

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, November 4, 2008
Materials Conference Room
Ames DOT Complex

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D-2009-14 8:00 a.m.	*Approving Minutes of the October 14, 2008, Commission Meeting in Muscatine Commission Comments Staff Comments	Connie Page	1
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8:25 a.m.	Meeting Adjourned		

*Action Item

On Monday, November 3, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 3 p.m. in the Materials conference room at the DOT complex in Ames. Transportation-related matters will be discussed but no action will be taken.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Rail Transportation Order No. PPM-2009-15
Submitted by Tamara Nicholson Phone No. 515-239-1052 Meeting Date November 4, 2008
Title 2009-2010 Highway/Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program Projects

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Staff will present the proposed 2009-2010 Federal Safety Program and Grade Crossing Surface Program Surface Projects.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the 2009-2010 highway/railroad surface projects.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Crawford	_____	_____	_____
Durham	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Sawtelle	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____

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Tammy Nicholson, Office of Rail, said the Highway/Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program provides assistance to railroads and highway jurisdictions to repair highway/railroad grade crossings. This funding is available through an annual application program to highway authorities and railroads and industries that own public crossings. Applications must be submitted jointly by railroads and highway authorities to be considered for funding.

Ms. Nicholson said a recommendation was reviewed at the October Commission workshop for the 2009-2010 surface repair projects. The recommendation is to approve funding for 81 projects totaling \$1.9 million for 2009 and \$1.85 million for 2010. She requested Commission approval of the 2009 and 2010 Highway/Railroad Crossing Surface Repair project recommendations as listed in the Commission order.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Durham seconded the Commission approve the 2009-2010 Highway/Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program. All voted aye; Commissioner Wiley absent.

2009 Iowa Grade Crossing Surface Repair Program

County	Federal ID#	Railroad	Highway Jurisdiction	Road Location	State Surface Repair Fund (60%)	
Floyd	607724B	IANR	Rockford	4th Street SW	20,400	
Floyd	607725H	IANR	Rockford	West Main Avenue	29,700	
Scott	604343C	IAIS	Davenport	Brown Street	60,000	
Chickasaw	385296P	ICE	Chickasaw	County Road B-57	42,433	
Chickasaw	385310H	ICE	Chickasaw	County Road T-76	30,296	
Clayton/Allamakee	385177F	ICE	Clayton/Allamakee	Hardin Drive	40,306	
Calhoun	307418F	CC	Calhoun	Xavier Ave	34,260	
Calhoun	308187D	CC	Calhoun	Sigourney Avenue	34,800	
Calhoun	308234J	CC	Calhoun	Dakota Avenue	34,800	
Calhoun	308219G	CC	Calhoun	Jennings Avenue	34,800	
Appanoose	375695Y	ICE	Appanoose	200th Avenue	33,780	
Appanoose	375697M	ICE	Appanoose	County Road J-29	33,780	
Appanoose	375692D	ICE	Appanoose	First Street	33,780	
Wright	197025R	UP	Goldfield	Cedar Street	49,815	
Black Hawk	308807P	CEDR	Black Hawk	County Road C-57	34,740	
Washington	607323B	ICE	Washington	12th Avenue	38,975	
Washington	375878S	ICE	Washington	North B Avenue	41,010	
Lee	063235J	BNSF	Fort Madison	20th Street	18,238	
Lee	063236R	BNSF	Fort Madison	19th Street	18,238	
Lee	063240F	BNSF	Fort Madison	18th Street	18,238	
Lee	078036B	BNSF	Fort Madison	Henry Layden Road	18,238	
Dallas	603374X	IAIS	Dexter	Marshall Street	72,120] Moved up from 2010 proposed projects.
Dallas	603371C	IAIS	Dexter	Barton Street	60,540	
Black Hawk	307173S	CC	Waterloo	Burton Avenue	79,680	
TOTAL					\$ 912,968	

10/21/08 Following projects were cancelled by City and Railroad. Crossings were completed by the railroad.

Muscatine	606827X	IAIS	Wilton	Cherry Street	\$ 36,000
Scott	604341N	IAIS	Davenport	Western Avenue	60,000
Scott	604344J	IAIS	Davenport	Warren Street	60,000

2010 Iowa Grade Crossing Surface Repair Program

County	Federal ID#	Railroad	Highway Jurisdiction	Road Location	State Surface Repair Fund (60%)
Black Hawk	307119Y	CC	Waterloo	Glenwood Street	\$ 91,200
Black Hawk	307116D	CC	Waterloo	Polk Street	93,600
Black Hawk	307167N	CC	Waterloo	Dawson Street	93,600
Black Hawk	307168V	CC	Waterloo	Columbia Street	88,620
Black Hawk	307115W	CC	Waterloo	Colorado Street	64,920
Black Hawk	307900T	CC	Waterloo	Maynard Street	35,640
Story	196984F	UP	Ames	16th Street	24,600
Story	197071S	UP	Ames	9th Street	19,680
Mills	074388T	BNSF	Mills	Allis Road	21,000
Mills	074379U	BNSF	Mills	Hanna Road	21,000
Clay	385702J	ICE	Clay	260th Avenue	60,510
Clay	385693M	ICE	Clay	300th Street	60,510
Clay	385699D	ICE	Clay	270th Avenue	60,510
Clay	385690S	ICE	Clay	320th Street	60,510
Buena Vista	307528R	CC	Buena Vista	West Highway M-3	37,980
Buena Vista	307475U	CC	Buena Vista	Rogers Road	37,980
TOTAL					\$ 871,860

Moved these
4 projects up
from waiting
list

2009 Federal-Aid Rail/Highway Crossing Safety Program Surface Repair Projects

County	Federal ID#	Railroad	Highway Jurisdiction	Road Location	Federal Safety Funds (60%)
Clinton	376036X	ICE	Clinton	17th Avenue North	\$ 63,485
Hamilton	307338M	CC	Webster City	Broadway Street	55,260
Benton	607647D	IANR	Vinton	8th Avenue	39,480
Black Hawk	911786J	CEDR	Cedar Falls	Lone Tree Road	33,120
Clinton	190350N	ICE	Clinton	4th Avenue North	32,100
Linn	376722W	CIC	Cedar Rapids	L Street SW - 900 Block.	45,000
Muscatine	606852F	IAIS	West Liberty	North Calhoun Street	34,263
Black Hawk	607537T	IANR	LaPorte City	Commercial & Eighth Street	21,246
Polk	603713A	IAIS	Des Moines	SE 2nd Street	37,200
Cedar	606860X	IAIS	Cedar	Baker Avenue	36,688
Muscatine	606851Y	IAIS	West Liberty	Prairie Street	37,171
Linn	190494T	UP	Cedar Rapids	10th Street SE & Otis Road	74,415
Dubuque	306988P	CC	Farley	Third Street NE	39,720
Lee	078050W	BNSF	Lee	Ortho Road	23,040
Polk	603710E	IAIS	Des Moines	SE 5th Street	37,200
Black Hawk	308802F	CEDR	Cedar Falls	Dunkerton Road	36,060
Lee	078040R	BNSF	Lee	245th Avenue	23,040
Crawford	308332A	CC	Crawford	Nelson Park Road	32,880
Floyd	308897R	CC	Floyd	220th Street	31,800
Lee	078041X	BNSF	Lee	245th Avenue	23,040
Linn	190500U	UP	Cedar Rapids	9th Avenue SE & 4th Street	98,430
Mitchell	309012D	CC	Mitchell	County Road A-19	28,800
Lee	078276H	BNSF	Lee	180th Street	23,040
Sac	190931L	CC	Sac	360th Street	48,960
Linn	190499C	UP	Cedar Rapids	10th Avenue SE - 400 Block	40,200

Above projects approved by Commission on November 1, 2005. Had to delay until 2009 due to updated estimates being higher than original application estimates.

TOTAL **\$ 995,638**

2010 Federal-Aid Rail/Highway Crossing Safety Program Surface Repair Projects

County	Federal ID#	Railroad	Highway Jurisdiction	Road Location	Federal Safety Funds (60%)
Des Moines	078061J	BNSF	Des Moines	120th Avenue	\$ 23,040
Muscatine	606835P	IAIS	Muscatine	County Road X-54	36,000
Muscatine	606824C	IAIS	Wilton	Chestnut Street	36,000
Muscatine	606821G	IAIS	Muscatine	County Road Y-14 & Taylor	36,000
Muscatine	606822N	IAIS	Wilton	Cypress Street	36,000
Muscatine	606828E	IAIS	Wilton	Liberty Street	36,000
Above projects approved by Commission on November 1, 2005. Had to delay until 2009 due to updated estimates being higher than original application estimates.					
Woodbury	382070T	BNSF	Sioux City	Hamilton Blvd	67,200
Muscatine	607211C	ICE	Muscatine	Oregon Street	157,800
Woodbury	064026E	BNSF	Sioux City	18th Street	90,000
Buchanan	307086N	CC	Jesup	6th Street	42,731
Woodbury	064029A	BNSF	Sioux City	11th Street	67,200
Washington	607322U	ICE	Washington	North Fourth Avenue	77,601
Woodbury	382038A	BNSF	Sioux City	Virginia Street	48,000
Muscatine	607215E	ICE	Muscatine	Sampson Avenue	111,524
Buchanan	307085G	CC	Jesup	Main Street	71,919
Cerro Gordo	385471D	ICE	Cerro Gordo	Thrush Avenue	37,692
TOTAL					\$ 974,707

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COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Aviation Order No. PPM-2009-16
Submitted by Kay Thede Phone No. 515-239-1048 Meeting Date November 4, 2008
Title FY 2009 State Aviation Program Amendment

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Approval is requested to amend the FY 2009 State Aviation Program by adding an airfield project for the Newton Municipal Airport. The project is an apron extension. The state share of the cost is \$363,800. The additional project increases the total FY 2009 Airport Improvement Program to \$2,821,573.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the amendment to the FY 2009 State Aviation Program be approved as presented.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Crawford	_____	_____	_____
Durham	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Sawtelle	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____

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Kay Thede, Office of Aviation, said last month we discussed an amendment to the 2009 Aviation Program for a ramp expansion project at the Newton airport for \$363,800. She introduced David Stewart, Newton Public Works Director.

Mr. Stewart expressed appreciation for the Commission's consideration of a special request for the city of Newton. Newton has a unique opportunity in that they are looking at hosting a national NASCAR race, and they have a couple concerns at the airport – ramp expansion and runway strengthening. The ramp expansion is being presented as a special request today.

Ms. Thede requested Commission approval of an amendment to the FY 2009 State Aviation Program.

Commissioner Durham moved, Commissioner Sawtelle seconded the Commission approve the amendment to the FY 2009 State Aviation Program as presented. All voted aye; Commissioner Wiley absent.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2009-17
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1312 Meeting Date November 4, 2008
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Boone County (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Boone County submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2008 round requesting a grant to assist in paving approximately 5,880 feet of roadway from Iowa 17 east to Boone County Road E-41. The roadway serves the Central Iowa Expo site, which hosts the Farm Progress Show.

The evaluation and rating for the project will be discussed.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$384,331 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county share of the RISE funds.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Crawford	_____	_____	_____
Durham	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Sawtelle	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____

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Stuart Anderson, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE Local Development application from Boone county to pave approximately 5,880 feet of roadway from Iowa 17 east to Boone County Road E-41. Using a power point map, he reviewed the location of the project east of the city of Boone. This project will provide a paved access to the 106-acre Central Iowa Expo site, the Iowa home of the Farm Progress Show which will occur biennially. The Farm Progress Show hosts an estimated 240,000 visitors and 500 vendors. Many of those visitors and vendors have multiple overnight stays related to this event.

In addition, Mr. Anderson said the county and others will work to hold other activities and events at this site. This project received a rating of 40 points in staff's evaluation. The total estimated cost of the project is \$768,662. The county is requesting a RISE grant of \$384,331 and will provide a 50 percent local match. He introduced Michael O'Brien, Boone County Supervisor.

Mr. O'Brien said several years ago when they found out the Farm Progress Show was looking for a permanent site in Iowa, Boone county, city of Boone, and Ames Convention and Visitor Bureau got together to see what they could do to bring that to central Iowa. They created the Central Iowa Expo Board as a non-profit entity to run the show. The county bought 106 acres and leased it to the Central Iowa Expo to be responsible for hosting the Farm Progress Show which is the largest farm show in America. They held their first show in August, and it will be held there every two years. An excess of 200,000 people attended the show so they are happy with the success of that first show and are looking forward to future shows. At the site, Mr. O'Brien said they put in sewage, water, electricity, internet access, etc. This was an \$8.5 million project. The Department of Economic Development helped them with \$2 to \$3 million. They have a permanent administration building and are in the process of seeking funding for a permanent varied industries building and a livestock pavilion. The road they are requesting RISE assistance on will be a tremendous addition to the site to handle the heavy trucks and farm equipment. He expressed appreciation for past RISE projects and for the Commission's consideration of this project.

Commissioner Sawtelle asked if Central Iowa Expo has a contract with the Farm Progress Show. Mr. O'Brien said they have guaranteed 10 shows over 20 years.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Blouin moved, Commissioner Cleaveland seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$384,331 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county share of the RISE funds. All voted aye; Commissioner Wiley absent.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2009-18
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1312 Meeting Date November 4, 2008
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Default Policy Revision

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

RISE projects often include job creation and/or retention contingencies and are evaluated to assure those contingencies are met. Current policy requires an evaluation of job creation two years after the road is open to traffic. If the job contingencies are not met, the applicant may receive a time extension. If the contingencies are not met after the extension, the project is declared in default and the applicant is required to pay back a portion of the RISE funding they received for the project.

Based on recent discussions with the Commission, staff recommends the following changes to the RISE default policy:

- Eliminate the minimum default repayment of five percent of RISE funding; and
- In evaluating job contingency requirements, consideration will be given to jobs created from a different company that locates at the site of the original RISE supported development. These jobs are subject to the same monitoring period as the original RISE development and will be evaluated based on wage rate, benefits, and other RISE eligibility requirements.

These changes to the RISE default policy will take effect immediately on all open and future RISE projects.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the changes to the RISE default policy.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Crawford	_____	_____	_____
Durham	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Sawtelle	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____

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Stuart Anderson, Office of Systems Planning, presented a recommended change to the RISE default policy. For RISE immediate opportunity projects, there are job creation commitments associated with receiving those funds. The Department monitors those contingencies to assure they are met. If the contingencies are not met, the Department will seek partial or full revocation of the grant.

Mr. Anderson said today two recommendations are presented to modify that RISE default policy:

- Eliminate the minimum default repayment of five percent of RISE funding.
- Consider jobs created from a different company that locates at the site of the original RISE-supported development. These jobs will be subject to the same monitoring period as the original RISE development and will be evaluated based on wage rate, benefits, and other RISE eligibility requirements.

Mr. Anderson said the recommendations will take effect immediately on all open and future RISE projects. He requested Commission approval of these changes to the RISE default policy.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Blouin seconded the Commission approve the changes to the RISE default policy. All voted aye; Commissioner Wiley absent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.