and capital improvements plan (CIP) and is anticipated to be approximately \$527,000. Section 5339 funding is for bus replacements and is competitively selected. PTIG projects are competitively selected at the state level, and CyRide will be notified if selected during FY 2026. These funds would go toward replacing CyRide's existing in-ground hoist in the Steam Clean Bay and adding a hoist in the same area to service articulated buses.

Director Neal recommended approval of Alternative #1, to approve the FY 2026 State Grant and Public Transit Infrastructure Grant applications as presented, which would help support transit in the Ames community and reduce the local funding required from our funding partners.

Trustee Junck made a motion to approve Alternative #1; Trustee Lee seconded the motion (Ayes: 5 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT:

Bus Shelter Digital Displays: CyRide plans to retrofit additional bus shelters on campus with digital displays showing live bus prediction information.

International Bus Rodeo: CyRide driver Brian Grootveld represented Ames and Iowa at the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) International Bus Rodeo in Austin, TX, on April 6.

APTA Mobility Conference: Christine Crippen and Barbara Neal attended APTA's Mobility Conference in Austin, TX, from April 6 through April 8.

Summer meeting dates:

- May 22, 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Trustee Lee made a motion to adjourn at 5:19 p.m.; Trustee Junck seconded the motion. (Ayes: 5 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

Michael Norton, President

Cheryl Spencer, Recording Secretary