



**SEPTEMBER 25, 2025  
AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met on September 25, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the CyRide Conference room. President Boland called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. with Trustees Junck, Lee, Neal, and Schainker present.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 28, 2025, MINUTES:**

Trustee Schainker made a motion to adopt the August 28, 2025, Transit Board minutes as presented; Trustee Neal seconded the motion. (Ayes: 5 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**FY 2027 BUDGET PLANNING - DISCUSSION:**

Director Neal presented customer service requests and staff recommendations for possible inclusion in the FY 2027 budget. A request for the #2 Green route to add all-day service to the Ames High School was submitted after the board packet was released. Initial estimates for this addition were \$215,000 for 15-minute service from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. or \$58,000 for additional morning and afternoon trips in both directions from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. She reminded the board that any additional services would need to be evaluated within the context of the current budget constraints and long-term financial stability. The board discussed the presented options and requested additional information about the 11 Cherry route request for service. Director Neal will follow up on it.

**ANNUAL TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN – PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS UPDATE:**

Director Neal requested board approval of CyRide's FY 2026 Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan performance targets. Beyond meeting the regulation requirements, having the fleet in a State of Good Repair (SGR) supports CyRide's highest priority of safety and is critical to its ongoing success. CyRide is required to set and update performance measures annually and report the TAM plan targets to the National Transit Database.

Director Neal requested board approval of Alternative #1, to approve the FY 2025 TAM plan performance targets for each asset category. Doing so would allow CyRide to meet its federal obligations and help guide future capital replacement needs.

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

## **TITLE VI PROGRAM UPDATE:**

Director Neal requested approval of CyRide's Title VI Program, which ensures CyRide provides services without regard to race, color, or national origin. The board is required to review, update, and approve the program and sign a revised policy statement every three years. The Title VI document has been reviewed by staff, and updates were made in line with current FTA guidance.

Director Neal recommended approval of Alternative #1, to approve adopting the Title VI Program as presented, ensuring CyRide's current practices meet federal compliance requirements and provide services equitably and fairly without discrimination.

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

## **MONTHLY REPORT:**

**Ridership Statistics – First Two Weeks of Fall Semester:** Staff reviewed ridership statistics for the first two weeks of the fall semester.

**ISU Enrollment:** Fall 2025 enrollment was announced at 31,105 students, which is an increase of 673 from 2024.

**Destination Iowa State, ExCytement, Welcome Fest, and Welcome Weekend:** CyRide participated in Destination Iowa State, ExCytement, Welcome Fest, and Welcome Weekend to welcome ISU students back to Ames and provide students and staff with information on how use CyRide.

### **Fall meeting dates:**

- October 16, 4:30 p.m.
- November 20, 4:30 p.m.
- December 18, 4:30 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Trustee Neal made a motion to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.; Trustee Schainker seconded the motion. (Ayes: 5 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

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Emily Boland, President

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Cheryl Spencer, Recording Secretary