

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date March 14, 2017  
 Title Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Recommendations

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the statewide Transportation Alternatives program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (University of Northern Iowa and UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management)	\$ 423,035
Urban Youth Corps (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 80,000
 Total	 \$ 503,035

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendations as listed.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

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Division Director                      Legal                      State Director

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Fehrman	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
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**STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES  
PROGRAM (TAP)**

**Application Summary and Funding Proposal**

**DECEMBER 2016 FUNDING CYCLE**

## **Available Funding**

Statewide TAP Estimated FY 2017 Appropriation:      \$10,574,270

- \$1,374,817 set aside for Federal Recreational Trails.
- Half (\$4,599,726) reserved for local projects, half stays at the state level.
- The set-aside for Statewide TAP is \$1,000,000
- Remaining \$3,599,726 of state level funding reserved for local projects such as:
  - Transportation Alternatives Program
  - Highway
  - Bridge
  - Transit

## **Application Summary**

Total number of projects = 5

Total project costs = \$3,257,816

Total requested amount = \$1,499,585

## **Recommendation Summary**

**Statewide TAP Projects: \$503,035**

## Funding Proposal – Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program

Staff recommends the following projects be approved for Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program funding:

No.	Project Name	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
1.	<b>UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (University of Northern Iowa and UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management)</b>	<b>\$423,035</b>	<b>\$423,035</b>
2.	<b>Urban Youth Corps (Iowa Department of Transportation)</b>	<b>\$ 80,000</b>	<b>\$503,035</b>
3.	Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership (Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments and Iowa Bicycle Coalition)		
4.	Iowa's Living Roadways Projects and Trails Visioning Programs (Trees Forever)		
5.	Lincoln Way Rehabilitation/Restoration, Phase 3 (Woodbine)		

**1. Project Name: UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management**

**Sponsor:** University of Northern Iowa  
**Contact:** Tolif Hunt, Director, Research and Sponsored Programs  
Office of Research and Sponsored Programs  
213 E. Bartlett Hall  
Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0394

**CoSponsor:** UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management  
**Contact:** Kristine Nemec  
Tallgrass Prairie Center  
Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0394

**Description:** Native grass and wildflower seed to be planted in county road or city (if population is >10,000) rights-of-way. This allows counties that apply Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management to more cost effectively establish native roadside vegetation for habitat, biodiversity, erosion control and improved hydrology across Iowa's landscape.

**Total Cost:** \$786,770  
**Requested Amount:** \$423,035 (54%)

**2. Project Name: Urban Youth Corps**

**Sponsor:** Iowa Department of Transportation  
**Contact:** Stacy Lentsch  
800 Lincoln Way  
Ames, IA 50010

**Description:** Funds non-profit private or public agency initiatives to provide transportation related employment and training opportunities to youth between the ages of 16 and 21 who face barriers to employment.

**Total Cost:** \$100,000  
**Requested Amount:** \$ 80,000 (80%)

- 3. Project Name: Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership**
- Sponsor:** Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments  
**Contact:** Jackie Schares, Safe Routes to School Coordinator  
 229 E. Park Avenue  
 Waterloo, IA 50703
- CoSponsor:** Iowa Bicycle Coalition  
**Contact:** Troy Carter, Safe Routes to School Director  
 PO Box 5542  
 Coralville, IA 52241
- Description:** The Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership is a comprehensive program that provides support to communities with Safe Routes to School initiatives and recruits new communities to participate. Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Committee (UERPC) and the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG) will continue to partner with the Iowa Bicycle Coalition for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year, respectively, to support Safe Routes to School efforts.
- Total Cost:** \$245,528  
**Requested Amount:** \$196,550 (80%)
- 4. Project Name: Iowa's Living Roadways Projects and Trails Visioning Programs**
- Sponsor:** Trees Forever  
**Contact:** Carole Teator, Director of Programs  
 770 7th Avenue  
 Marion, IA 52302
- Description:** The Iowa's Living Roadways Projects and Trails Visioning programs are statewide programs open to Iowa communities and counties. The Projects program funds vegetation management practices that provide ecological services along road and trail rights-of-way. Trails Visioning helps Iowa communities plan and implement trail safety and overall trail improvement projects.
- Total Cost:** \$508,988  
**Requested Amount:** \$400,000 (79%)

**5. Project Name: Lincoln Way Rehabilitation/Restoration, Phase 3**

**Sponsor:** City of Woodbine  
**Contact:** Amber Nelson, City Administrator  
517 Walker Street  
Woodbine, IA 51579

**Description:** The city is now looking for funding to complete the estimated \$1.6 million brick restoration on the remaining four blocks (nearly 1/3 mile) within the Lincoln Highway corridor, 7th through 11th Street. Of this estimated total sum, \$750,000 is directly related to the brick restoration work. The remaining funds would be used for improvements to the water and sanitary/storm sewer lines that flow through this project area as well as the final design and construction engineering.

**Total Cost:** \$1,616,530  
**Requested Amount:** \$ 400,000 (25%)