

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SUBMITTAL OF THE AMES INTERMODAL FACILITY TIGER II GRANT APPLICATION

BACKGROUND:

In April 2010, the U.S. Department of Transportation released a second round of funding for the TIGER program, called TIGER II. Applications are due to the Department of Transportation by August 23, 2010. With partial funding of the Ames Intermodal Facility through the TIGER I program, the community decided to develop a second or expanded Intermodal project to complete the original vision of the facility. On June 8, 2010, the Ames City Council approved \$10,000 as part of a \$20,000 budget to fund the development of this second application.

The Intermodal project team has been working since May 2010 to develop the application under the federal funding guidelines, which changed from the first round of funding to the second. Major changes from the TIGER I to TIGER II program are:

- **Total Dollars Available** - \$600 million vs. \$1.5 billion
- **Project Size** - \$10 million minimum federal share vs. \$20 million
- **Funding Share** – 80% maximum federal funding vs. 100% federal funds

The following briefly recaps the information that the project team has developed, to date, to be contained in the application.

Project Elements & Budget

The TIGER II application contains funding for three categories of construction: additional parking, inclusion of CyRide at the facility and extension of the bike path through the ISU Arboretum. The table on the next page lists the specific construction activities in the TIGER II application as compared to the TIGER I project. Three categories of the original application have been identified as not fundable under the TIGER program and eliminated from the TIGER I project and this grant request: Department of Public Safety offices, retail offices and shuttle operations.

Project Budget/Elements

	TIGER I		TIGER II	
Project Element	Grant	Local	Grant	Local
Site Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,227,500
Site Preparation	\$809,192	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Parking Structure	\$5,894,146	\$0	\$4,745,000	\$0
Dept. of Public Safety	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Retail Space	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Intercity Office/Waiting Area	\$311,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bus Road/Bus Bay/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	\$207,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bike Path- Arboretum	\$0	\$0	\$373,068	\$0
Roadway Improvements				
- Signal @ Chamberlain /LW and Hayward	\$0	\$0	\$175,000	\$175,000
- Street Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$1,328,940	\$0
Buses - 2 Hybrids	\$0	\$0	\$996,000	\$204,000
Shuttle Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CyRide AVL/Next Stop	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0
Equipment	\$105,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Design/Project Mgt.	\$933,752	\$87,500	\$952,655	\$0
TOTAL	\$8,813,000	\$87,500	\$10,421,763	\$2,606,500
Percent	98.5%	1.5%	79.9%	20.1%

Specifically, the expanded, TIGER II phase would include:

- A second parking structure to the west of the original facility accommodating approximately 339 cars, for a total Phase I and expansion of 639 parking spaces.
- Bike path through ISU's Arboretum connecting with bike paths on State Street to the west and the Intermodal site bike path to the east. Twelve additional bike lockers would be purchased for the facility.
- Two additional bus bays and canopy for CyRide, two hybrid-electric buses and automatic vehicle location equipment to allow customers via the website/PDA's to determine the bus arrival time at their stop.
- Street improvements to Hayward/Sheldon.

- Traffic signal addition at Hayward and Chamberlain and signal improvement at Hayward and Lincoln Way.
- Various equipment/amenities for the facility (benches, maintenance equipment).

Conceptual Drawings

Attached are three conceptual drawings illustrating the components of the TIGER II, expansion phase.

Economic Benefits

URS Corporation was hired to assist the Project Team in identifying the economic benefits of the TIGER II project as compared to the TIGER I facility currently under design. They, in turn, have enlisted the assistance of Iowa State University Economists and found that the largest benefit of the Intermodal Facility Phase I and Expansion project is a result of the expansion under the TIGER II program. Specifically, 37% of the parking is contained in this phase of the project with 75% of the economic return. It is estimated that 323 long-term jobs could be added as a result of the TIGER II expansion project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the submittal of a TIGER II grant application to the U.S, Department of Transportation for the expansion of the Ames Intermodal Facility.
2. Do not approve the submission of an application for expansion of the Ames Intermodal Facility.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

If approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the TIGER II project will provide a critical component necessary for the Campustown Redevelopment efforts; thereby, furthering the City Council's goal of revitalizing the Campustown area.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving submittal of the grant application to expand the Ames Intermodal Facility.

Intermodal Facility Conceptual Drawings

