



OCTOBER 16, 2025
AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met on October 16, 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, Neal, and Schainker present.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2025, MINUTES:

Trustee Neal made a motion to adopt the September 25, 2025, Transit Board minutes as presented; Trustee Junck seconded the motion. (Ayes: 4 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR 2025 BATTERY ELECTRIC BUS FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Director Neal requested board approval of the award of contract for the 2025 Battery Electric Bus Facility Improvement Project. At the board meeting on August 28, the board approved the release of plans and specifications for this project, which will support the five battery electric buses (BEBs) scheduled to arrive in October. The project includes installing two ChargePoint chargers and four dual dispensers. The project was originally budgeted at approximately \$55,000 in the FY 2025 Capital Improvements Plan. Based on the final Architecture & Engineering (A&E) estimate, the board authorized an additional \$110,358 from the BEB Reserve Fund, bringing the total authorized project budget to \$165,344. Invitation to Bid 2026-028 was released, and bids were due on October 8, 2025. One bid was received from NAI Electrical Contractors for the project, totaling \$77,300.

Director Neal requested board approval of Alternative #1, to approve award of contract to NAI Electrical Contractors of Ames, Iowa, for the 2025 Battery Electric Bus Facility Improvement Project, for a total cost of \$77,300. NAI Electrical Contractors attended the pre-bid meeting, has previously completed work at CyRide's facility, and is familiar with site conditions. Their pricing was reviewed and determined to be fair and reasonable. Awarding the contract would allow CyRide to install the charging infrastructure needed to operate the five battery electric buses scheduled for delivery this fall.

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

MONTHLY REPORT:

Free Rides Election Day: CyRide will be fare-free on November 4, 2025, to ease access to voting.

Bus Coalition Board Appointment: In September, Director Neal was appointed to the Board of Directors for The Bus Coalition, which will allow CyRide to have a voice in securing increased federal investments for systems across the country.

City of Ames Public Art Commission Project: The City of Ames Public Art Commission's Accessible Map-Envisioning Sculpture Project's RFP process has concluded, and the committee is in the process of selecting an artist. Information will be presented at a future board meeting.

New Bus Inspections: Two members of the mechanic division visited the Gillig and New Flyer headquarters to inspect CyRide's buses that will be arriving this fall.

Fall meeting dates:

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

Adjourn: Trustee Neal made a motion to adjourn at 4:40 p.m.; Trustee Schainker seconded the motion. (Ayes: 4 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

Emily Boland, President

Cheryl Spencer, Recording Secretary