

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF FIVE CYRIDE BUSES

BACKGROUND:

In March 2009 CyRide ordered nine 40' buses funded from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) and Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP). Recently, the Iowa DOT notified transit systems that it received an additional \$7,100,000 in federal discretionary funding and, subsequently, completed an allocation process resulting in CyRide receiving funding for the purchase of five additional 40' diesel buses. These federal dollars provide 80% of the funding needed for this bus purchase, requiring a 20% local match. The federal and local dollars needed to purchase these buses are detailed in the table below.

Bus Type	# of Buses	Cost/Bus	Total Cost	Federal Share	Local Share
40' Buses	5	\$384,000	\$1,920,000	\$1,593,600	\$326,400

CyRide's current capital closing balance contained in its budget is \$680,999, which provides adequate local funding to purchase these vehicles.

CyRide is part of the Akron, Ohio, national bus purchase and has 16 remaining bus options able to be awarded to Gillig Corporation. Therefore, CyRide staff will be able to quickly award purchase of these vehicles upon City Council approval. Delivery of these buses is anticipated in January/February 2011. **Between the purchase of the nine buses in March 2009, and this bus order for five more buses, a total of 14 buses will be delivered within a one year period. This will allow CyRide to substantially move forward with modernizing its bus fleet.**

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees approved award of the five vehicles to Gillig Corporation at their May 1, 2009 meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the purchase of five 40' buses from Gillig Corporation of Oakland, California for up to \$1,920,000.
2. Do not approve the award of buses to Gillig Corporation at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This additional stimulus funding represents a unique opportunity to accelerate the modernization of CyRide's fleet. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the purchase of five diesel buses from Gillig Corporation.