

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, August 9, 2011
Hotel Winneshiek
104 East Water Street
Decorah, Iowa

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*Action Item

On Monday, August 8, the Commission and staff will tour transportation projects in eastern Iowa starting at 9:30 a.m. at the DOT Maintenance Garage, 1875 W. Ridgeway Ave, in Waterloo and ending around 3 p.m. at the Hotel Winneshiek, 104 East Water Street, in Decorah where the Commission and staff will hold an informal meeting beginning at 3:30 p.m. Transportation-related matters will be discussed but no action will be taken.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Director's Office Order No. D-2012-4
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date August 9, 2011
Title Approve Minutes of the July 12, 2011, Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011, Commission meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Miles Seconded by Yanney

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Cleveland	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Miles	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Reasner	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Rose	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Wiley	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Yanney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

Division
Director

Legal

State Director

Commission Comments

1. Commission Tour and Workshop on Monday

Commission Chair Reasner said the Commission conducted a tour yesterday starting in Waterloo at the DOT maintenance garage and looking at various projects in Waterloo before traveling U.S. 218 to Waverly, U.S. 63 to New Hampton, U.S. 18 to West Union, and U.S. 52 to Decorah. This is an opportunity for the Commission to review with staff projects that are underway or proposed, to ask questions, and to gather information. When we arrived in Decorah, we held our workshop. At that time we discussed not only some of the information we gathered throughout the day but also some various topics including RISE grants that we will be reviewing today in the business portion of our meeting. We had a very full day yesterday with a lot of information and a lot of questions. People may be curious as to how quickly the Commission moves through the business portion of our meeting but it is because the Commission spent hours yesterday working on various projects and talking with staff.

On behalf of the Commission, Commission Chair Reasner said we very much appreciate being hosted in Decorah. This is a beautiful community. She had the opportunity to use the trail system which is lovely.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Director Order No. MV-2012-5
 Submitted by Paul Trombino III, P.E. Phone No. 515-239-1111 Meeting Date August 9, 2011
 Title Emergency Administrative Rules -- Special License Plates

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Due to recent legislation, Administrative Rules will be amended to reflect amendments made to Iowa Code chapters 321.20 and 321.34 by 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 312 and House File 651, effective July 1, 2011.

These emergency rules clarify procedures and add requirements when applying for each of seven new special license plates, and clarify procedures regarding a new sticker to be issued for special trucks when displaying regular registration plates or special registration license plates in lieu of a special truck plate. A Notice of Intended Action will also be published to allow for public comment.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the attached rule amendments.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Blouin Seconded by Wiley

 Division Director Legal State Director

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Cleaveland	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Miles	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Reasner	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Rose	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Wiley	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Yanney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** subrule 761—400.53(4):

400.53(4) *Special truck sticker.* An owner of a special truck, registered pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.121, and issued either regular registration plates or special registration plates other than special truck registration plates must obtain from the county treasurer a sticker which distinguishes the vehicle as a special truck. The sticker shall be affixed to the lower right corner of the rear registration plate. EXCEPTION: If the vehicle displays front and rear plates, two stickers shall be issued with one sticker affixed to the lower right corner of the front plate and rear plate. For natural resources plates, the stickers must be affixed to the lower left corner of the front and rear plates.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 761—400.53(321), implementation sentence, as follows:

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.34, 321.40, 321.41, 321.121 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 312, section 3, and 321.166.

ITEM 3. Adopt the following **new** rule 761—401.18(321):

761—401.18(321) **Combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action medal, combat medical badge, fallen peace officers and civil war sesquicentennial plates.** Following is the application and approval process for special plate requests under Iowa Code section 321.34 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, House File 651, section 2.

401.18(1) *Design.*

a. The plates shall be a standard background plate with a distinguishing processed emblem specific to each plate type, consistent with processed emblems approved pursuant to rule 761—401.15(321).

b. The distinguishing processed emblem shall be limited to 3" x 3 ½" on the registration plate.

c. A distinguishing processed emblem owned or subject to legal rights of another person will not be used unless the department receives certification from the person that allows use of the emblem. The certification must include a statement holding the department harmless for using the emblem on a registration plate.

d. The office of vehicle services may consult with other organizations, law enforcement authorities, and the general public concerning distinguishing processed emblems.

401.18(2) *Production.* None of the special registration plates subject to this rule will be manufactured or issued until 250 paid applications are submitted to the department. This minimum order requirement applies to each of the special registration plates subject to this rule. Each application must be accompanied by a statutory start-up fee.

401.18(3) *Discontinuance.* If 250 paid applications for any special registration plate subject to this rule are not submitted within one year after the date the department makes the plate available for application, the department shall report that fact to the legislature and request authority to discontinue the special registration plate at the next regular session of the general assembly.

401.18(4) *Application process.*

a. Applications for either letter-number designated or personalized combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action medal, or combat medical badge special registration plates shall be submitted to the department on a form prescribed by the department. The applicant shall attach to the application a copy of an official government document verifying award of the combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action medal or combat medical badge to the applicant.

b. Applications for letter-number designated civil war sesquicentennial or fallen peace officers special registration plates shall be submitted to the county treasurer.

c. Applications for personalized civil war sesquicentennial or fallen peace officers special registration plates shall be submitted to the department on a form prescribed by the department.

401.18(5) *Characters*. Plates are limited to five characters. Personalized plates shall consist of no less than two nor more than five characters and shall be issued in accordance with subrule 401.6(2), paragraphs "a" to "d."

401.18(6) *Reserve the right*. The department reserves the right to approve or disapprove any application.

ITEM 4. Amend 761 Chapter 401, implementation sentence, as follows:

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 35A.11 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, House File 651, section 1, 321.34 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, House File 651, section 2, 321.105, 321.166 and 321L.1.

DATE

PAUL TROMBINO III, P.E., DIRECTOR

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2012-2
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date August 9, 2011
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Fort Dodge (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Fort Dodge submitted a RISE Local Development application in the February 2011 round requesting a grant to assist in the relocation of approximately 760 feet of Second Avenue South (Business U.S. 169/Iowa 926) connecting into First Avenue South from Fourth Street to Sixth Street in the center of town. As part of the downtown revitalization, this relocation will allow for the transition of First Avenue South from a one-way to a two-way street configuration. This project will provide the necessary transportation access to support the construction of new office buildings for RISE-eligible development. This project is anticipated to be completed by October 2012.

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 \$926,575 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE fund.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleveland	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

Division Director _____ Legal _____ State Director

PPM-2012-2

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE local development application from the city of Fort Dodge to relocate approximately 760 feet of 2nd Avenue South, better known as business U.S. 169 and Iowa 926, connecting into First Avenue South from Fourth Street to Sixth Street in the center of town. As part of the downtown revitalization, the relocation will allow for the transition of First Avenue South from a one-way to a two-way street configuration. The project will provide the necessary transportation access to support the construction of new office buildings for RISE-eligible development. Under RISE local development criteria, this project received a rating of 45 points. The total estimated cost is \$1,853,150, and the city is requesting a RISE grant of \$926,575 and will be providing a 50 percent local match. He introduced Chad Schaeffer, Fort Dodge City Engineer.

In doing some research prior to starting this project, Mr. Schaeffer said they found a similar design in the 1970s where they were considering a cross-town connector utilizing the overpass in Fort Dodge to get from the east to west side of town. They started in 2007 with a downtown plan which concluded in 2008 and received council approval. The plan focused on revitalization of the downtown, trying to bring more business to their community. Seven goals were identified consisting of condensing the downtown because they can't support the existing large downtown area; improving accessibility; increasing traffic counts; creating catalyst project opportunities; reconfiguring obsolete properties; compatible uses; and developing a cross-town roadway from the east to west side that includes the railroad overpass.

Mr. Schaeffer said they hired an engineering consultant to move forward with an impact study which was concluded in 2010. They included DOT staff in round table discussions they had over a nine-month period regarding how the plan would affect Iowa 926 and impact properties, etc. He noted what is shown is a small piece. The ultimate project could include up to eight acres of property acquisition with demolition, environmental clearances, etc., and seven blocks of roadway reconstruction to First Avenue South. The total estimated cost is about \$7.6 million which is a large investment for the city of Fort Dodge. The design will accommodate transit activities and vehicle/bicycle/pedestrian activities so it will be multi-modal.

Stephanie Sheetz, Business Affairs and Community Growth Office, Fort Dodge, reviewed past RISE projects the city has done. In 2002 the Commission awarded a RISE grant for a 30,000 sq. ft. expansion of Silgan with 32 new jobs. Today they have 180 employees at this facility. Decker was part of a RISE grant in 2005 for a 30-40,000 sq. ft. headquarters office that created four new jobs and retained 75 jobs. Today they have 254 employees. Their past shows they have been successful in implementing the goals they had for the RISE grants. Mr. Markley reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Blouin seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$926,575 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project costs, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE fund. All voted aye.

RISE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING
February 2011
SUMMARY

Applicant: City of Fort Dodge

Multiyear?: No
Multijurisdiction?: No

ROAD PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: To reconstruct approximately 760 feet of 2nd Avenue South (Business U.S. 169/Iowa 926) connecting into 1st Avenue South from 4th Street to 6th Street in the center of town.

ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: This project is part of the downtown revitalization, this relocation will allow for the transition of 1st Avenue South from a one-way to a two-way street configuration into the downtown corridor. This will enhance flow of traffic to encourage construction of new office buildings for RISE-eligible development.

PROJECT FINANCING:

Roadway Project Cost:	\$1,853,150	Local Match (Total):	\$926,575
RISE (Total):	\$926,575	Up-Front:	\$926,575
Grant:	\$926,575	NPV of Loan Repayment:	0
Loan:	0	Effective Match Percent:	50
Loan Terms:	Yrs. 0	Up-front Participation Sources:	
	Int.: 0 %	Private:	
		Public:	\$926,575
		Local Match (Total):	\$926,575

PROJECT EVALUATION:

Development Potential (35):	10
Economic Impact and Cost Effect. (20):	19
Local Commit. and Initiative (35):	12
Transportation Need (4):	2
Local Economic Need (6):	2

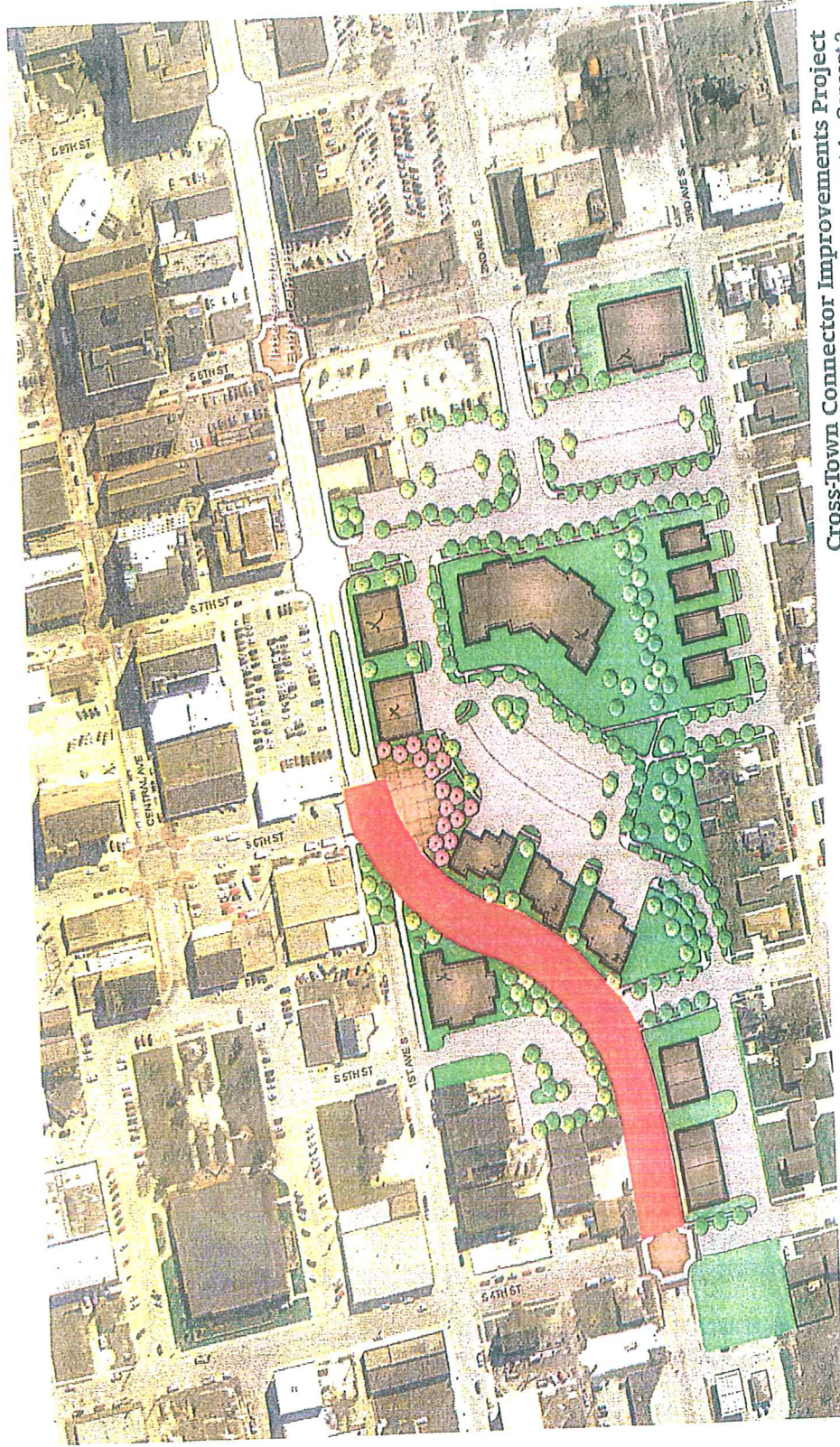
Total Rating: 45

Jobs: 255

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Award a grant of \$926,575 or up to 50 percent of the RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less. Funding will come from the city share of the RISE fund.

City of Fort Dodge



Cross-Town Connector Improvements Project
Alternate Alignment A - Concept 2

Figure 15

September 13, 2016

SWANSON & ASSOCIATES
ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2012-6
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date August 9, 2011
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Clinton (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Clinton submitted a RISE Local Development application in the February 2011 round requesting a grant to assist in the construction of approximately 1,720 feet of new roadway north from 44th Avenue South into the Lincolnway Industrial Rail and Air Park located on the southwest side of town. This project is necessary to provide access to nine lots totaling almost 214 acres for industrial purposes. This project is anticipated to be completed by April 2012.

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 \$414,735 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE fund.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleveland	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

 Division Director Legal State Director

RISE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING
February 2011
SUMMARY

Applicant: City of Clinton

Multiyear?: No
Multijurisdiction?: No

ROAD PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: To construct approximately 1,720 feet of new roadway north from 44th Avenue South into the Lincolnway Industrial Rail and Air Park located on the southwest side of town.

ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The roadway will provide access to nine lots totaling almost 214 acres for industrial purposes.

PROJECT FINANCING:

Roadway Project Cost:	\$829,470
RISE (Total):	\$414,735
Grant:	\$414,735
Loan:	0
Loan Terms:	Yrs. 0
	Int.: 0 %

Local Match (Total):	\$414,735
Up-Front:	\$414,735
NPV of Loan Repayment:	0
Effective Match Percent:	50

Up-front Participation Sources:	
Private:	
Public:	\$414,735

Local Match (Total):	\$414,735
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PROJECT EVALUATION:

Development Potential (35):	15
Economic Impact and Cost Effect. (20):	12
Local Commit. and Initiative (35):	12
Transportation Need (4):	3
Local Economic Need (6):	4

Total Rating: 46

Jobs: 425

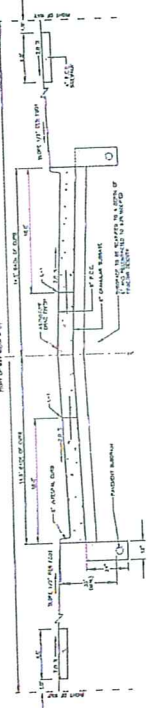
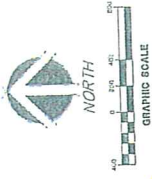
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Award a grant of \$414,735 or up to 50 percent of the RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less. Funding will come from the city share of the RISE fund.

City of Clinton

Commercial / Light Industrial
 Rail Park Master Plan
 City of Clinton, Iowa

Development Example



TYPICAL CROSS SECTION
 SIDWALK AND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENT
 SEE BACK TO BACK SHEET FOR DETAILS

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2012-7
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date August 9, 2011
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Dallas Center (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Dallas Center submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the construction of left-turn lanes on Iowa 44 located on the east side of town. This project is anticipated to be completed by January 2012.

These improvements are necessary to support the expansion of Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc.'s current facility. This company conforms to the legislative requirements of the RISE program.

The roadway will support:

- The creation of 20 new jobs at this facility.
- \$4 million in associated capital investment.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be \$10,000, and there will be a total capital investment of \$20 for each RISE dollar requested.

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 \$200,000 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE fund.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleveland	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

Division Director _____ Legal _____ State Director

PPM-2012-7

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE immediate opportunity application from the city of Dallas Center to construct left-turn lanes on Iowa 44 on the east side of town to support the expansion of Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc.'s existing facility. The proposed improvement will result in the creation of 20 new jobs within two years along with \$4 million in associated capital investment. The average starting wage of the positions to be created is \$53.50 per hour which is 252 percent of the Dallas county average wage rate of \$21.24 per hour. The recommended RISE grant is \$200,000; local participation is 57 percent or \$261,600; total cost of the project is \$461,600; the RISE cost per job assisted is \$10,000; and the total capital investment per RISE dollar is \$20. He introduced Mayor Mitch Hambleton.

Mayor Hambleton introduced council member Gary Stevens. He noted participating by telephone are Linda Schaut, Executive Director, and Julie Einck, project manager, Greater Dallas County Development Alliance.

Mayor Hambleton said Dallas Center has identified agri-research facilities as their main targets for growth of existing business and new business attraction so it is with great pleasure to see one of their existing businesses in this sector continue to grow in their community. With this growth and the activities surrounding the project, there is a need to move the increased traffic flow off Iowa 44 onto interior streets in Dallas Center to allow safe access to the project. A traffic impact study was commissioned to determine the best way to handle the traffic flow. Recommendations from this study justified turning lanes to assist in traffic flow and safety. There will be 20 high quality jobs created with the expansion plans of Pioneer which will assist with some of the funding needs from the RISE program. Dallas Center has also requested funding assistance through U-STEP (Urban-State Traffic Engineering Program) and they are working with the District 4 DOT office with their request for additional assistance to improve the safety in this area. The remaining funding needed to complete this project will be derived from the city. All utility infrastructure is in place to foster growth in this area.

Mr. Markley reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commissioner Yanney seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$200,000 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE fund. All voted Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Date Submitted: July 8, 2011

Commission Date: August 9, 2011

RISE Immediate Opportunity Funding Economic Analysis Summary

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant: City of Dallas Center

Project Location and Description: The project is located on the northeast side of town. The city proposes to construct left-turn lanes on Iowa 44.

Associated Economic Development: The project provides the necessary access to support expanding Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc's. current facility located on the southwest side of the proposed roadway. The project will result in the creation of 20 new jobs and a capital investment of \$4 million.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Total Roadway Project Cost: \$461,600

RISE Funds Requested: \$200,000; **Grant:** \$200,000; **Loan \$----**

Effective Project Cost to RISE Program: \$200,000

Local Participation: \$261,600; **Sources:** City of Dallas Center

Non-RISE Total Capital Investment: \$4,000,000

(**Public:** \$0; **Private:** \$4,000,000)

Direct Jobs Created: 20; (**Other, Potential Future Jobs:** 0)

Direct Jobs Retained: 0; **Total Direct Jobs Assisted, Short-Term:** 20

Number of Existing Jobs: 200

Project Average Wage Rate of New Jobs: \$53.50/hr.

100% Dallas County Average Wage Rate: \$21.24/hr.

KEY RATIOS

Local Match Ratio: 57% (\$261,600/\$461,600)

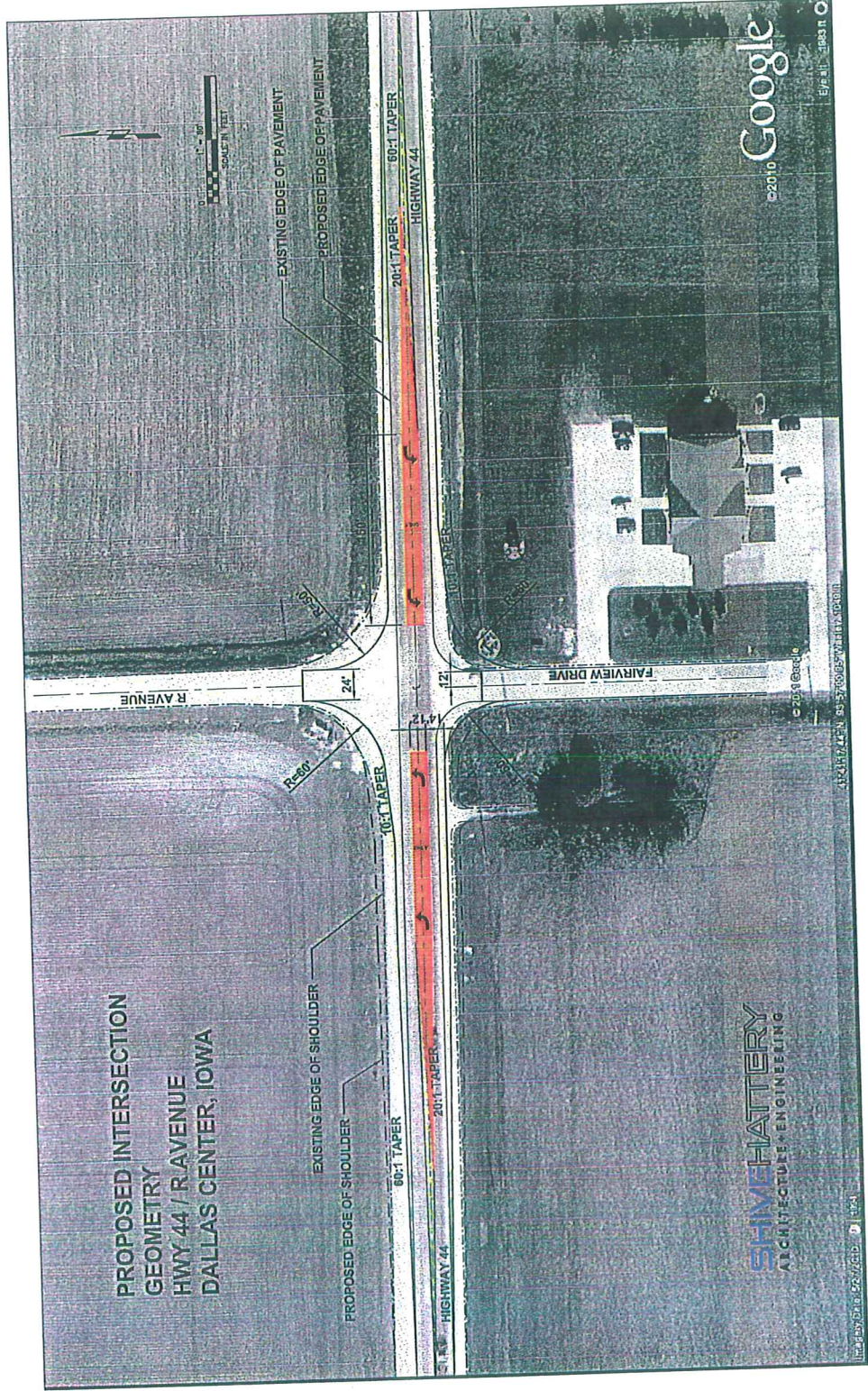
RISE Cost Per Job Assisted (Created): \$200,000/20 = \$10,000.00

Total Capital Investment Per RISE Dollar: \$4,000,000/\$200,000= \$20.00

CONCLUSIONS

Narrative: Based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, staff recommends a grant of \$200,000 or up to 80 percent of total RISE-eligible project costs, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE fund.

City of Dallas Center



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC INPUT MEETING
Hotel Winneshiek
104 Water Street, Decorah
August 9, 2011

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DELEGATION</u>	<u>SPOKESPERSON</u>
8:30 am	Opening Remarks	Amy L. Reasner, Commission Chair
8:30 am	Decorah	Mayor Don Arendt
8:45 am	Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority (INRTA) and Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG)	John Miller
9:05 am	Iowa 150 Coalition	Steven Diers
9:20 am	Dubuque Railroad Passenger Group	David Overby
9:35 am	East Central Iowa Transportation Coalition	Beth Danowsky
9:50 am	Unscheduled Delegations City of Mason City Mathy Construction	Brent Trout Dan Staebell

Message from the Commission:

Welcome to the Iowa Transportation Commission (Commission) public input meeting. As I said earlier, during our business meeting, the Commission travels to different locations in the state every April, June, August and October in an effort to review ongoing or proposed projects. This is also our opportunity to hear from any member of the public who wants to address the Commission about any transportation topic. We welcome those comments.

Many of you in the audience are representatives of cities, counties, planning organizations or coalitions organized around a particular transportation goal. And, many of you representatives occasionally attend these public input meetings in order to thank the Commission for past project assistance, or to propose new partnerships. We welcome those comments, as well. However, please understand that in some cases the Commission is hearing about a proposed project for the first time, so that we may have questions about the project, but we would not have any ability to comment on the merits of the proposal until we receive staff input and until we begin our planning sessions (typically held every January to April). And, in some cases, the Commission is hearing about a proposed project that it has reviewed in the past but will have no comment as the project is not in the five year program at this time and we cannot say until our planning sessions whether the project will become eligible for funding in the five year program. Please consider this an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and concerns with us, and for us to consider those thoughts and concerns as well as review them with staff after gathering necessary information about the how the issues may impact our various grant programs or our five year transportation program.

As always, you can find out more about the Commission and our meetings at www.iowadot.gov/commission/commission.htm or you may reach out to us via email or telephone at our contact information listed on that web page.

Amy L. Reasner, Chair
Iowa Transportation Commission