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### **HIRTA - Demand Response Public Transit Service Action Plan Available for Public Review**

AMES, Iowa – The draft Demand Response Public Transit Service Action Plan for Story County is available for public comment through Friday, Jan. 9, 2015. This document is designed to assist and provide direction for improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of HIRTA services as well as other public transportation options within Story County that do not operate on a fixed route like CyRide. The City of Ames and Story County are seeking to identify gaps or solutions that could be considered as the plan is finalized through the public comment period.

Copies of the plan are available for review Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the City Manager's Office at Ames City Hall, 515 Clark Ave. To review the draft plan online, go to [www.cityofames.org](http://www.cityofames.org). In the upper right hand corner of the home page, click on the link under "In the Spotlight."

The public is encouraged to review the draft document and provide information via email or in person at the public comment session as follows:

- Comments can be sent to [hirtainput@city.ames.ia.us](mailto:hirtainput@city.ames.ia.us).
- A public comment session will be held on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, at Ames City Hall Council Chambers beginning at 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Staff will be on hand to assist in recording feedback from stakeholders.

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All feedback received will be part of the public record for this process and submitted as an appendix to the plan. No identifying information will be associated with the feedback, thus providing confidentiality to those providing information.

Those in need of special accommodations for a disability or language translation at the City Council meeting should contact Melissa Mundt, Assistant City Manager, at 515.239.5203, [mmundt@city.ame.ia.us](mailto:mmundt@city.ame.ia.us), or the TDD at 515.239.5133 at least three business days in advance of the meeting. Disabled people attending the meeting should access City Hall through the east door and take the elevator to the Council Chambers on the second floor.

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