

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CYRIDE DIAL-A-RIDE BUS PURCHASE TO HOGLUND BUS AND TRUCK FOR \$81,153

BACKGROUND:

CyRide currently contracts with the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency (HIRTA) for complementary paratransit service required under the Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Act. Under CyRide's contract for this Dial-A-Ride service in Ames, is a provision that requires CyRide to lease a minibus to HIRTA. The bus currently operated by HIRTA will be ten years old at the time it is replaced, while the federal useful life for a vehicle of this type is four years.

Funding for the purchase is provided with a combination of federal (85%) and local dollars (15%) as listed below.

Federal Dollars	\$68,980
Local Dollars (CyRide)	<u>\$12,173</u>
Total	\$81,153

This project is contained in the City of Ames 2015-2016 Capital Improvement Program with sufficient grant funds and local dollars budgeted in CyRide's operating and capital budgets for the purchase.

The bus will be purchased through an Iowa DOT statewide bus procurement with the award going to Hoglund Bus and Truck for \$81,153.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the purchase of one minibus under the Iowa DOT procurement to Hoglund Bus and Truck for a purchase price of \$81,153.
2. Do not approve the purchase of a minibus under the Iowa DOT procurement and direct staff to conduct a separate CyRide/City of Ames procurement for the vehicle.
3. Do not approve the purchase of a minibus for use by CyRide's Dial-A-Ride contractor.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Through the Iowa DOT's procurement process, CyRide will be able to expeditiously purchase the vehicle so that it can begin in operation later this summer. This vehicle will also help ensure a quality service to its Dial-A-Ride customers.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby procuring one minibus from Høglund Bus and Truck.