



Transit Board Meeting
AGENDA

**AMES TRANSIT AGENCY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

CYRIDE CONFERENCE ROOM – December 18, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2025
3. Public Comments
4. Memorandum of Understanding Renewal with Story County Medical Center
5. Award of Contract for Purchase of Video Surveillance Systems
6. Award of Contract for Bus Shelter Purchase
7. FY 2027 Budget
8. Monthly Report
9. Spring Meeting Dates / Times
 - January 15, 2026, 4:30 p.m.
 - 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.
10. Adjourn



**NOVEMBER 20, 2025
AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees met on November 20, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the CyRide Conference room. President Boland called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. with Trustees Junck, Lee, Neal, and Schainker present.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 16, 2025, MINUTES:

Trustee Junck made a motion to adopt the October 16, 2025, Transit Board minutes as presented; Trustee Schainker seconded the motion. (Ayes: 5 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

RATE SETTING RESOLUTION – FY 2027 BUDGET:

Director Neal requested board approval of the rate setting resolution to annually establish CyRide's fare and rate structure for the upcoming budget year. For FY 2027, current fare levels were maintained for fixed-route and Dial-A-Ride services. Two updates were recommended to support operational needs and improve customer convenience. One change was to add 3-, 6-, and 12-month bus pass options on Token Transit beginning January 1, 2026. The other change was to update the shop and shuttle rate from \$105.00 to \$135 per hour to better align with current service costs.

Director Neal requested board approval of Alternative #1, to approve the Rate Setting Resolution for the FY 2027 budget year, which would add digital bus pass options and update the Miscellaneous Revenue Rates. Doing so would maintain the existing fare structure for riders, introduce a digital pass option to enhance convenience and encourage community ridership, and update internal rates to reflect current costs and industry benchmarks.

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

(Ayes: 5 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ACCESSION OF AMES PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
ACCESSIBLE MAP-ENVISIONING SCULPTURE PROJECT:**

Director Neal requested board approval of the accession of seven sculptures along the Red Route as recommended by the Public Art Commission (PAC). The sculptures are intended to be wayfinding art pieces that will help riders with disabilities, those with language barriers, and anyone unfamiliar with the area. Each sculpture would be placed on its own concrete pad next to the shelter, would not obstruct visibility, and PAC would be responsible for all installation, maintenance, and related costs. On June 16, 2025, PAC, in coordination with the Purchasing Division, issued Request for Proposal No. 2025-184 to commission an artist. After the evaluation process, PAC recommended Tim Adams of Webster City, Iowa, for his design featuring natural leaves and plant motifs.

Director Neal requested board approval of Alternative #1, to approve the accession of seven leaf-themed sculptures for the Red Route Shelter Program, as recommended by PAC. Doing so will help passengers with wayfinding and add artistic elements and public art for all to enjoy at several stops along the Red Route.

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

(Ayes: 5 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF 40' DIESEL BUSES:

Director Neal requested board approval for the purchase of two 40' diesel buses. CyRide was awarded two grants to replace two 40' buses that are 22 years old and past their useful life. The majority of CyRide's 40' bus fleet is Gillig, which has proven to be both cost-effective and reliable. Standardizing the fleet allows CyRide to save money by reducing parts inventory, lowering training costs, and speeding up repair times. Pricing was obtained from Gillig, resulting in a cost per bus of \$726,911 with a total purchase price of \$1,453,822. The total available funding is \$1,284,992. An additional \$168,830 in local funding would be required to purchase both buses. Staff recommended the funding come from the 40' Bus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.

Director Neal requested board approval of Alternative #1, to approve the award of contract for two 40' heavy-duty diesel buses to Gillig LLC of Livermore, California, for an amount of \$1,453,822. Doing so would replace obsolete buses with new vehicles, improve efficiency, and reduce overall fleet emissions using newer, cleaner-burning engines. Trustee Schainker asked whether there were any other previously planned items or projects for the reserve fund. Director Neal said there was not.

Trustee Schainker made a motion to approve Alternative #1, modified to be approval of award of contract for two 40' heavy-duty diesel buses to Gillig LLC of Livermore, California, for an amount of \$1,453,822, with additional funding of \$168,830 being used from the 40' Bus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund; Trustee Junck seconded the motion.

(Ayes: 5 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Director Neal requested board approval to purchase on-board Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) for seven new CyRide buses. ITS technology on CyRide's vehicles provides several key features the bus system requires: stop announcements, visual wayfinding, APC live occupancy data, and real-time bus locations for mobile apps. CyRide recently received five battery electric buses, and two articulated buses will arrive soon. Based on pricing during the build process, it was determined that installing ITS equipment after delivery would be more cost-effective. CyRide's current ITS vendor, GMV Syncromatics, provided pricing for equipment and installation totaling \$143,442. Staff recommended the funding come from the 40' Bus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. Trustee Junck asked how much it would have cost to have this done during the build. Assistant Director of Fleet and Facilities James Rendall answered that it would have been approximately \$35,000 per bus.

Director Neal requested board approval of Alternative #1, to approve award of purchase to GMV Syncromatics of Los Angeles, California, for a total cost of \$143,442 for ITS equipment on CyRide's seven new buses. Doing so will improve the rider experience, support passengers with disabilities, and help all riders better navigate the system.

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

(Ayes: 5 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

Trustee Norton joined the meeting.

MONTHLY REPORT:

Resident Satisfaction Survey: The results of the annual Resident Satisfaction Survey were presented to the board.

Winter Season Preparation: Maintenance staff have begun winter preparations for snow removal. Operations staff have been working with drivers to prepare them for winter driving techniques.

Theodore and Mr. Gobbles: They were on the buses during the month of November, bringing cheer to riders and the community.

Quarterly Report: The fourth quarter report was presented to the board. Ridership is up 5.1% year to date. CyRide has seen ridership increases on the Orange, Red, Cherry, and Gold routes. CyRide is also seeing strong growth on the Token Transit App, with increased in both unique riders and boardings using the pass.

Fall meeting dates:

- December 18, 4:30 p.m.

Adjourn: Trustee Lee made a motion to adjourn at 4:54 p.m.; Trustee Junck seconded the motion.

(Ayes: 6 Nays: 0) Motion carried.

Emily Boland, President

Cheryl Spencer, Recording Secretary



December 18, 2025
Memorandum of Understanding Renewal with
Story County Medical Center
CyRide Resource: Barbara Neal

BACKGROUND:

CyRide has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Story County Medical Center (SCMC), located in Nevada, Iowa, to provide transportation services if Story County issues an emergency proclamation. The MOU between SCMC and CyRide was last executed on December 21, 2022, and is set to expire on December 31, 2025.

In the past, CyRide has entered into similar agreements with Mary Greeley Medical Center (MGMC) in Ames, though CyRide does not currently have an agreement with MGMC. The SCMC request for renewal is similar to other emergency service MOUs for fire and police services that support the area. The transportation support provided will remain subject to CyRide's available resources and the Transit Director's determination of operational priorities. The attached MOU has been reviewed and approved by the Legal Department and by Story County Medical Center.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Story County Medical Center for emergency transportation services.
2. Do not approve the Memorandum of Understanding and direct staff to proceed according to Transit Board priorities.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Transit Director recommends approval of Alternative #1. Approving the MOU will support emergency preparedness for the Story County Medical Center if an emergency proclamation is issued and will strengthen regional emergency coordination.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Emergency Services Agreement is entered into on the 1st day of January 2026 between the Ames Transit Agency d/b/a City of Ames (CyRide) located at 601 N. University Blvd., Ames, Iowa, 50010, and Story County Medical Center (SCMC) located at 640 South 19th Street, Nevada, Iowa, 50201.

STATEMENT OF THE PARTIES INTENTIONS

CyRide and SCMC desire to enter into an Emergency Services Agreement where CyRide shall provide emergency transportation services as allowed by Federal Transit Administration regulations if an emergency proclamation is declared by Story County.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Product:** CyRide agrees to provide bus transportation to SCMC at a high priority to the hospital as determined by the agency’s Transit Director. These services will be made to the hospital and/or any other available site designated by SCMC. These services will be provided as quickly as possible and no later than 2 hours after official notification. Transportation will be provided within a 30-miles radius of Ames.
 2. **Pricing:** SCMC is purchasing the above services at CyRide’s standard published rate each year for additional services.
 3. **Billing:** SCMC will require an itemized invoice consistent with its established purchasing procedures.
 4. **Ordering:** CyRide has provided the following names and phone numbers to be called in the event of an emergency:
 - a. Ames Transit Agency (CyRide) Dispatch: 239-5560
Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 5:30am-12:30am
Friday: 5:30am-12:30am (non-ISU school days) and 2:30am (ISU school days)
Saturday: 7:00am-12:30am (non-ISU school days) and 2:30am (ISU school days)
Sunday: 8:00am-11:30pm
 - b. Christine Crippen, Assistant Director of Operations: (cell) 515-460-5276
- a) **Term and Termination:** The term of this agreement shall begin on January 1, 2026, and shall expire on December 31, 2028. This agreement may be terminated by either party with a sixty (60) day written notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this agreement have executed this agreement as of the date first written above.

Ames Transit Agency
By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Story County Medical Center
By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

December 18, 2025

Award of Contract for Purchase of Video Surveillance Systems

CyRide Resource: James Rendall, Keith Wilbur

BACKGROUND:

All CyRide fixed route vehicles are equipped with video surveillance systems that record multiple areas inside and outside the vehicle. These systems are critical for providing liability protection and ensuring passenger safety and security. Each year, CyRide programs funds within the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for bus technology upgrades and replacements.

CyRide is currently in a multi-year contract with Safety Vision for the purchase of video surveillance systems. The original Request for Proposals (RFP) allows for the purchase of additional surveillance systems as needed, providing a flexible and cost-effective solution for ongoing replacements. This competitive contract ensures CyRide is purchasing equipment at the best value for the organization.

CyRide has recently received five 40' battery electric buses and two 60' articulated buses. During the final design phase of the bus purchase, CyRide evaluated the cost provided by the manufacturer and determined that purchasing and installing the video surveillance systems after vehicle delivery would result in a lower overall cost.

CyRide requested pricing from Safety Vision for the video surveillance systems for the seven buses. The quoted price, which includes onsite installation and all required hardware, totals \$66,703.94.

The Maintenance Division and the Technology Coordinator have reviewed the quote and determined it to be fair and reasonable. Currently, CyRide has \$68,527 available in the CIP to support the installation of these systems.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the purchase of seven video surveillance systems and installation services to Safety Vision of Houston, Texas, for a total cost of \$66,703.94.
2. Direct staff to proceed according to Transit Board priorities.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Transit Director recommends approval of Alternative #1. Video surveillance systems are critical to maintain safe transit operations, and installing them will help ensure CyRide's vehicles remain in a state of good repair.

December 18, 2025
Award of Contract for Bus Shelter Purchase
CyRide Resource: James Rendall

BACKGROUND:

CyRide currently has fifty shelters installed at bus stops systemwide. Shelters at bus stops improve the rider experience by providing seating, route information, and protection from unfavorable outdoor conditions. Bus shelters typically have a long service life, with many in Ames dating to the 1980s. In 2012, CyRide introduced a new style of modern shelter, identifiable by the red arch with the CyRide logo. CyRide has fourteen modern shelters, all constructed by Columbia Equipment Company of Manhattan, New York. The purchase of four shelters is programmed into the FY 2026 Capital Improvements Plan using the Section 5310 allocation, which is 80% federally funded.

CyRide has worked with the Purchasing Division and determined that a single-source procurement from Columbia Equipment Company to purchase additional modern shelters would provide the best value, due to proven quality, commonality of parts, familiarity with construction, and a unified appearance within the system.

As part of CyRide's bus stop plan, bus stops are evaluated to determine where adding additional amenities would benefit passengers. During this last review process, CyRide determined that a slightly smaller shelter would be appropriate at some future locations. CyRide worked with Columbia Equipment Company to utilize part sizes found within the current red-arch shelter and provide pricing for a medium-sized shelter. The pricing for the medium-sized shelter was provided at a cost of \$24,300 per shelter. Columbia Equipment Company also provided updated pricing for the large red-arch shelter at a cost of \$28,500 per shelter.

Based upon review of the locations selected for shelter installations, staff determined that purchasing three large shelters and one medium shelter would meet customer needs on route. Based upon CyRide's request, Columbia Equipment Company quoted a total cost of \$109,800 for the four shelters. The price does not include powder coating of the red arch. The Maintenance Division will paint the arches once they are delivered.

The final award of contract will be subject to approval by the Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Public Transit.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a single-source procurement to Columbia Equipment Company of Manhattan, New York, in the amount of \$109,800 for the purchase of four modern bus shelters.
2. Direct staff to proceed according to Transit Board priorities.

The Transit Director recommends approval of Alternative #1. Purchasing these four new bus shelters would provide additional amenities for our passengers and continue supporting a positive appearance for CyRide.



December 18, 2025

FY 2027 Budget

CyRide Resource: Rob Jennings, Barbara Neal

BACKGROUND:

CyRide annually develops and presents a budget for approval by the Transit Board of Trustees, reflecting anticipated revenues and expenses for the upcoming budget year. Under the Intergovernmental Agreement between Iowa State University, the Student Government, and the City of Ames, the Transit Board of Trustees must approve a budget by January 21 each year.

The following budget and capital plan support CyRide's goal of connecting people to their community with safe and efficient transportation that exceeds customer expectations. It also supports long-term planning to meet the community's future transportation needs.

Ridership continues to grow steadily, driven by strong student demand and sustained community use of the system. CyRide consistently ranks among the top five transit systems nationally in ridership per capita, far exceeding similar-sized systems. These trends reinforce CyRide's role as a trusted, convenient, and accessible transportation option for the community.

While demand for service continues to increase, CyRide faces workforce shortages, higher operating costs, long lead times for buses and components, and facility constraints that affect daily operations. In this environment, CyRide is pleased to present a budget with modest increases to the local funding partners while still advancing initiatives to improve service quality and efficiency.

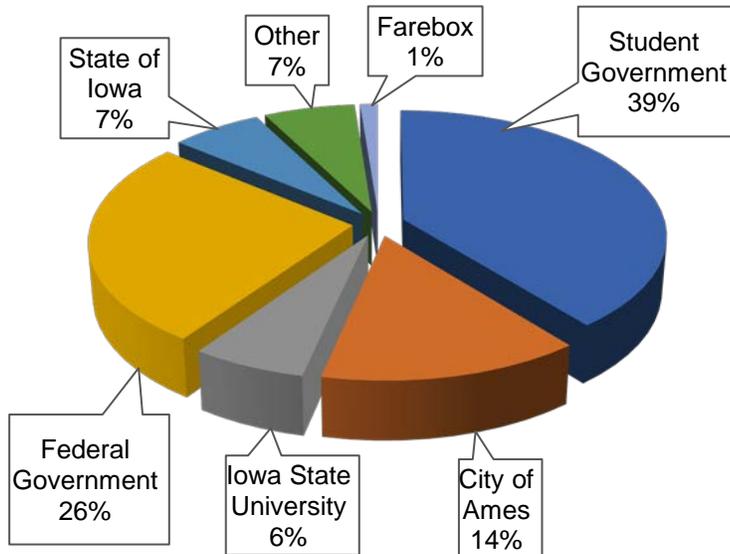
Developing our employees will continue to be a top priority to ensure CyRide can meet our customers' service demands. This includes efforts to boost staffing through improved hiring, retention, and training opportunities to support workforce growth. Investing in our employees will help develop new leaders and enable CyRide to maintain high-quality customer service across all levels of the organization.

Technology improvements will also play a key role, with system upgrades designed to enhance accessibility, convenience, and responsiveness for riders. Real-time information tools and customer-facing technologies will streamline interactions, improve communication, and elevate the overall transit experience. CyRide remains committed to using technology to provide accessible, user-friendly services that meet the evolving expectations of the community.

Budgeted expenditures are expected to be balanced by anticipated revenues and reserves in the proposed FY 2027 budget. CyRide staff will continue to implement cost-effective strategies to increase ridership and deliver value to the community.

Current Year (FY 2026) Budgeted Revenues

CyRide’s revenue sources for the current fiscal year are shown below. The Transit Board approved revenue contributions by the three local funding partners in December 2024.



Funding Partner	Revenues
Student Government	\$ 6,152,792
City of Ames	\$ 2,227,370
Iowa State University	\$ 976,790
Federal Government	\$ 4,135,821
State of Iowa	\$ 1,000,000
Other	\$ 999,796
Farebox	\$ 193,500
Total Revenues	\$15,686,070*

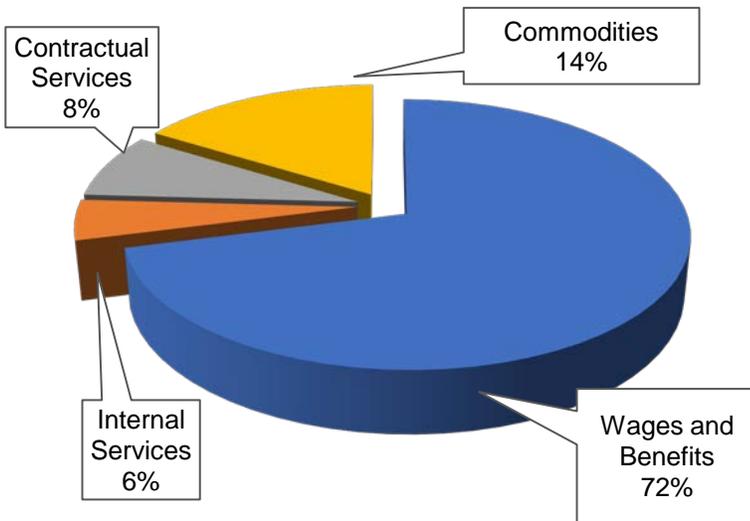
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- **Federal** – This category includes Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding sources such as Section 5307, Section 5310, and Small Transit Intensive Cities (STIC). CyRide’s annual Section 5307 allocation primarily supports operating expenses and was budgeted at \$4,135,821.
- **State of Iowa** – The State of Iowa contribution is budgeted at \$1,000,000. This funding is provided through State Transit Assistance (STA), which comes from new car sales. We anticipate the final funding amount to be similar to the prior year’s allocation.
- **Other Revenue** – This category includes advertising, transit contracts, reimbursements, interest income, and other miscellaneous revenues and is budgeted at \$999,796.
- **Farebox Revenue** – For the current year, farebox revenue is budgeted at \$193,500.

CyRide will continue to monitor all revenue sources for significant deviations and bring information to the Transit Board if conditions change.

Current Year (FY 2026) Budgeted Operating Expenses

CyRide’s operating expenses for the current fiscal year are shown below, excluding transfers to support the capital plan.



Category	Expenses
Wages and Benefits	\$11,325,042
Commodities	\$ 2,203,473
Contractual Services	\$ 1,290,878
Internal Services	\$ 872,138
Refunds	\$ 600
Total Expenses	\$15,692,131

- Wages and Benefits** – This category is the largest expense in the CyRide budget. For the current budget year, wages and benefits are budgeted at \$11,325,042.

- Commodities** – Fuel, parts, and lubricants make up the largest portion of this category. Fuel is budgeted at \$3.15 per gallon, and current prices are averaging \$2.40 per gallon. The fuel budget for FY 2026 was adjusted to reflect lower market pricing. CyRide will continue to monitor fuel costs and report significant changes to the Transit Board.
- Contractual Services** – For the current year, contractual items are budgeted at \$1,290,878.
- Internal Services** – For the current year, Internal Services accounts for \$872,138 in expenses.

CyRide will continue to monitor expenditures for significant deviations and bring information to the Transit Board if conditions change.

Reserve Fund Balances

CyRide maintains reserve funds in three separate accounts to provide financial stability for the organization. Reserves are kept in the Transit Operations Fund, Transit Capital Reserve Fund, and the Student Government Trust Fund.

Transit Operations Fund – CyRide maintains a closing balance to address unanticipated needs, satisfy the City’s reserve requirements for cash flow purposes, meet local match requirements for grant opportunities, and help offset the local funding partners’ system subsidy. Transit Board policy is to maintain a closing balance between 7.5% and 10% of total expenditures. The uncommitted closing balance is anticipated to be \$237,682. The Operations Fund closing balance meets the Transit Board’s goal with a final balance above the 10% threshold.

Transit Capital Reserve Fund – This fund supports grant and capital activities. The balance at the end of the current fiscal year is anticipated to be \$1,539,327 and will carry forward as the beginning balance for the next fiscal year. This fund will support the purchase of rolling stock and facility improvement projects. This balance does not include additional reserves previously allocated by the Transit Board for facility expansion, battery-electric bus vehicle and battery replacement, 40’ bus replacements, or accessible technology replacement.

Transit Student Government Trust Fund – This fund stabilizes contributions from Student Government (SG) to CyRide’s operating budget. One of its primary purposes is to smooth activity-fee increases over multiple years, helping keep fees stable for students as costs change. The fund balance fluctuates based on ISU enrollment, SG-approved fees, and service levels. The target balance for this fund is 10% of SG’s annual budget commitment to CyRide. The SG Trust Fund balance is projected to end the 2025/26 academic year \$1,249,637 above the minimum reserve, with this balance expected to be used gradually to help minimize future student fee increases.

FY 2027 Operating Budget Revenue Discussion

REVENUES	City Year-End Actuals		CyRide		
	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Adopted	FY 2027 Requested	Change FY 2026 to FY 2027
Local Funding Partner Contributions					
Student Government (SG)	\$ 6,296,461	\$ 5,670,196	\$ 6,152,792	\$ 6,368,140	3.5%
SG Trust Fund Transfer	\$ (210,922)	\$ (440,145)			
City of Ames	\$ 2,097,004	\$ 2,166,443	\$ 2,227,370	\$ 2,305,328	3.5%
Iowa State University	\$ 929,723	\$ 952,966	\$ 976,790	\$ 1,010,978	3.5%
Federal, State, Fares, and Other Revenue					
Federal Government	\$ 3,923,009	\$ 4,573,179	\$ 4,135,821	\$ 4,135,821	0.0%
State of Iowa	\$ 1,198,823	\$ 1,108,129	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	0.0%
Fares	\$ 198,101	\$ 182,956	\$ 193,500	\$ 187,500	-3.1%
Other	\$ 1,498,613	\$ 1,371,066	\$ 999,796	\$ 1,096,142	9.6%
Total Revenues	\$15,930,813*	\$15,584,790	\$15,686,070*	\$16,103,909	2.7%

**Totals may not exact sum due to rounding*

The baseline budget for the local funding partners shows a requested increase of 3.5%. The following revenue assumptions have been made for revenue sources other than those provided by the local funding partners.

- **Federal Government Funding** – This revenue category includes Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding sources such as Section 5307, Section 5310, and Small Transit Intensive Cities (STIC). The amount of assistance provided by the federal government is budgeted at \$4,135,821.
- **State of Iowa Funding** – This revenue source comes from the State Transit Assistance (STA) funding. The State of Iowa's assistance is budgeted at \$1,000,000.
- **Fare Revenue** – This revenue source is budgeted at \$187,500. CyRide will continue to evaluate the impact of new Token Transit pass options on future farebox trends.
- **Other Revenue** – Other revenue is budgeted at \$1,096,142, which includes advertising revenue, transit contracts, reimbursements, interest income, and other miscellaneous revenue.

FY 2027 Budget Operating Expense Assumptions

EXPENDITURES	City Year-End Actuals		CyRide		
	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Adopted	FY 2027 Requested	Change FY 2026 to FY 2027
Wages and Benefits	\$10,170,021	\$11,011,877	\$11,325,042	\$11,832,652	4.5%
Commodities	\$ 1,893,116	\$ 1,952,971	\$ 2,203,473	\$ 2,231,870	1.3%
Contractual Services	\$ 908,511	\$ 1,191,294	\$ 1,290,878	\$ 1,469,260	13.8%
Internal Services	\$ 734,382	\$ 779,027	\$ 872,138	\$ 866,345	-0.7%
Refunds	\$ 313	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	0.0%
Total Expenditures	\$13,706,343	\$14,935,769	\$15,692,131	\$16,400,727	4.5%

The proposed FY 2027 budget reflects a 4.5% increase in operating expenses compared to the adopted FY 2026 budget. The following shows the operating expenses by category.

- **Wages and Benefits** – This expenditure is projected to increase by 4.5% overall for FY 2027, reflecting both contractual and noncontractual wage and benefit changes.
- **Commodities** – Fuel, parts, and lubricants are the largest portion of this expenditure. The overall budget for commodities is increasing by 1.3% for FY 2027. Fuel is budgeted at \$3.15 per gallon, consistent with the FY 2026 budget.
- **Contractual Services** – This category includes payments for services by outside professionals, contractors, vendors, and utilities. Contractual expenses are projected to increase by 13.8%. This increase reflects higher overall service and utility costs, including additional usage associated with CyRide’s expanded electric bus fleet.
- **Internal Services** – This category includes payments for services performed internally by other City of Ames departments, such as human resources, information technology, messenger services, etc. Internal services are projected to decrease by 0.7% in FY 2027.

Capital Improvements Plan

CyRide’s annual capital budget provides funding for fleet replacement, facility improvements, bus stop upgrades, technology investments, and shop and office equipment. CyRide develops a five-year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) each year to align available resources with programmed projects and to maintain a state of good repair (SGR) across its fleet, facilities, and other capital assets. The CIP is guided by CyRide’s Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan, which prioritizes investments based on asset condition and compliance requirements.

Implementation of the CIP depends on the availability of federal, state, and local funding. Effective long-range planning provides a framework for prioritizing improvements according to asset needs and financial capacity. After approval by the Transit Board of Trustees, the plan is incorporated into the City of Ames Capital Improvements Plan each January.

If approved as part of the overall FY 2027 budget, CyRide will begin purchasing items in the first year of the CIP beginning July 1, 2027. The remaining four years are subject to change based on future funding availability. The following summary outlines the first-year purchases included in the FY 2027 capital request.

FY 2027 Capital Request Summary

CAPITAL	City Year-End Actuals		CyRide	
	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Adopted	FY 2027 Requested
Beginning Balance	\$10,877,395	\$13,448,357	\$ 6,327,295**	\$ 1,539,327
Capital Revenues				
Federal/State Funding (Grants)	\$ 1,128,684	\$ 340,512	\$12,006,405	\$ 3,749,359
ISU Parking	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000
Interest Revenue	\$ 557,961	\$ 691,287	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000
Transfer from Transit Operations	\$ 2,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000
Total Capital Revenues	\$ 4,503,645	\$2,848,799	\$12,953,405	\$ 4,696,359
Total Capital Available	\$15,381,039*	\$16,297,156	\$19,280,700	\$ 6,235,687*
Capital Expenditures				
Vehicle Replacement & Rehabilitation	\$ 839,879	\$ 88,237	\$15,847,030	\$ 4,100,241
Facility Improvements & Expansion	\$ 973,087	\$ 417,747	\$ 916,323	\$ 796,096
Technology	\$ 0	\$ 353,187	\$ 477,620	\$ 125,000
Bus Stop Improvements	\$ 64,330	\$ 0	\$ 233,000	\$ 110,000
Shop and Office Equipment	\$ 55,386	\$ 183,551	\$ 267,400	\$ 147,400
Total Capital Expenditures	\$ 1,932,682	\$ 1,042,722	\$17,741,373	\$ 5,278,737
Ending Balance	\$13,448,357	\$15,254,434	\$ 1,539,327	\$ 956,950

*Totals may not exact sum due to rounding

**Does not include reserve funds

The FY 2027 budget reflects a transfer of \$800,000 to the capital fund to purchase buses and support facility improvements. A variety of capital projects are planned for the upcoming fiscal year:

- **Four New 40' Heavy-Duty Buses** – CyRide received grant funding for four new 40' buses. These buses will be funded with approximately 80% state and federal assistance and will replace existing vehicles to help CyRide meet its federal TAM plan goals.
- **One Battery Electric Bus** – The plan includes replacing one 40' diesel bus with a battery electric bus supported by Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding. This replacement will increase CyRide's battery electric fleet to eight buses.
- **One Support Vehicle** – The plan includes replacing one CyRide support vehicle. This vehicle is programmed to be a hybrid and will be used to support daily operations.
- **Steam Cleaning In-Ground Hoist Replacement Project** – This project will replace the existing hoist in the Steam Cleaning Bay and will expand capacity by installing two new in-ground hoists capable of lifting both 40' and 60' buses. CyRide received Public Transit Infrastructure Grant (PTIG) funding to support this project.
- **Bus Stops and Shelters** – CyRide will upgrade two bus shelters this year, using 80% federally funds. CyRide will continue using Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs) to monitor passenger boarding and alighting activity, ensuring that improvements are targeted and effective.
- **Bus Technology** – CyRide will continue investing in technology to improve system efficiency and enhance the riding experience, particularly for passengers with disabilities. Investments include installing on-board display monitors that show upcoming stops and real-time information, with potential for advertising integration.
- **Concrete** – CyRide annually budgets funds to repair and replace concrete at bus stops and around the facility. Projects are prioritized based on pavement conditions and operational needs.
- **60" Brake Press** – CyRide has budgeted funds to purchase this specialized equipment, allowing staff to fabricate brackets and parts in-house. Many of these components are now obsolete and unavailable. This capability will help CyRide maintain older vehicles and extend their service life.
- **Alignment Machine Rack** – The plan includes the purchase of an alignment machine rack to improve suspension system adjustments, reduce tire wear, enhance bus handling, and improve ride quality for passengers.
- **Shop Equipment** – The CyRide Maintenance Division relies on specialized equipment to maintain buses in compliance with FTA maintenance standards. This includes parts washers, refrigerant recovery machines, lifts, and diagnostic tools. CyRide budgets funds annually for shop equipment due to the long service life and unpredictable replacement needs of many items. In FY 2027, CyRide plans to replace aging fluid reels, which have reached the end of their useful life. Replacing these reels will improve efficiency and safety in daily maintenance operations.

- **Copiers** – CyRide has budgeted funds to replace two copiers for the Administration and Operations divisions to support day-to-day transit functions.
- **Computers/Office Equipment** – FY 2027 expenditures include replacing computers, laptops, printers, and office chairs at an estimated cost of \$27,400. These replacements address aging or obsolete equipment.

Remaining Four Years (FY 2028 - 2031)

Additional capital projects are scheduled for the remaining four years of the CIP, contingent upon the availability of federal, state, and local funding. Refer to the attached FY 2027 Capital Improvements Plan for complete details. Capital items in this period include:

- **40' Buses** – Three buses are scheduled for replacement in FY 2028 and FY 2029, with one replacement planned for FY 2030. Five buses are scheduled for replacement in FY 2031. These vehicles will replace older buses in the fleet and support CyRide's efforts to meet federal TAM plan goals.
- **Battery Electric Buses (BEB)** – The CIP includes the replacement of one 40' diesel bus with a battery electric bus each year from FY 2028 through FY 2030. CyRide will continue seeking grant opportunities to support future zero-emission bus purchases.
- **Support Vehicles** – Administrative and support vehicles are replaced every four to six years, depending on vehicle condition, mileage, and available funding. These vehicles support daily operations and supervision. The CIP also includes funding in FY 2031 for replacing a shop truck used by the Maintenance Division.
- **Bus Stop Improvements** – CyRide will continue using Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs) to monitor passenger activity and guide stop improvements. The CIP includes annual funding of \$30,000–\$35,000 for small concrete replacement projects to maintain accessibility and safety at bus stops.
- **Bus Shelter Technology Improvements** – Funding is programmed in FY 2028 for real-time display signs at high-ridership shelters. CyRide will coordinate with city staff and community partners to identify future locations and opportunities to expand this technology in the community.
- **Concrete** – Funding is programmed for concrete replacement projects at the CyRide facility in FY 2028 and FY 2031. These improvements are completed as needed to address pavement deterioration, support safe bus movements, and maintain functional circulation areas around the facility.
- **Shop Equipment** – CyRide budgets \$50,000 annually for shop equipment to support routine maintenance activities. This category includes the ongoing replacement of specialized tools and equipment as needed, since these items have long service lives and individual needs are difficult to predict in advance.

- **Building Improvement and Expansion**

- **Fueling System Upgrade** – CyRide plans to replace its current fuel dispensing system with a spill-free design to improve safety and fueling efficiency. The project would also support future fleet needs and reduce time spent refueling vehicles off-site. Implementation will depend on the availability of grant funding.
- **Facility Expansion** – CyRide has programmed funding to support facility improvements and the facility expansion needed to address long-term operational needs. Following the recent \$14.6 million federal facility expansion award, these programmed funds will support needs identified during design and construction and provide the required local match. CyRide has reserved approximately \$3.7 million as local match for the expansion and will continue to evaluate funding options as the project progresses.

FY 2027 Budget Summary

The FY 2027 CIP budget includes funding for four replacement 40' buses and one battery electric bus. Additionally, a State of Iowa Public Transportation Infrastructure Grant (PTIG) will enable CyRide to complete the Steam Cleaning In-Ground Hoist Replacement Project, expanding hoist capacity within the facility. If additional discretionary grant funding opportunities arise, staff will present these projects to the Transit Board for consideration.

The proposed FY 2027 operating budget totals \$16,400,727 and represents an increase of 4.5% over the adopted FY 2026 budget. This budget preserves current service levels and requires a 3.5% increase in contributions from the local funding partners.

CyRide is seeking board input on the recommended budget and if any modifications should be included. The Transit Board may approve the final budget at the December meeting or defer action until the January 15 meeting, ensuring compliance with the Intergovernmental Agreement requirement that the budget be approved by **January 21** of each year.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the FY 2027 budget and capital improvements plan as proposed, with a 3.5% cost increase to the local funding partners.
2. Defer approval and direct staff to modify the FY 2027 budget according to Transit Board priorities, with the final budget approval scheduled for the January 15 Transit Board meeting to meet the Intergovernmental Agreement deadline of January 21.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Transit Director recommends approval of Alternative #1, to approve the FY 2027 budget and capital improvement plan as presented. This allows CyRide to continue offering the high level of transit services the community relies upon with low increases to the local funding partners, with initiatives designed to improve the quality and efficiency of CyRide services.

BUDGET ANALYSIS - 2025 Actual, 2026 Amended, 2027 Requested

		10/18/2022	10/2/2023	10/14/2024		10/8/2025				
12/15/25	5:00 PM	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	24-25	24-25	25-26	25-26	26-27
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Adopted	Amended	Actual	Adopted	Amended	Requested
FIXED ROUTE										
550-1221	Operations	\$6,423,269	\$6,989,829	\$7,562,535	\$8,646,437	\$8,621,530	\$8,453,508	\$8,945,952	\$9,057,006	\$9,326,608
550-1222	Maintenance	\$2,658,022	\$3,058,725	\$3,231,018	\$3,854,163	\$3,922,809	\$3,464,867	\$3,639,764	\$3,655,738	\$3,736,262
FIXED ROUTE TOTAL		\$9,081,291	\$10,048,554	\$10,793,553	\$12,500,600	\$12,544,339	\$11,918,375	\$12,585,716	\$12,712,745	\$13,062,869
DIAL-A-RIDE										
550-1341	Operations	\$243,104	\$254,746	\$281,698	\$285,729	\$285,619	\$310,419	\$292,333	\$343,891	\$380,864
550-1342	Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
DIAL-A-RIDE TOTAL		\$243,104	\$254,746	\$281,698	\$285,729	\$285,619	\$310,419	\$292,333	\$343,891	\$380,864
ADMINISTRATION/SUPPORT										
550-1101	Administration	\$1,289,435	\$1,328,082	\$1,515,495	\$1,540,497	\$1,575,971	\$1,588,437	\$1,622,894	\$1,703,050	\$1,770,632
550-1102	Safety/Training	\$561,533	\$620,271	\$664,841	\$636,971	\$636,071	\$655,701	\$661,916	\$661,916	\$697,806
550-1103	Promotion	\$4,203	\$1,673	\$3,298	\$6,550	\$6,550	\$2,779	\$6,550	\$6,550	\$6,550
550-1105	Bldg/Grounds	\$403,627	\$492,780	\$447,458	\$515,532	\$505,498	\$459,620	\$522,723	\$492,326	\$482,006
ADMIN/SUPPORT TOTAL		\$2,258,799	\$2,442,807	\$2,631,092	\$2,699,550	\$2,724,090	\$2,706,536	\$2,814,083	\$2,863,843	\$2,956,994
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		\$11,583,193	\$12,746,107	\$13,706,343	\$15,485,879	\$15,554,048	\$14,935,331	\$15,692,132	\$15,920,478	\$16,400,728
TRANSFER TO SG TRUST				\$210,922		\$440,145	\$440,145			
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND		\$5,401,961	\$4,193,914	\$2,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
TOTAL USED		\$16,985,154	\$16,940,021	\$16,717,265	\$17,285,879	\$17,794,193	\$17,175,476	\$16,492,132	\$16,720,478	\$17,200,728
OPENING BALANCE		\$10,846,451	\$10,781,932	\$10,507,553	\$9,932,024	\$9,932,024	\$9,932,024	\$8,781,483	\$8,781,483	\$7,791,604
OPERATING REVENUE		\$16,919,515	\$16,665,642	\$16,141,736	\$15,434,260	\$15,434,260	\$16,024,935	\$15,686,070	\$15,730,600	\$16,103,909
TOTAL AVAILABLE		\$27,765,966	\$27,447,574	\$26,649,288	\$25,366,284	\$25,366,284	\$25,956,959	\$24,467,553	\$24,512,083	\$23,895,514
Committed Funds		\$3,884,593	\$2,766,638	\$2,680,000	\$2,650,000	\$2,650,000	\$2,650,000	\$2,650,000	\$2,650,000	\$2,650,000
Closing Balance Excess of 10%		\$5,770,605	\$6,466,304	\$5,882,802	\$3,881,817		\$4,637,950		\$3,549,557	\$2,404,713
CLOSING BALANCE		\$1,125,614	\$1,274,611	\$1,369,221	\$1,548,588	\$4,922,091	\$1,493,533	\$5,325,421	\$1,592,048	\$1,640,073
Closing/Operating Total		9.7%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	31.6%	10.0%	33.9%	10.0%	10.0%

CyRide Capital - FY24 to FY31

		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Capital		Actual							
Beginning Balance		\$ 10,877,395	\$ 13,448,357	\$ 6,327,295	\$ 1,539,327	\$ 956,950	\$ 537,818	\$ 128,122	\$ 4,647
State/Federal Building	80%								
PTIG Building	80%	\$ 592,016	\$ 59,048	\$ 511,323	\$ 566,096	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
State/Federal Bus (60' Bus)(FY22)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,641,882					
State/Federal Bus (40' Bus)(FY23)	80%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,951,464	\$ 2,218,929	\$ 1,746,156	\$ 1,747,406	\$ 611,592	\$ 3,210,859
State/Federal Bus (40' Bus)(FY24)				\$ 1,452,714					
STBG Money		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 377,050	\$ 377,050	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
State/Federal BEB (FY21)		\$ 105,299	\$ 12,000						
State/Federal BEB (FY23)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 523,285	\$ 544,216	\$ 565,985	\$ 588,624	
State/Federal BEB (FY24)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,762,123					
State/Federal Minibuses (FY22)	85%	\$ 249,917	\$ 95,141						
State/Federal Minibuses (FY23 HIRTA)	85%	\$ 135,372	\$ 33,135						
State/Federal Bus Stops	80%	\$ 46,080	\$ -	\$ 128,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000
State/Federal Annunciators - APC		\$ -	\$ 9,702	\$ 27,314					
Infotainment (FY22)		\$ -	\$ 35,707						
Infotainment (FY23)		\$ -	\$ 72,255						
Infotainment (FY24)		\$ -	\$ 23,524	\$ 21,422					
Infotainment (FY25)			\$ -	\$ 78,929					
Infotainment (FY26)				\$ 54,184					
ISU Parking		\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000
Interest		\$ 557,961	\$ 691,287	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000
Capital Transfer		\$ 2,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000
Capital Revenues		\$ 4,503,645	\$ 2,848,799	\$ 12,953,405	\$ 4,696,359	\$ 4,301,372	\$ 4,324,391	\$ 3,211,216	\$ 5,221,859

Total Available		\$ 15,381,039	\$ 16,297,156	\$ 19,280,700	\$ 6,235,687	\$ 5,258,322	\$ 4,862,209	\$ 3,339,338	\$ 5,226,506
HVAC Replacement (Phase 3)	PTIG	\$ 491,803	\$ 22,797						
Shop Expansion	PTIG	\$ 405,324	\$ 119,946						
Building Fire Suppression (Phase 1)	PTIG		\$ -	\$ 661,323					
Steam Clean Hoist					\$ 716,096				
Fueling System Upgrade (Spill Free)	PTIG					\$ 750,000			
Facility Expansion	PTIG						\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
Articulated Bus (Grants)		\$ -	\$ 12,308	\$ 2,052,363					
Bus (Grants) BEB (FY21)		\$ 149,637	\$ 20,632						
Bus (Grants) BEB (FY23)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,276,580	\$ 1,340,409	\$ 1,407,429	\$ 1,477,801	
Bus (Grants) BEB (FY24)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,379,524					
Bus (Grants) 40' Buses (FY22)									
Bus (Grants) 40' Buses (FY23)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,533,219	\$ 2,773,661	\$ 2,182,695	\$ 2,184,258	\$ 764,490	\$ 4,013,574
Bus (Grants) 40' Buses (FY24)				\$ 1,781,924					
Bus (Grants) Minibuses (FY22)		\$ 402,794	\$ 14,172						
		*3-Low-floor Minibuses (390, 391, 7654)		16 Large Buses Tot. *2 Artic Buses(952, 502) *5 BEB bus *6-40' HD BUSES(9072, 9074, 9077, 9071, 9075, 9073, 9076) *3 40' Buses (953,954,9070)	5 Large Buses Tot. *1 BEB(504) *4-40' HD Diesel BUSES (186,187,188,189)	4 Large Buses Tot. *1 BEB *3-40' HD BUSES (9 hybrids & 3 2010 buses need replaced)	4 Large Buses Tot. *1 BEB *3-40' HD BUSES (9 hybrids & 3 2010 buses need replaced)	2 Large Buses Tot. *1 BEB *1-40' HD BUS	5 Large Buses Tot. *0 BEB *5-40' HD BUS
Bus Stop Shelters	5310	\$ 57,600	\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Infotainment (FY22)		\$ -	\$ 44,634						
Infotainment (FY23)	5310	\$ -	\$ 90,319						
Infotainment (FY24)		\$ -	\$ 29,405	\$ 26,777					
Infotainment (FY25)			\$ -	\$ 98,662	\$ 25,000				
Infotainment (FY26)				\$ 67,730					
APC Project	5312	\$ -	\$ 13,097	\$ 30,349					
Facility Improvements - Maint.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000					
Facility Improvements - Interior		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000					
AVL Replacement (Local)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		
Infotainment Local Match				\$ 25,000					
Bus Technology - Accessibility / Technology		\$ -	\$ 175,732	\$ 129,102	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Support Vehicle		\$ 86,050	\$ 41,125	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Shop Truck									\$ 80,000
Shop Equipment		\$ 33,307	\$ 38,630	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Computers/Office Equip.		\$ 16,915	\$ 24,627	\$ 27,400	\$ 27,400	\$ 27,400	\$ 27,400	\$ 27,400	\$ 27,400
Concrete		\$ -	\$ 26,119	\$ 130,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000
Concrete (Bus Stops)		\$ 6,730	\$ -	\$ 73,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
A&E Services		\$ 30,533	\$ 90,056	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Security System (Building)		\$ 39,610	\$ 158,829						
Wheel Lifts (x6)		\$ -	\$ 96,749						
Copier		\$ 5,164			\$ 10,000				
Bus Shelter Technology Improvements						\$ 25,000			
Tire Balancer			\$ 23,545						
Snow Removal Equipment				\$ 40,000					
Inground Bus Lift				\$ 150,000					
60" Brake Press					\$ 25,000				
Alignment Machine Rack					\$ 35,000				
Capital Expenses		\$ 1,932,682	\$ 1,042,722	\$ 17,741,373	\$ 5,278,737	\$ 4,720,504	\$ 4,734,087	\$ 3,334,691	\$ 5,220,974
Ending Balance		\$ 13,448,357	\$ 15,254,434	\$ 1,539,327	\$ 956,950	\$ 537,818	\$ 128,122	\$ 4,647	\$ 5,532

Reserve Funds									
Facility Expansion Local Match			\$ 3,715,166						
BEB Local Match (Vehicles or Batteries)			\$ 1,147,902						
40' or 60' Bus Local Match			\$ 3,314,071						
Accessibility Technology Replacement			\$ 750,000						
Balance w/o Reserve Funds		\$ 13,448,357	\$ 6,327,295	\$ 1,539,327	\$ 956,950	\$ 537,818	\$ 128,122	\$ 4,647	\$ 5,532

CyRide Vehicle Replacement and Rehabilitation

Project Status: Cost Change

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

Description/Justification

CyRide will replace buses in the fleet as grant funding opportunities arise to ensure vehicles remain in a state of good repair, as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). New buses are expected to be funded with state-allocated capital funds awarded through a competitive statewide process. Vehicle replacements will be prioritized as funding becomes available to maintain safe, reliable service and compliance with asset management standards. CyRide will continue pursuing competitive grants to advance its Zero-Emission Roadmap, which supports up to 17 battery electric buses within existing facilities and routes. Administrative and support vehicles will also be replaced on a scheduled cycle to maintain efficient operations.

In total, these purchases are programmed as follows:

2026/27	Replace four 40' buses (\$2,773,661); replace one 40' bus with a battery electric bus (\$1,276,580); replace one administrative vehicle (\$50,000)
2027/28	Replace three 40' buses (\$2,182,695); replace one 40' bus with a battery electric bus (\$1,340,409); replace one administrative vehicle (\$50,000)
2028/29	Replace three 40' buses (\$2,184,258); replace one 40' bus with a battery electric bus (\$1,407,429); replace one administrative vehicle (\$50,000)
2029/30	Replace one 40' bus (\$764,491); replace one 40' bus with a battery electric bus (\$1,477,800); replace one administrative vehicle (\$50,000)
2030/31	Replace five 40' bus (\$4,013,574); replace one shop truck (\$80,000); replace one administrative vehicle (\$50,000)

Comments

New buses are anticipated to be funded with 80–85% federal assistance, including Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds and/or Public Transit Management System (PTMS) funds awarded through the Iowa DOT.

	Total	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Cost:						
Large Buses - 40' New	17,420,897	4,050,241	3,523,104	3,591,687	2,242,291	4,013,574
Large Buses - 60' New						
Administrative Vehicles	250,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Shop Truck	80,000					80,000
Total	17,750,897	4,100,241	3,573,104	3,641,687	2,292,291	4,143,574
Financing:						
Transit Fund	4,016,795	980,977	882,732	928,296	692,075	532,715
PTMS Funds	11,757,052	2,742,214	2,290,372	2,313,391	1,200,216	3,210,859
STBG Funds	1,977,050	377,050	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Total	17,750,897	4,100,241	3,573,104	3,641,687	2,292,291	4,143,574

Program - Activity:	Department:	Account Number:
Transportation - Transit	CyRide	552-1159-439
		552-1169-439

CyRide Facility Improvements

Project Status: No Change

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

Description/Justification

The CyRide facility is 40 years old, and major components of the building are nearing the end of their useful life. The facility currently houses more vehicles than it was originally designed for, increasing maintenance costs and underscoring the need to evaluate expansion options. This project will maintain the facility in a state of good repair, as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

2026/27	Steam Cleaning In-Ground Hoist replacement project; concrete replacement; A & E services
2027/28	Fueling system upgrade; concrete replacement; A & E services
2028/29	Construct an addition onto the existing facility, A & E services
2029/30	Construct an addition onto the existing facility, A & E services
2030/31	Construct an addition onto the existing facility; concrete replacement; A & E services

Comments

The Steam Cleaning In-Ground Hoist Replacement Project will replace aging equipment and add two hoists capable of lifting 40' and 60' buses, improving safety and efficiency with grant funding support. The fueling system upgrade will enhance safety and support future fleet needs as additional grant funding becomes available. Concrete and A&E work support ongoing maintenance and future facility expansion; CyRide has reserved \$3.7 million in local match for construction.

Location

CyRide, 601 North University Boulevard

	Total	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Cost:						
Architectural/Engineering	250,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Concrete	95,000	30,000	30,000			35,000
Construction	3,716,096	716,096	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000
Total	4,061,096	796,096	830,000	800,000	800,000	835,000
Financing:						
Transit Fund	1,095,000	230,000	230,000	200,000	200,000	235,000
State of Iowa - PTIG	2,966,096	566,096	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Total	4,061,096	796,096	830,000	800,000	800,000	835,000

Program - Activity:
Transportation - Transit

Department:
CyRide

Account Number:
552-1159-439
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CyRide Technology Improvements

Project Status: Cost Change

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

Description/Justification

Advancements in technology have significantly improved transit operations and passenger communication. CyRide will continue investing in bus technology and signage to enhance system efficiency and the rider experience, including for passengers with disabilities. Interior signs displaying upcoming stops will be expanded to additional vehicles, and real-time information monitors will be installed at key bus shelters to provide accurate arrival information and improve accessibility.

Comments

These technology upgrades will enhance passenger accessibility and the overall riding experience through real-time information and on-board displays. Interior infotainment systems and shelter monitors provide passengers with timely updates and improve system reliability, while integration with Transit, MyState, and Ames Ride apps gives users multiple ways to access real-time data and alerts.

Location

CyRide, 601 North University Boulevard

	Total	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Cost:						
Bus Technology	400,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	50,000	50,000
Bus Shelter Technology Improvements	25,000		25,000			
Infotainment Signage	25,000	25,000				
Total	450,000	125,000	125,000	100,000	50,000	50,000
Financing:						
Transit Fund	450,000	125,000	125,000	100,000	50,000	50,000
Total	450,000	125,000	125,000	100,000	50,000	50,000
Program - Activity:		Department:	Account Number:			
Transportation - Transit		CyRide	552-1159-439			
			552-1169-439			

Bus Stop Improvements

Project Status: No Change

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

Description/Justification

CyRide annually updates its Bus Stop Improvement Plan to ensure enhancements benefit the greatest number of riders. The plan incorporates Iowa DOT recommendations for state roadway stops that require coordination. Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs) are used to track passenger activity and identify which shelters and amenities to upgrade, ensuring targeted and effective improvements. Planned projects include upgrading five bus shelters, enhancing accessibility, and completing small concrete replacement projects funded locally to maintain and improve bus stop conditions.

Comments

Funding for shelter improvements is 80% federally funded through the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 program. Local funding supports concrete work to maintain safe, accessible bus stops and enhance the overall passenger experience.

LOCATION

Various locations

	Total	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Cost:						
Pads, Benches, Shelters	400,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
Concrete	170,000	30,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Total	570,000	110,000	115,000	115,000	115,000	115,000
Financing:						
Transit Fund	250,000	46,000	51,000	51,000	51,000	51,000
Federal 5310 Grants	320,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000
Total	570,000	110,000	115,000	115,000	115,000	115,000
Program - Activity:		Department:	Account Number:			
Transportation - Transit		CyRide	552-1159-439			
			552-1169-439			

CyRide Shop and Office Equipment

Project Status: Cost Change

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

Description/Justification

The CyRide Maintenance Division relies on specialized equipment to ensure buses are properly maintained and compliant with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations. CyRide budgets \$50,000 annually for shop equipment, as expenditures in this category can be difficult to predict due to the long lifespans of some items, which can remain reliable for decades. The FY 2026/27 program includes the purchase of a 60-inch brake press to fabricate brackets and parts in-house for older vehicles where components have become obsolete, and an alignment machine rack to improve suspension alignment, reduce tire wear, and enhance the riding experience. The FY 2026/27 program also includes replacing two copiers for the Administration and Operations divisions to support essential day-to-day transit functions. CyRide also replaces computers, printers, and office furniture as needed to support daily administrative functions.

2026/27	Copiers (\$10,000); 60-inch brake press (\$25,000); alignment rack (\$35,000); shop equipment (\$50,000); replacement computers/office equipment
2027/28	Shop equipment; replacement computers/office equipment
2028/29	Shop equipment; replacement computers/office equipment
2029/30	Shop equipment; replacement computers/office equipment
2030/31	Shop equipment; replacement computers/office equipment

Location

CyRide, 601 North University Boulevard

	Total	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Cost:						
Computers/ Office Equipment	137,000	27,400	27,400	27,400	27,400	27,400
Shop Equipment	250,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Copier	10,000	10,000				
60" Brake Press	25,000	25,000				
Alignment Machine Rack	35,000	35,000				
Total	457,000	147,400	77,400	77,400	77,400	77,400
Financing:						
Transit Fund	457,000	147,400	77,400	77,400	77,400	77,400
Total	457,000	147,400	77,400	77,400	77,400	77,400

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Transportation - Transit	CyRide	552-1159-439



December 18, 2025

Monthly Report

CyRide Resource: Barbara Neal

1. Rudolph

Theodore and Mr. Gobbles left after Thanksgiving, which means it is time for Rudolph to make an appearance. Rudolph has been guiding his bus on various routes, bringing holiday cheer before winter break starts.



2. Shop with a Cop

On Saturday, December 6, the Ames Police Department had its annual Shop with a Cop event. CyRide provided rides for the children and officers from City Hall to Target. Police officers from the ISU Police Department also participated. As always, Shop with a Cop was highly successful, and providing transportation was an excellent way for CyRide to help be a part of this event.



3. 2025 Facility Fire Protection Improvement Project

The Facility Fire Protection Improvement Project has begun. Currently, most of the sprinkler piping has been installed, and the reconstruction of the lane 1 overhead doorway has been completed. CyRide is ready for the fire door installation once the door arrives on-site. The project has been progressing on schedule and is on track to be substantially complete by the end of January 2026.

4. Spring Meeting Dates and Times

The Transit Board will need to discuss whether a different standard day and time of the month for future board meetings is warranted. CyRide has reviewed Trustee calendars and found that the third Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. is available for the spring semester. Listed below are the meeting dates for the spring semester if the board wishes to continue with the current schedule:

- January 15, 2026, 4:30 p.m.
- 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.