



Iowa Department of Transportation

800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010

515-239-1659

September 2, 2009

U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington DC, 20590

RE: Ames Intermodal Facility TIGER Grant

Dear Department of Transportation Official:

The Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) supports the Ames Intermodal Facility and encourages federal approval under the TIGER program. This project represents collaboration between the private and public sectors and is positioned to be an economic catalyst as well as an important multimodal transportation hub.

The private, intercity carriers such as Jefferson Lines and Burlington Trailways have been struggling in Ames for years in their current site with its location miles from the nearest public transit route. Relocation at the Ames Intermodal site situated in the center of the city, on a public transit route and adjacent to a business district is a tremendous improvement over current conditions. This location will attract additional usage and increased ridership.

The Iowa DOT is excited about this project and will consider this project for state funding under the state program that is taking applications by October 1, 2009 and will make funding available January 1, 2010.

Again, I encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to consider the Ames Intermodal Facility project for the TIGER program. It is the Iowa DOT's opinion that it meets the intent of this program and will benefit Iowans in Ames as well as regionally.

Sincerely,

Michelle McEnany, Director
Office of Public Transit
Iowa DOT



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September 1, 2009

Dear Ms. Kyras
Director of Transit
CyRide
1700 University Boulevard
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The Story County Board of Supervisors offers this letter of support for the City of Ames/Iowa State University/Cy Ride application to the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program to fund an intermodal facility near Iowa State University in the City of Ames.

The Board understands that this facility is expected to include bays for CyRide, HIRTA, intercity bus carriers, airport shuttle, and taxicabs. A 750- stall parking ramp with Department of Public Safety (DPS) offices and over 5,000 square feet of retail space along with bicycle parking for those not using other means of motorized transportation.

This intermodal facility will support economic development opportunities, provide more parking for local campustown business. It will also provide access to employment opportunities through vanpools. It will allow easier access for the general public and additional space for new small retail business within the facility. Our board is particularly pleased to note the inclusion of the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency.

The Story County Board of Supervisors strongly supports the concept. We encourage a thorough analysis of the impact on the neighborhood. We anticipate that improvements to the environment will be clearly outlined as this project moves forward. We strongly encourage funding of the City of Ames/Iowa State/University/CyRide Intermodal Facility.

Sincerely,

Wayne E. Clinton
Story County Board of Supervisors, Chair

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Government of the Student Body

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SENATE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STUDENT BODY

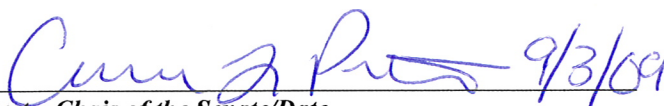
SENATE MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 2009

SENATE RESOLUTION 2009-2-026 SR

- TITLE:** Supporting an Intermodal Facility
- WHEREAS:** The 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided grants available to the Department of Transportation via the Transportation Investment Generating Economy Recovery (TIGER) program, and
- WHEREAS:** Iowa State University sponsored a Campustown study in 2008 to address the growing concern and need for redevelopment of the Campustown community and the study indicate that additional parking would be needed for such a redevelopment, and
- WHEREAS:** A proposed project between the City of Ames, CyRide, and Iowa State University for the building of an Intermodal Transportation Facility in the Campustown area would accommodate a link between public and private transportation along with addressing the parking need in the Campustown area to stimulate economic redevelopment and the long-term revitalization of the Campustown Community, be it therefore
- RESOLVED:** That the Government of the Student Body (GSB) recognizes the importance of the Campustown community and its link to the University, and let it be further
- RESOLVED:** That GSB supports the proposed project for building an Intermodal Transportation Facility in the Campustown area, with the intention of linking public transportation and revitalization of this area, and let it be further
- RESOLVED:** That copies of this resolution be sent to the University President Gregory Geoffroy, CyRide Board of Directors (Contact: Sheri Kyras), Facilities Planning and Management Program Manager Cathy Brown, Executive Vice President and Provost Elizabeth Hoffman, Vice President of Student Affairs Thomas Hill, Vice-President for Business and Finance Warren Madden, Dean of Students Dione Somerville, Alumni Association President Jeff Johnson, Alexandria Hayne, editor of the Ames Tribune, and Zach Thompson, editor of the Iowa State Daily.

September 2, 2009

WILSON, J.	JOHNSTON, J.	SCHROEDER, J.	WEBER, M.
RYHERD, B.	ZIGTEMA, C.	MOE, C.	DIMENSTEIN, K.
MALY, A.	SCHULTZ, J.	BECKER, J.	LONGNER, S.
HEILMAN, M.	LENHARDT, M.	PHILLIPS, L.	SAWYER, A.
SARKAR, S.	BRUNING, J.	CHAWLA, S.	SILVA, C.
FINNEGAN, D.	ROLING, L.	CASTANEDA, K.	GRYGIEL, D.
GRUBB, J.	DOBBELS, N.	BURNETT, H.	Petersen, C.
Turk, J.	Danielson, T.		


Attest—Chair of the Senate/Date

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Speaker of the Senate/Date

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

SENATE RESOLUTION F09-01 SENATE MEETING August 31, 2009

TITLE: Supporting an Intermodal Facility

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RESOLVED: That the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) recognizes the importance of the Campustown community and its link to the University, and let it be further

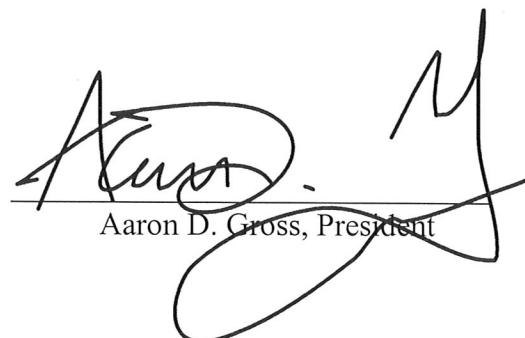
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420 South 17th Street
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September 8, 2009

U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
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Re: Ames Intermodal Project

To Whom It May Concern:

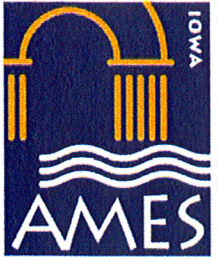
Please know that as a property owner interested in the re-investment of the Ames community, I believe that the Ames Intermodal project will provide much needed investment in the Campustown community.

This project can be a catalyst for change, and help to spur on additional projects that might re-introduce millions of dollars of private investment in a community that has long been forgotten.

I believe that the Ames Intermodal Project is one that deserves the full consideration of the United States Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

Matthew D. Randall
VP Operations, Randall Corporation



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Convention & Visitors Bureau

September 8, 2009

Sheri Kyras, Transit Director
CyRide
1700 University Blvd.
Ames, IA 50010

Dear Sheri,

On behalf of the Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau, I am writing to you in support of the proposed intermodal transportation facility. This joint project between the City of Ames, Iowa State University and CyRide is an excellent example of why Ames and Iowa State University continue to be one of the finest university-based meeting sites in the United States and why Ames was named *Iowa's 2008 Tourism Community of the Year*.

The Bureau is excited about the opportunities this new facility will bring to the Campustown area and to our community. Transportation to Ames and within the community is an important factor when visitors are choosing a destination for an event or for individual travel. The new facility will provide valuable services for residents, Iowa State students and visitors that will help improve their mobility throughout Ames, including transportation connections between local and regional providers, passenger waiting areas, additional parking and convenient retail locations. In addition, the new transportation facility will generate additional development in Campustown, creating a more dynamic area for visitors.

Ames continues to be a preferred destination for more than half a million overnight visitors each year, due to its ongoing efforts to provide key services that make it rewarding to visit our community. These overnight visitors generated over \$72 million dollars in economic impact for our community this past year.

As we plan for the continued growth of the tourism and hospitality industry, we always keep in mind how available services affect the quality of life for local residents and their impact on local businesses and the university. We support this new facility and look forward to working with you to promote the additional services to visitors in the future.

Please contact me if you would like additional information. I can be reached at 515.232.4032 or juliew@amescvb.com.

Sincerely,

Julie J. Weeks
Director
Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau

August 27, 2009

Sheri Kyras, Transit Director
CyRide
1700 University Blvd.
Ames, IA 50010

RE: Ames Intermodal Facility

Dear Sheri,

On behalf of the Ames Chamber of Commerce and the Ames Economic Development Commission I write to you in support of the joint project between the City of Ames, Iowa State University, and our local mass transportation provider, CyRide.

The proposed Intermodal facility would provide great benefit to the Ames community and specifically to the Campustown business district. As I understand it the following benefits would result from such a project:

- Transportation connections between CyRide, Jefferson Lines, Burlington Trailways, Executive Express (new private Des Moines airport shuttle provider), Heartland Senior Services (HIRTA) and taxicabs
- Intercity carriers office space/passenger waiting area – 1,700 square foot
- CyRide/HIRTA separate waiting area
- Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) technology for CyRide buses
- Parking ramp (@ 750 spaces) serving: Campustown businesses/development, Iowa State University (students, faculty, businesspersons), carpool/vanpool commuters, long-term users (airport/intercity)
- Traffic signal replacement (Hayward & Sheldon/Lincoln Way) and expansion (Hayward/Chamberlain) & turning lanes
- Bicycle/pedestrian path on site and through ISU Arboretum connecting with west Ames
- Bike lockers & shower facilities
- Facility designed for Gold Leadership & Energy Efficiency & Design (LEED) supporting sustainable features such as a green roof
- ISU's Department of Public Safety home base- 30,000 square feet office space/parking (brings safety to the facility, businesses and neighborhood)
- Complimentary Retail - 5,000 square feet (coffee shop, daycare, etc.)
- Public restrooms for Campustown & facility patrons



Campustown businesses are an important part of the Ames Chamber, however; Campustown retail managers have expressed concern over keeping their establishments in that area due with the existing parking limitations that deter patrons and employees from accessing their business. This intermodal facility can serve as a catalyst to bring employees/patrons to their business through redevelopment that can occur with adequate parking and connected transportation.

On behalf of the 700 plus members of the Ames Chamber of Commerce, the 100 plus investors in the Ames Economic Development Commission and the leadership of these groups; we wholeheartedly support the application for funding for the great, and very much needed, project.

Sincerely,



Daniel A. Culhane, CEcD

President & CEO

Ames Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development





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September 8, 2009

Sheri Kyras, Transit Director
Ames Transit Agency (CyRide)
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RE: Ames Intermodal Facility TIGER Grant

Dear Ms. Kyras:

This letter is to confirm the Ames Intermodal Facility Project within the current FFY2010 Ames Area Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the current 2030 Long Range Plan illustrating local commitment to CyRide's TIGER grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Specifically, the Ames Intermodal Facility is contained within the 2012 year of the FFY2010 TIP. With CyRide's deadline for a TIGER grant application for this project, the Ames Area MPO is currently in process of modifying the FFY2010 TIP moving the project into year 2010 and increasing the overall cost of the project. The MPO acknowledges that CyRide has already had extensive opportunities to obtain input from the public interests groups including two public meetings with over 85 people attending to participate in the planning of this facility. Many of the AAMPO members were present at the August 18, 2009 public council meeting where this project was discussed and formally approved by the Ames City Council funding a portion of the local match for this project. The Ames Area MPO policy committee is expected to vote on this change on September 22, 2009. The public will have an opportunity to view the project during this meeting as the Ames Area MPO Policy Committee requests public comments prior to approval of these documents. The Iowa DOT will forward the amendment to the Federal Transit Administration for approval thereafter.

Ames Area MPO staff had the opportunity to be directly involved with the steering committee developing this project over the past few months from choosing the preferred site to the design elements of the facility. The three partners (CyRide, ISU and the City of Ames) have welcomed neighborhood and historical perspectives into the design of the facility throughout the process. The MPO believes the facility will provide multiple benefits in not only revitalizing campustown, the City of Ames Council's #1 priority, but also by joining many modes of transportation within one location creating a more livable urban Ames community.



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The MPO staff believes that this facility provides the "best quality" use out of a general surface parking lot while encompassing eight transportation modes and shared parking for multiple needs. The Ames Area MPO strongly supports the TIGER grant application for the construction of an Ames Intermodal Facility in the campustown area. We look forward to working with CyRide in the upcoming months to ensure the project is "ready to go" into the final engineering/design and construction phase come mid-February.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John C. Joiner".

John Joiner
Public Works Director & Ames Area MPO Director

JJ:sa



EMERGENCY RESIDENCE PROJECT

A United Way Member Agency

225 South Kellogg, Ames, Iowa 50010

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September 1, 2009

Sheri Kyras, Transit Director
1700 University Ave
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Ms. Kyras:

This is to show my support for Cy Ride's efforts to get funding to improve transportation services for our clients and others in our community. I work with more than 2200 individuals a year who come to our shelter for lodging or for assistance in preventing the loss of their housing. These individuals, the homeless and the near homeless, in large part have in common another need - adequate transportation. I know there are many others who would also benefit from improved transportation in our area. The Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility you are proposing would go a long way toward addressing this need.

Sincerely,

Vic Moss

Executive Director

Windsor Oaks

September 1, 2009

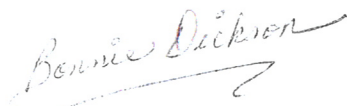
Sheri Kyras, Transit Director
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Dear Madam:

We at Ames Senior Living d/b/a/ Windsor Oaks heartily agree with your plan to facilitate transportation in our Ames Community. As Seniors living in a community, transportation to medical facilities has been one of our members' greatest ongoing needs. Many of our residents are over age 80 and have had to give up driving due to health reasons.

The high cost of transportation, coupled with living on fixed retirement incomes will continue to be a real and worsening problem for us. We moved to a retirement community in order to get away from stairs, home maintenance and other difficulties for Seniors. Our communities have to charge high fees for simple, but necessary rides to our appointments, groceries and other human needs; that tends to drive up our monthly dues to an almost unmanageable price. Anything you can do to help our plight will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you sincerely,



Bonnie Dickson,
Services Director
Windsor Oaks

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September 01, 2009

Ms. Sheri Kyras, Director
Cyride
1700 University Blvd.
Ames, IA 50010

Dear Ms. Kyras:

Mainstream Living, Inc. is a private, not for profit corporation serving over 250 persons with intellectual disabilities in the Ames/Story County area. Our agency provides an array of residential and vocational services for persons with disabilities.

Mainstream Living, Inc. is in full support of the grant application being submitted by Cyride to construct an Intermodel Transportation Facility within the Ames community. This facility would centralize various transportation systems and enhance transportation services and availability to persons with disabilities in our community.

Sincerely,

Reinhold V. Berg
President/C.E.O.





National Alliance on Mental Illness of Central Iowa

A United Way of Story County Agency

September 9, 2009

Sheri Kyras, Transit Director
CyRide
1700 University Blvd.
Ames, IA 50010

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Central Iowa would like to express support and endorsement for the construction of an Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility. Many persons with mental illness use public transportation because they are not financially able to own a vehicle. Also, persons with mental illness frequently need to take medications that cause sedation, making it dangerous for them to drive. Many of these people are already using CyRide on a daily basis to get around Ames. However, when they have appointments in Des Moines, or want to travel to visit friends or family members, they find it difficult to arrange transportation. Being able to access transportation modes that operate throughout the region and nation would be a great help to them.

NAMI is delighted that CyRide continues to grow and serve the community. We are very supportive of the work of CyRide and their request for funding that would enhance the lives of those living with mental illness.

Sincerely,

Deb Niehof, Executive director



September 8, 2009

Ms. Sheri Kyras
Transit Director, CyRide
1700 University Blvd.
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Ms. Kyras:

This letter is in support of your seeking a grant for the construction of an Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility.

I am the Director of Community and Family Resources, a multi-county substance abuse and problem gambling treatment program with a primary office located in Ames Iowa. With the type of counseling and education service we offer we often are working with individuals who have lost their license to drive, have unreliable transportation, or otherwise struggle to get in for services due to transportation. Last year, out of the Ames Office we worked with 939 Story County clients with another 204 clients coming to Story County from other areas, of which 63.1% of the clients were 200 % of federal poverty or below. Many of our clients who receive an OWI are ISU students who need our services in order to make necessary lifestyle changes, but who also don't have transportation. Your proposed facility would help facilitate travel not only within Ames but also could help our clients residing outside the Ames area with transportation needs to also access our services. My understanding is that this facility would link many modes of transportation at one place making transportation easier for the passenger and specifically my clients. This is a wonderful opportunity that is so necessary for our community and surrounding region!

I also am the acting Director of the Richmond Community Mental Health Center, which is also a multi-county agency. This facility is vital to the services of the community, especially those with limited resources for help with mental health issues. Many of our mental health clients meet federal poverty guidelines and have no personal transportation or unreliable transportation. We also serve a variety of individuals who are handicapped and need special transportation accommodation in order to make appointments with their psychiatrist and mental health therapist.

As a volunteer working to bring a community health center to Ames I know the improved services through the Intermodal Transportation Facility will not only help our clients with getting to appointments locally, it can be the “hub” for other life needs such as the connection to health care, work, and other supportive services that takes good public transportation to access.

I can offer so much more on why this project is “community vital”, that I would make myself available to the grant reviewers to explain my support in greater detail.

Thanks!

Sincerely,



John L. Hostetler, MS, ED., ACADC
Executive Director

JLH





"Janelle Durlin"
<janelle@micaonline.org>
09/10/2009 11:45 AM

To "Shari Atwood" <sawood@cyride.com>
cc
bcc
Subject letter of support

Sheri Kyras, Transit Director
Cyride
1700 University Blvd.
Ames IA 50010

Please accept this email as a "Letter of Support" for the potential construction of an *Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility* making it simpler for families, students and visitors to access different types of transportation (i.e. airport shuttle, HIRTA, bike, carpool, CyRide, pedestrian, taxi, airport shuttle) throughout Ames and the region.

For the last 18 years, I have worked with many low income families who do not own a vehicle and have seen firsthand the importance of families having the ability to access a variety of transportation methods when connecting to community resources such as food pantries, clothing giveaways, mental/dental/medical appointments. It is *crucial* that transportation modes be diverse due to the complexity of issues within economically disadvantaged households.

We fully support this project and it is our hope that this proposed facility will serve low income families, as well as senior citizens and persons with disabilities, by improving mobility for the residents throughout Ames, the region, and the nation.

Janelle Durlin
Story County Health Services Coordinator
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This e-mail and any attachments may contain confidential information. If you have received this message in error, please contact me and delete it immediately! Thank you.

Campustown Businesses Support of Ames Intermodal Facility

PETITION: We, the undersigned members of the Ames Campustown Action Association (CAA), do hereby petition and support the construction of an Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility in the campustown area. We understand that the construction of an Intermodal Transportation Facility will:

- Increase opportunity for residents and visitors to park within the campustown business district and thereby visit campustown businesses
- Provide public restroom areas for the campustown business district patrons
- Provide better circulation of traffic within the campustown business district by updating or adding traffic signals at Lincoln Way/Hayward, Lincoln Way/Sheldon and Hayward/Chamberlain
- Provide turning lanes capability on Hayward and Sheldon to improve circulation throughout the campustown business district and Intermodal Transportation Facility
- Decrease crime, vandalism and littering within the campustown area by establishing campustown as the home base for Iowa State campus police and parking system
- Provide opportunity for Ames developers to consider additional commercial development of the campustown area creating a location customers desire to frequent.
- I understand that this electronic petition will be utilized to document the Campustown Action Association's support within CyRide's TIGER grant application to be submitted to the US Department of Transportation by September 15, 2009. By entering your FULL NAME, followed by the NAME OF YOUR BUSINESS (Example: Sheri Kyras, CyRide) in the area below, you are certifying that you are a campustown business owner/manager and support the construction of an Ames Intermodal Transportation Facility in the campustown business district, specifically at the intersection of Hayward and Chamberlain.

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7	Sep 11, 2009 6:28 PM	Thomas Northrop, Welch Ave. Station (bar)
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