

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CHANGE BID DUE DATE FOR THE CYRIDE FACILITY EXPANSION AND FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

BACKGROUND: CyRide has secured funding from Federal and State sources to expand and remodel the existing bus maintenance facility, including the addition of significant flood mitigation measures. On November 27, 2012, City Council approved preliminary plans and specifications for the construction project. A bid due date of January 31, 2013, and date of hearing and award of contract of February 12, 2013, were each established.

In December 2012, CyRide staff was made aware of another bid opening on the same date and time by Iowa State University (ISU). The ISU project bid opening was scheduled after the CyRide bid opening, but it is a significantly larger project. CyRide staff and consultant are concerned that the pool of available bidders may devote their resources to the ISU project instead of the CyRide project. The end result may be less interest in the CyRide project and potentially higher bids.

Staff recommends moving the bid opening date one week, to February 6, 2013, to increase interest and competition in the project. Iowa code requires the results of bid to be reported at the next scheduled Council meeting. Therefore, the February 12, 2013 date for public hearing and award of contract would remain unchanged. If approved, the change in bid opening date will be subject to approval by the Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the requested bid opening date change of February 6, 2013 for the CyRide Facility Expansion and Flood Mitigation Project, subject to approval by the Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees.
2. Direct staff to not change the bid opening date.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving February 6, 2013 as the new bid due date, and February 12, 2013 as the date of public hearing and award of contract, subject to approval by the Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees.