



Story County Transportation Collaboration
October 12, 2022 - 1:00 pm via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Present: Deb Schildroth (City of Ames/ASSET), Grant Olsen (Community transportation advocate), Latifah Faisal (Board of Supervisors), Tara Brown (The Bridge Home), Linda Vonholten (RSVP), Kalen Petersen (RSVP), Moriah Morgan (UWSC – *facilitated and took minutes*)

I. Introductions

II. Review April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes: The minutes were accepted as written. Motion from Faisal, second from Schildroth.

III. Presentation: City of Ames Climate Action Plan (Deb Schildroth)

First ever plan from the City of Ames. History of sustainability and recognize the need to continue down that path. Current activities include the CyRide buses which are adding 15 electric to the fleet over the next five years (replace some but also expand). They cost about 1.1 mill each. They are also electrifying the City of Ames fleet of cars in order to reduce emissions. They have six hybrid vehicles in the police department fleet. Also looking at hybrids for meter readers. Also have a solar farm which gives credits to individuals who install solar. Garbage and recycling center is a part of the current sustainability processes at the City.- A Climate Action Plan (CAP) is a framework for measuring, planning and reducing GHG emissions and related climatic impacts. Start by figuring out where we are - started in Aug 2019 and finished up in Aug 2020. Contractor working together to make sure that plan aligns with other county plans such as pedestrian and bicycle plan, etc. Ensure the plan is made with community involvement. – Goal is **83% reduction of community greenhouse gasses by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050**. Target is set and now consultant is setting ideas to focus on. SSG has presented: 1) building retrofits, 2) Net Zero New Construction, 3) Renewable Energy Generation, 4) Reducing Vehicle Emissions, 5) Increase Active Transportation and Transit Use, 6) Reduce Waste Emissions. 29 strategies identified under the six moves (policy changes, tax changes, incentive/rebate programs, funding reallocations, priority changes, lifestyle changes).- www.cityofames.org/sustainability - Climate Action Plan button with information and ways you can get involved. E-notification plan about meetings, etc. sustainability@cityofames.org if you have questions. - Plan hopefully ready for adoption by Spring. - Does not anticipate this will change the amount put into the ASSET process, but it may include funding to non-profits who are working on making their buildings more sustainable. Garbage collection process might also change.

IV. Partner Updates:

RSVP: Petersen and Vonholten noted that they are keeping busy. A year ago, they started a grocery delivery program which has really grown! They are looking for more drivers to support this. - For homebound individuals: There is an IT person who helps individuals to place the orders. Referral process, most from Heartland, and there is some vetting involved. Serve 60+ in general but more-so

individuals who struggle to go get their groceries. They can only deliver groceries from stores that do online grocery options.

City of Ames: Schildroth noted that they are creating a Community Advisory Committee Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. There are about 4 meetings to attend and documents to review. Above and beyond community engagement. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on this Community Advisory Committee, please email Damion Pregitzer, City Traffic Engineer, Damion.pregitzer@cityofames.org

Board of Supervisors: Faisal shared that the League of Women recommendation is for a larger committee like the Transportation Collaboration that sets county wide goals to solve problems on a larger scale - Formalized with advocacy like a transportation commission. Faisal is looking for feedback and thoughts on the study. Looking at the need in the community rather than just assuming and then troubleshooting.

The Bridge Home: Brown noted that transportation is still a struggle for their clients. CyRide is a huge help along with HIRTA and RSVP. There are still parts of Ames that clients cannot access from CyRide, routes like Powerfilm but the nearest CyRide stop is too far away.

Grant Olsen: Olsen shared that HIRTA has a new app for requesting rides. Rides requested through the app are free until the end of October 2022. Search in the app store for "HIRTA On-Demand".

<https://www.ridehirta.com/hirta-releases-new-smartphone-app-on-demand-service>

UWSC: Morgan passed along updates from United Way:

1. Wheels for Work - Applications welcomed for Wheels for Work (see flyer). 2 available vehicles (one is a manual transmission – it can be hard to find individuals who know how to drive one!) A reminder that eligibility criteria include that the applicant is working or going to school full-time, has a child in the home, and earns 150% of federal poverty level or less. (Full list of eligibility criteria on the flyer.) MICA, The Salvation Army, ACCESS, and newly Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance are intake agencies. Story County General Assistance will resume doing intakes as soon as a new staff person is assigned.

2. Presentation by ISU Student Health and Wellness, October 19, 11 am at CityChurch (2400 Oakwood, Ames) - While not specifically transportation related, all are welcome to this community presentation. RSVPS welcomed but not required; [click here for more information or to RSVP](#).

Morgan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Petersen.

2023 Meeting Dates: January 11, April 12, **July 12**, October 11, all 1 – 2:30 pm. (*Zoom format until otherwise announced*)