

## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: MOTION APPROVING INTERMODAL FACILITY TIGER II GRANT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**

**BACKGROUND:**

The federal government released a notice of funding availability for the TIGER II grants on April 26, 2010, with pre-applications due on July 16, and final applications on August 23, 2010. With the facility partially funded under TIGER I, there is a desire to seek additional funding that could more closely build the facility as originally envisioned. The project team has developed a **preliminary budget** to determine which elements of the facility could be included for consideration in a second TIGER grant. The table below details these elements compared with funded elements of the TIGER I/Federal Earmark, which is funding Phase I.

	Phase I		Phase II	
Project Element	TIGER I/5309 Federal	Local Share	TIGER II Federal	Local Share
Site Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,227,500
Site Preparation	\$809,192	\$0	\$347,750	\$0
Parking Structure	\$5,894,146	\$0	\$4,403,318	\$0
DPS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Retail Space	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Intercity Office/Wait. Area	\$311,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bus Road/Bus Bays/Canopy	\$419,910	\$0	\$214,000	\$0
Bike Path - Site	\$105,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bike Lockers	\$27,500	\$0	\$32,100	\$0
Public Restrooms	\$207,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bike Path - Arboretum	\$0	\$0	\$373,068	\$0
Roadway Improvements		\$0		
- Signal (Chamberlain)	\$0	\$0	\$175,000	\$0
- Street Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$1,328,940	\$0
Rolling Stock (2 Hybrids)	\$0	\$0	\$996,000	\$204,000
Shuttle Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CyRide AVL/NextStop	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0
Equipment	\$105,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Design/Project Mgt.	\$933,752	\$87,500	\$831,401	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,813,000</b>	<b>\$87,500</b>	<b>\$10,206,577</b>	<b>\$2,431,500</b>
Generally not funded under TIGER grants.				

In summary, the elements that could be included with this additional funding are:

- The **second parking structure and an additional level** on the Phase I structure to be built, adding an **estimated 177 additional spaces**
- **CyRide shuttle** from the facility to campus and throughout the community
- Automatic Vehicle Location (**AVL**) **equipment** for CyRide buses
- **Bike path** to be extended through ISU's Arboretum
- Twelve additional **bike lockers**

To apply for this TIGER II grant, staff will need to prepare and document the second phase of the project (separate from the first phase), providing technical information and economic benefits on its components. This information can expeditiously and accurately be completed with the assistance of outside firms. Therefore, if the grant is submitted, additional cost will be incurred in its preparation. The cost estimate for this work is as follows:

<u><b>Cost Category</b></u>	<u><b>Estimated Cost</b></u>
Land Appraisal/Reappraisal (per FTA requirements)	\$8,000
Consultant Costs	\$10,000
Economic Forecasting	<u>\$2,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

The Transit Board of Trustees discussed possible sources of funding for development of the TIGER II application, and raised concern regarding the further reduction of CyRide's closing balance to fund this effort. To date, the closing balance of the Transit Fund has been reduced by \$99,450.77 to fund portions of the Phase I/TIGER I effort (see table below for CyRide and project partners' contributions to-date). CyRide's balance at the end of the 2009-2010 budget year is anticipated to be to 8.4% or \$631,000 compared to a desired balance of 12-15%.

<u><b>Design Project</b></u>	<u><b>City of Ames</b></u>	<u><b>CyRide</b></u>	<u><b>ISU</b></u>
TIGER I Submission	\$29,943.41	\$30,950.77	\$29,943.41
TIGER I Redesign	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$68,500.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>TOTAL Cost</b>	<b>\$29,943.41</b>	<b>\$99,450.77</b>	<b>\$29,943.41</b>

Additionally, the Council should be advised that a companion Council Action Form on this agenda proposes that CyRide enter into a no-interest loan agreement with the Iowa DOT for \$87,500 to be repaid over 5 years. This loan will provide a local match for the federal earmark increasing the total budget for TIGER I from \$8,463,000 to \$8,900,500 (TIGER I and earmark with local match). That Action Form also proposes that CyRide also borrow \$350,000 from the Iowa DOT to be repaid immediately upon receipt of the federal funds. These dollars are included in the TIGER I total in the table above.

As a result of these CyRide commitments, the Board of Trustees recommended that the TIGER II grant development costs be shared equally between the City of Ames and Iowa State University in a 50-50 split, totaling a \$10,000 commitment from both

governmental entities. The University has verbally agreed to its share of this commitment.

The City's share of this commitment could be secured from City Council Contingency funds.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve \$10,000 from the Contingency Account for the development of a TIGER II federal grant application requesting funding for a second phase of the Intermodal Facility, contingent upon the ISU Administration providing the remaining \$10,000.
2. Recommend that the Ames Transit Agency fund the TIGER II grant development costs of \$20,000 from its closing balance.
3. Do not approve development costs for the TIGER II grant; thereby not submitting a grant application for this funding.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The proposed second phase of the Intermodal Facility would allow for adequate parking to advance the Campustown Redevelopment project. Additionally, it would complete the coordination of transportation functions within the City of Ames by allowing CyRide to link with other forms of transportation that will be located at the Intermodal Facility after the completion of Phase One of this project. The economic benefits to the community would be significant.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving \$10,000 from the Contingency Account to fund the development of a TIGER II grant application, contingent upon the ISU Administration providing the remaining \$10,000.