



**JANUARY 15, 2026**  
**AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met on January 15, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the CyRide Training room. President Boland called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. with Trustees Junck, Lee, Neal, Norton, and Schainker present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION – FY 2030:**

Assistant Director of Operations Crippen requested board approval to submit and execute a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) application to the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO). Grant applications for STBG funding in the FY 2030 budget year are due February 20, 2026. CyRide is requesting \$400,000 for partial funding of a bus purchase in FY 2030.

Assistant Director of Operations Crippen requested board approval of Alternative #1, to approve and authorize the Transit Director to submit and execute a grant request of \$400,000 in bus capital funds from the AAMPO for STBG federal funds in FY 2030. If awarded, the federal funds would help with planned bus purchases and move CyRide toward a more sustainable fleet.

Trustee Neal made a motion to approve Alternative #1; Trustee Schainker seconded the motion.

(Ayes: 6 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

**FEDERAL SECTION 5307 GRANT EXECUTION – FFY 2026 STBG FUNDING:**

Assistant Director of Operations Crippen requested board approval to execute and file a Section 5307 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) application. CyRide was previously awarded \$225,000 in STBG funding from the AAMPO to support upgrading a 40' bus to a battery electric bus. In July 2025, this amount was increased to \$377,050 to address rising bus costs using currently uncommitted STBG funds within the MPO. This item was separate from the previous board item and represents the final step needed to formally access the federal funds. Formal approval for a bus purchase will be brought to the board at a future meeting once the funding components are finalized.

Assistant Director of Operations Crippen requested board approval of Alternative #1, to authorize the Transit Director 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 the application would allow CyRide to expand its bus fleet and keep local costs to a minimum.

Trustee Norton made a motion to approve Alternative #1; Trustee Junck seconded the motion.

(Ayes: 6 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

### **BATTERY ELECTRIC BUS PURCHASE CHANGE ORDER**

Assistant Director of Operations Crippen requested board approval for a change order for the purchase of CyRide's five new battery electric buses (BEB). In November of 2023, the board approved the purchase of five BEBs from Gillig LLC of Livermore, California. The funding for the total project was a not to exceed amount of \$5,789,480. After the contract was awarded, new federal tariff policies took effect. The Washington contract that was used for the purchase allows the externally imposed costs to be passed through to CyRide, but the final amount wasn't known until the buses were built. For all five buses, the total adjustment is \$12,951.12 per bus for a total of \$64,755.60 or 1.12% of the project. To support the change, staff recommended using approximately \$65,000 from the BEB Reserve Fund to cover the shortfall.

Assistant Director of Operations Crippen requested board approval of Alternative #1, to approve the cost-related change order and establish a new total contract amount of \$5,854,235.60 for the purchase of five battery electric buses from Gillig LLC of Livermore, California.

Trustee Neal made a motion to approve Alternative #1; Trustee Norton seconded the motion.

(Ayes: 6 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

### **Spring meeting dates:**

- February 19, 2026, 4:30 p.m.
- March 19, 2026, 4:30 p.m.
- April 16, 2026, 4:30 p.m.
- May 21, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Trustee Norton made a motion to adjourn at 4:40 p.m.; Trustee Schainker seconded the motion.

(Ayes: 6 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

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Emily Boland, President

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Cheryl Spencer, Recording Secretary