

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, October 14, 2014  
Terrace View Event Center  
230 St. Andrews Way  
Sioux Center

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\*Action Item

On Monday, Oct. 13, the Commission and Iowa Department of Transportation staff will tour transportation projects in northwest Iowa. A majority of the Commissioners will board the bus at 7:30 a.m. at the Ames DOT complex and meet the remaining Commissioners at 9 a.m. at the Iowa DOT's maintenance garage in Carroll, where the tour will begin. The tour will end around 3 p.m. at the Terrace View Event Center, 230 St. Andrews Way, in Sioux Center 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.



## Commission Comments

### 1. Commission Tour of Northwest Iowa

Commissioner Yanney said yesterday the Commission had a great tour of parts of Northwest Iowa starting in Carroll and traveling to and around Sioux City and Sergeant Bluff. The group also toured the Sioux City airport and then drove U.S. 75 through Le Mars and on to Sioux Center. She noted the Terrace View Event Center facility is a Vision Iowa project. Commissioner Yanney expressed appreciation to Tony Lazarowicz and Dakin Schultz of the District 3 office for doing a great job on preparing the tour and providing a lot of great information.

Commission Chair Rose noted after the tour, the Commission and staff held a workshop to review the items on the business agenda.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office MVD/Office of Driver Services Order No. MV-2015-13  
Submitted by Kim Snook Phone No. 237-3010 Meeting Date October 13, 2014  
Title Administrative Rule Amendments to 761 IAC Chapters 602, 605, 607, and 630

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The department is proposing to amend the following Iowa Administrative Code chapters to conform to legislative changes regarding the periods of validity for driver’s licenses and nonoperator identification cards; fees for duplicate driver’s licenses and nonoperator identification cards; and veteran designations on driver’s licenses and nonoperator identification cards.

- 761 IAC 602 – Classes of Driver’s Licenses
- 761 IAC 605 – License Issuance
- 761 IAC 607 – Commercial Driver Licensing
- 761 IAC 630 – Nonoperator’s Identification

The proposed amendments update the department’s rules to conform to legislative changes made to:

- Iowa Code 321.189 and 321.190 providing for a veteran designation and allowing the veteran designation to be added on new, renewed, and duplicate cards (2012 Iowa Acts chapter 1091, S.F. 2112, section 2; and 2013 Iowa Acts chapter 82, S.F. 224, section 1).
- Iowa Code 321.190 changing the period of validity of a nonoperator’s identification card from five to eight years, changing the fee for the card from \$5 to \$8, eliminating nonexpiring nonoperator’s identification cards for persons age 70 or over, and waiving the fee for a nonoperator’s identification card issued to a person that voluntarily surrendered the person’s driver’s license in lieu of suspension for incapability (2013 Iowa Acts chapter 82, S.F. 224, section 2).
- Iowa Code 321.195 increasing the fee for a duplicate license or nonoperator’s identification card from \$1 for voluntary duplicates and \$3 for involuntary duplicates to a flat fee of \$10 for all duplicates (2013 Iowa Acts chapter 82, S.F. 224, section 3);.
- Iowa Code 321.196 increasing the standard term for a driver’s license from five years to eight years, providing for a transition in which the department may issue five, six, seven, and eight year licenses to equalize renewal volumes in succeeding eight-year periods, and increasing the age at which drivers receive two-year licenses from 70 to 72 (2013 Iowa Acts chapter 82, S.F. 224, section 3, as amended 2013 Iowa Acts chapter 104, H.F. 355, section 1).

The public comment period ended on September 23, and no comments or requests for oral presentations were received.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the attached rule amendments.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Division Director                      Legal                      State Director

MV-2015-13

Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division, said as Mark Lowe, Motor Vehicle Division, reviewed with the Commission yesterday, the Department is proposing several administrative rule changes to chapters 602, 605, 607, and 630. Specifically, these changes:

- Provide a veteran's designation to be added on new, renewed, and duplicate cards.
- Change the period of validity of an ID card from five to eight years.
- Change the fee for an ID card from \$5 to \$8.
- Eliminate non-expiring ID cards for persons age 70 or over.
- Waive the fee for a nonoperator's ID card issued to a person that voluntarily surrendered his/her driver's license due to inability to drive.
- Increase the fee for duplicate licenses or ID cards from \$1 for voluntary duplicates and \$3 for involuntary duplicates to a flat fee of \$10 for all duplicates.
- Increase the standard term for a driver license from five to eight years and provide for a transition in which the Department may issue five, six, seven, and eight year licenses to equalize the renewal volumes in succeeding eight year periods.
- Increase the age of which drivers receive two year licenses from 70 to 72.

The public comment period for these rules ended September 23, 2014, and no comments or requests for oral presentations were received. It is recommended the Commission approve the rules as proposed.

Commissioner Reasner moved, Commissioner Yanney seconded the Commission approve the rule amendments. Commissioner Boswell absent; remaining Commissioners voted aye.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 602.11(1) as follows:

**602.11(1) *Validity and issuance.***

a. No change.

b. The license is issued for either two years or ~~five~~ eight years.

(1) A qualified applicant who is at least 17 years, 11 months of age but not yet ~~70~~ 72 years of age shall be issued a ~~five-year~~ an eight-year license. However, the expiration date of the license issued shall not exceed the licensee's 74th birthday.

(2) A two-year license shall be issued to a qualified applicant who is under 17 years, 11 months of age or who is ~~70~~ 72 years of age or older.

(3) No change.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 602.12(1) as follows:

**602.12(1) *Validity and issuance.***

a. and b. No change.

c. The license is issued for either two years or ~~five~~ eight years.

(1) A qualified applicant who is at least 18 years of age but not yet ~~70~~ 72 years of age shall be issued a ~~five-year~~ an eight-year license. However, the expiration date of the license issued shall not exceed the licensee's 74th birthday.

(2) A two-year license shall be issued to a qualified applicant who is ~~70~~ 72 years of age or older.

(3) No change.

~~—d. Rescinded IAB 11/8/06, effective 12/13/06.~~

ITEM 3. Amend paragraph **602.13(1)“b”** as follows:

b. The license is issued for either two years or ~~five~~ eight years.

(1) A qualified applicant who is at least 17 years, 11 months of age but not yet ~~70~~ 72 years of age shall be issued a ~~five-year~~ an eight-year license. However, the expiration date of the license issued shall not exceed the licensee's 74th birthday.

(2) A two-year license shall be issued to a qualified applicant who is under 17 years, 11 months of age or who is ~~70~~ 72 years of age or older.

(3) No change.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following **new** rule 761—602.14(321):

**761—602.14(321) Transition from five-year to eight-year licenses.** During the period January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2018, the department shall issue qualified applicants otherwise eligible for an eight-year license a five-year, six-year, seven-year, or eight-year license, subject to all applicable limitations for age and ability. The applicable period shall be randomly assigned to the applicant by the department's computerized issuance system based on a distribution formula intended to spread renewal volumes as equally as practical over the eight-year period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2026.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.196 and 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 104, section 2.

ITEM 5. Adopt the following **new** subrule 605.2(7):

**605.2(7) Voluntary markings.** Upon the request of the licensee, the department shall indicate on the driver's license the presence of a medical condition, that the licensee is a donor under the uniform anatomical gift law, that the licensee has in effect a medical advance directive, that the licensee is hearing impaired or deaf, or that the licensee is a veteran. To be eligible for a veteran designation, the licensee must be an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States. A licensee who requests a veteran designation shall submit Form 432035, properly completed by the licensee and a designee of the Iowa department of veterans affairs.

ITEM 6. Amend rule ~~761—605.2(321)~~, implementation sentence, as follows:

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code ~~section~~ sections 142C.3 and 321.189, the REAL ID Act of 2005 (49 U.S.C. Section 30301 note), and 6 CFR Part 37.

ITEM 7. Amend rule 761—605.11(321) as follows:

**761—605.11(321) Duplicate license.**

**605.11(1) *Lost, stolen or destroyed license.*** To replace a valid license that is lost, stolen or destroyed, the licensee shall ~~submit Form 430052 and shall~~ comply with the requirements of 761—601.5(321) and pay the replacement fee. ~~The replacement fee is \$3.~~

**605.11(2) *Voluntary replacement.*** The department shall issue a duplicate of a valid license to an eligible licensee if the license is surrendered to the department and the ~~\$1 voluntary~~ replacement fee is paid. Voluntary replacement includes but is not limited to:

*a. to i.* No change.

*j.* Replacement to add a veteran designation to the license. To be eligible for a veteran designation, the licensee must be an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States. A licensee who requests a veteran designation shall submit Form 432035, properly completed by the licensee and a designee of the Iowa department of veterans affairs.

**605.11(3) *Fee.*** The fee to replace a license is \$10. Anything in this rule, notwithstanding the fee for replacement of a license under paragraphs 605.11(2) “f” and 605.11(2) “g,” shall be as set forth in Iowa Code subsection 321.189(6).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.189, 321.195 and 321.208, the REAL ID Act of 2005 (49 U.S.C. Section 30301 note), and 6 CFR Part 37.

ITEM 8. Amend rule 761—605.20(321) as follows:

**761—605.20(321) Fee adjustment for upgrading license.** The fee for upgrading a driver's license shall be computed on a full-year basis. The fee is charged for each year or part of a year between the date of the change and the expiration date on the license.

**605.20(1)** The fee to upgrade a driver's license from one class to another is determined by computing the difference between the current license fee and the new license fee as follows:

*a.* and *b.* No change.

*c.* Converting Class M to noncommercial Class C with a motorcycle endorsement—~~\$1~~ \$2 one-time fee.

**605.20(2)** The fee to add a privilege to a driver's license is computed per year of new license validity as follows:

Noncommercial Class C (full privileges from a restricted Class C)	\$4 per year
Motorized bicycle	\$4 per year
Minor's restricted license	\$4 per year
Minor's school license	\$4 per year
Motorcycle instruction permit	<del>\$1</del> <u>\$2</u> per year
Motorcycle endorsement	<del>\$1</del> <u>\$2</u> per year

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.189 and 321.191.

ITEM 9. Amend rule 761—607.16(321) as follows:

**761—607.16(321) Commercial driver's license (CDL).**

**607.16(1)** No change.

**607.16(2)** *Validity.*

*a. to d.* No change.

*e.* A commercial driver's license valid for ~~five~~ eight years shall be issued to a qualified applicant who is at least 18 years of age but not yet ~~70~~ 72 years of age. However, the expiration date of the license issued shall not exceed the licensee's 74th birthday.

*f.* A commercial driver's license valid for two years shall be issued to a qualified applicant ~~70~~ 72 years of age or older. A two-year license may also be issued, at the discretion of the department, to an applicant whose license is restricted due to vision or other physical disabilities.

*g. and h.* No change.

**607.16(3)** No change.

**607.16(4)** *Transition from five-year to eight-year licenses.* During the period January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2018, the department shall issue qualified applicants otherwise eligible for an eight-year license a five-year, six-year, seven-year, or eight-year license, subject to all applicable limitations for age and ability. The applicable period shall be randomly assigned to the applicant by the department's computerized issuance system based on a distribution formula intended to spread renewal volumes as equally as practical over the eight-year period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2026.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.177, 321.182, 321.188, 321.189, and 321.196 and 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 104, section 2.

ITEM 10. Amend rule 761—630.2(321) as follows:

**761—630.2(321) Application and issuance.**

**630.2(1)** and **630.2(2)** No change.

**630.2(3)** The nonoperator's identification card shall be coded for identification only, as explained on the reverse side of the card. The county number shall indicate the county of residence. The card shall expire ~~five~~ eight years from the date of issue ~~if the applicant is under the age of 70~~. A card issued to a person who is a foreign national with temporary lawful status shall be issued only for the length of time the person is authorized to be present in the United States as verified by the department, not to exceed two years. However, if the person's lawful status as verified by the department has no expiration date, the card shall be issued for a period of no longer than one year.

**630.2(4)** Upon the request of the cardholder, the department shall indicate on the nonoperator's identification card the presence of a medical condition, that the cardholder is a donor under the uniform anatomical gift law, ~~or~~ that the cardholder has in effect a medical advance directive, that the cardholder is hearing impaired or deaf, or that the cardholder is a veteran. To be eligible for a veteran designation, the cardholder must be an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States. A cardholder who requests a veteran designation shall submit Form 432035, properly completed by the licensee and a designee of the Iowa department of veterans affairs.

**630.2(5)** The issuance fee is ~~\$5~~ \$8. However, no issuance fee shall be charged for a person whose license has been suspended for incapability pursuant to rule 761—615.14(321), ~~or~~ who has been denied further licensing in lieu of a suspension for incapability pursuant to rule 761—615.4(321), or who voluntarily surrenders the person's license in lieu of suspension for incapability pursuant to rule 761—615.14(321).

**630.2(6) to 630.2(11)** No change.

ITEM 11. Amend rule 761—630.3(321) as follows:

**761—630.3(321) Duplicate card.**

**630.3(1)** *Lost, stolen or destroyed card.* To replace a nonoperator's identification card that is lost, stolen or destroyed, the cardholder shall ~~submit Form 430052 and shall~~ comply with the requirements of 761—601.5(321) and pay the replacement fee. ~~The replacement fee is \$3.~~

**630.3(2)** *Voluntary replacement.* To voluntarily replace a nonoperator's identification card, the cardholder shall surrender to the department the card to be replaced. The reasons a card may be voluntarily replaced and any additional supporting documentation required are the same as those listed in 761—paragraphs 605.11(2) "a" to ~~"i."~~"j." ~~The fee for voluntary replacement is \$1.~~

**630.3(3)** *Fee.* The fee to replace a nonoperator's identification card is the same amount as the fee required to replace a driver's license. See 761—subrule 605.11(3).

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2015-14  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date October 14, 2014  
 Title State Recreational Trails Program Funding Recommendations

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the State Recreational Trails Program has been completed. The following recommendations will be presented.

Ankeny Connector - High Trestle Trail (Polk County Conservation Board)	\$ 782,500
Cedar Valley Nature Trail Bridge E4 Replacement (Black Hawk County Conservation Board)	160,906
Coon Rapids Connector Trail Underpass (Coon Rapids)	224,437
Great River Road Bike Lane (Louisa County Secondary Roads)	340,000
Hoover Trail - "The Missing Link" (Johnson County Conservation Board)	454,000
Iowa DNR AmeriCorps Trail Crew (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)	296,250
Iowa River Trail Phase 1 Development (Marshalltown and Hardin County)	775,000
Lake Path Trail/JewEllsworth Trail Segment (Hamilton County Conservation Board)	647,140
Mississippi River Trail - Pikes Peak Road to Guttenberg (Clayton County)	579,074
Pottawattamie County Trail - Phase I (Pottawattamie County Conservation Board and Pottawattamie County Trail Board)	700,000
Red Cedar Trail and Connector (Linn County Conservation Board and Linn Area Mountain Bike Association)	55,000
SW 5th (Jackson) Street Bridge Rehabilitation (Des Moines)*	500,000
 Total	 \$5,514,307

\*Historic bridge allocation

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the State Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations, as listed.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Division Director                      Legal                      State Director

PPM-2015-14

Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division, said the State Recreational Trails program was created in 1988 for the purpose of developing and maintaining recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both motorized and non-motorized trail users. This funding is available to cities, counties, state agencies, local governments or non-profit organizations through an annual application program. The current round of applications were due July 1, and we received 56 recreational trail applications and one existing historic trail bridge application requesting, in total, over \$27 million in funding. A recommendation was reviewed with the Commission at the September workshop to award funding to 12 projects for a total of \$5,514,307. There is still \$500,000 remaining for historic trail bridges so we will be seeking applications that will be due January 2 for that remaining funding. He requested Commission approval of the State Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commissioner Yanney seconded the Commission approve the State Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations as listed. Commissioner Boswell absent; remaining Commissioners voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Rail Transportation Order No. PPM-2015-15

Submitted by Tamara Nicholson Phone No. 515-239-1052 Meeting Date October 14, 2014

Title Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program Recommendation

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program has been completed. The following recommendations will be presented.

<b><u>Targeted job creation projects</u></b>	<b><u>Loan</u></b>	<b><u>Grant</u></b>
West Charles Street Viaduct	\$ 196,294.50	\$327,157.50
<b><u>Rail network improvement projects</u></b>		
Five Star Coop Rail Improvements	500,000.00	0
Iowa Crossroads of Global Innovation	1,600,000.00	0
Des Moines Rail Port	1,700,000.00	0
KJRY Track Enhancements	228,800.00	0
<b><u>Planning study grants</u></b>		
Sioux Center Rail Port Study	0	100,000.00
<b>Total recommended funding</b>	<b>\$4,225,094.50</b>	<b>\$427,157.50</b>

Total recommended funding: \$4,652,252

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program funding recommendations as listed.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Division Director                      Legal                      State Director

PPM-2015-15

Tamara Nicholson, Office of Rail Transportation, said the Rail Revolving Loan and Grant (RRLG) program provides funding to highway jurisdictions and businesses for improvements for economic development and other improvements to the rail system. The current round of RRLG program applications for funding was presented at the September Commission workshop.

Ms. Nicholson briefly reviewed the projects recommended for funding as listed on the Commission order. The total recommended funding is \$4,652,252, and she requested Commission approval of these projects.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commissioner Putney seconded the Commission approve the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program funding recommendations as listed. Commissioner Boswell absent; remaining Commissioners voted aye.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Rail Transportation Order No. PPM-2015-16

Submitted by Tamara Nicholson Phone No. 515-239-1052 Meeting Date October 14, 2014

Title 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Staff will present the proposed 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program.

A listing of the proposed program of projects is attached.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Division Director                      Legal                      State Director

PPM-2015-16

Tamara Nicholson, Office of Rail Transportation, said the 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair program provides assistance to railroads and highway jurisdictions to repair rail-highway grade crossings. This funding is available to railroads, districts that own public crossings, and highway authorities. Applications must be submitted jointly by railroads and highway authorities to be considered for funding. A recommendation was reviewed with the Commission at the September workshop. The 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair program includes 12 projects for a total of \$976,500. She requested Commission approval of the program recommendations attached to the commission order.

Commissioner Reasner moved, Commissioner Huber seconded the Commission approve the 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair program. Commissioner Boswell absent; remaining Commissioners voted aye.



## 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program

### 2016 Recommendations for Highway-Railroad Surface Repair Projects

Award	County	Highway Jurisdiction	Road location	Crossing I.D.	Railroad	Applicant	Type of improvement
\$42,600	O'Brien	O'Brien County	Warbler Avenue (S Eighth Ave E)	385745C	DM&E	O'Brien County	Roadway surface repair
\$42,000	Mitchell	Saint Ansgar	Second Street	308977J	CEDR	Saint Ansgar	Roadway surface repair
\$66,000	Mitchell	Saint Ansgar	West Third Street	308976C	CEDR	Saint Ansgar	Roadway surface repair
\$69,900	Black Hawk	Waterloo	W Airline Highway	307180C	CCP	Waterloo	Roadway surface repair
\$207,000	Mitchell	Saint Ansgar	West Fourth Street	308975V	CEDR	Saint Ansgar	Roadway surface repair
\$54,000	Polk	Des Moines	SW Second Avenue	603717C	IAIS	Des Moines	Roadway surface repair
\$53,100	Polk	Des Moines	Third Street	603718J	IAIS	Des Moines	Roadway surface repair
\$37,500	Mitchell	Saint Ansgar	Third Street	308976C	COOP	Saint Ansgar	Roadway surface repair
\$124,200	Mitchell	Osage	Intersection of State Street & S Third Street	308952N	CEDR	Osage	Roadway surface repair
\$114,000	Mitchell	Saint Ansgar	Sixth Street	308973G	CEDR	Saint Ansgar	Roadway surface repair
\$62,400	Buchanan	Jesup	First Street	307088C	CCP	Jesup	Roadway surface repair
\$103,800	Mitchell	Saint Ansgar	Eighth Street (Inventory lists it as Church Street)	308971T	CEDR	Saint Ansgar	Roadway surface repair

**\$976,500** Total

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Rail Transportation Order No. PPM-2015-17

Submitted by Tamara Nicholson Phone No. 515-239-1052 Meeting Date October 14, 2014

Title 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Staff will present the proposed 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program for warning device projects.

A listing of the proposed program of projects is attached.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Division Director                      Legal                      State Director

PPM-2015-17

Tamara Nicholson, Office of Rail Transportation, said the Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety program provides assistance to railroads and highway jurisdictions to add safety warning protection at grade crossings. Funding is available to railroad, industries that own public crossings, and highway authorities. Applications can be submitted by any of these authorities to be considered for funding. A recommendation was presented to the Commission at the September workshop for the proposed 2016 program. That list includes 30 projects for a total cost of \$5,735,000. She requested Commission approval of the proposed program as listed on the attachment to the commission order.

Commissioner Huber moved, Commissioner Miles seconded the Commission approve the 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program. Commissioner Boswell absent; remaining Commissioners voted aye.

# 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program

## Recommendations for Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Projects

Benefit/ Cost Ratio	Award	County	Highway jurisdiction	Road location	Crossing I.D.	Railroad	Applicant	Type of improvement	Present warning device
5.6	\$240,000	Plymouth	Le Mars	12th Street SW	307648G	UP	Le Mars / UP	Signals w/gate arms	Signals
3.8	\$225,000	Plymouth	Le Mars	18th Street SW	307649N	UP	Le Mars / UP	Signals w/gate arms	Signals
3.4	\$180,000	Cerro Gordo	Cerro Gordo County	330th Street	196370V	UP	UP	Signals w/gate arms	Signals
3.1	\$220,000	Boone	Boone County	U Avenue	190718N	UP	UP	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
2.8	\$160,000	Polk	Des Moines	Fifth Avenue	603720K	IAIS	Des Moines / IAIS	Signals w/gate arms	Signals
2.4	\$180,000	Osceola	Osceola County	180th Street	185848A	UP	UP	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
2.3	\$180,000	Story	Story County	280th Street	876051F	UP	UP	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
2.0	\$180,000	Buena Vista	Alta	Main Street	307526C	CC	Alta	Signals w/gate arms	Signals
1.7	\$180,000	Plymouth	Plymouth County	Otter Avenue	307628V	CC	Plymouth County	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
1.6	\$195,000	Harrison	Harrison County	125th Street	191223R	UP	UP	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
1.4	\$180,000	Webster	Webster County	Hayes Avenue	196553N	UP	UP	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
1.3	\$180,000	Webster	Webster County	160th Street	196529M	UP	UP	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
1.0	\$210,000	Pottawattamie	Pottawattamie County	Sumac Road	191097Y	UP	UP	Signals w/gate arms	Signals
0.9	\$185,000	Worth	Worth County	Wheelerwood Road	195993B	UP	UP	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
0.9	\$180,000	Cerro Gordo	Mason City	Eighth Street SE	379986C	DME	Mason City	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
0.9	\$190,000	Boone	Boone County	A Avenue	190335L	UP	UP	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
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0.9	\$240,000	Cedar	Cedar County	Echo Avenue	190455C	UP	UP	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
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0.8	\$200,000	Clarke	Clarke County	300 Avenue	074064R	BNSF	Clarke County / BNSF	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
0.8	\$175,000	Cedar	Cedar County	Spicer Avenue	190425K	UP	UP	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
0.8	\$180,000	Clinton	Clinton	105th Avenue	190408U	UP	Clinton	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
0.8	\$180,000	Cherokee	Cherokee County	L Avenue	307587T	CC	Cherokee County	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
0.8	\$180,000	Lucas	Lucas County	270th Avenue	079121U	BNSF	Lucas County	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
0.7	\$180,000	Black Hawk	Raymond	Lafayette Road	307103C	CC	Raymond / CC	Signals w/gate arms	Crossbucks
	\$15,000		Statewide					Crossing closure	

Total \$5,735,000

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2015-18  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date October 14, 2014  
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Council Bluffs (Delegation)

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The city of Council Bluffs submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in reconstruction of approximately 983 feet of Gifford Road and approximately 422 feet of 42nd Avenue located on the south side of town. This project is anticipated to be completed by October 2015.

These improvements are necessary to provide improved access to ECHO Group, a provider of sales and support for the wholesale electric supply market. This company conforms to the legislative requirements of the RISE program.

The improvements will support:

- The retention of 109 full-time jobs and creation of eight new full-time jobs.
- \$14,497,132 in associated capital investment.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be \$7,995.26, and there will be a total capital investment of \$15.50 for each RISE dollar requested.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment and job retention and creation commitments, award a RISE grant of \$935,445 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
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Division Director                      \_\_\_\_\_ Legal                      \_\_\_\_\_ State Director

PPM-2015-18

Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division, reviewed a RISE Immediate Opportunity application from the city of Council Bluffs to reconstruct approximately 983 feet of Gifford Road and approximately 422 feet of 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on the south side of town. The proposed improvements will result in the retention of 109 full-time jobs and creation of 8 full-time jobs within three years along with \$14,497,132 in associated capital investment. The average wage of the retained and created positions is \$27.69 per hour which is 159 percent of the average labor shed wage rate. Based on the analysis of those positions and the requested RISE eligible project costs, staff recommends a RISE grant of \$935,445; that is 80 percent of the total RISE eligible project costs. The 20 percent match will amount to \$233,861. The recommendation is tied to 117 retained and created jobs within three years. That results in a RISE cost per job assisted of \$7,995.26 and a capital investment per RISE dollar of \$15.50. He introduced Don Gross, Community Development Director, Council Bluffs.

Mr. Gross introduced Terry Bailey, Pottawattamie Growth Alliance; Greg Reeder, Public Works Director; and Scott Reelfs. He encouraged the Commission's favorable adoption of this application. They recently adopted a comprehensive plan, and this area is designated for industrial development.

Mr. Anderson reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Reasner moved, Commissioner Miles seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment and job retention and creation commitments, award a RISE grant of \$935,445 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE fund. Commissioner Boswell absent; remaining Commissioners voted aye.

**Date Submitted:** October 3, 2014

**Commission Date:** October 14, 2014

## **RISE Immediate Opportunity Funding Economic Analysis Summary**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Applicant:** City of Council Bluffs

**Project Location and Description:** The city of Council Bluffs submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the reconstruction of approximately 983 feet of Gifford Road and approximately 422 feet of 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue located on the south side of town.

**Associated Economic Development:** The project provides improved access to ECHO Group, a provider of sales and support for the wholesale electric supply market. The project will result in the retention of 109 full-time jobs and creation of eight new full-time jobs and \$14,497,132 in associated capital investment.

### **ECONOMIC IMPACT**

**Total Roadway Project Cost: \$1,169,306**

**RISE Funds Requested:** \$935,445; **Grant:** \$935,445; **Loan \$----**

**Effective Project Cost to RISE Program:** \$935,445

**Local Participation:** \$233,861; **Sources:** Council Bluffs

**Non-RISE Total Capital Investment:** \$14,497,132

(**Public:** \$3,571,132; **Private:** \$10,926,000)

**Direct Jobs Created:** 8; (**Other, Potential Future Jobs:** 0)

**Direct Jobs Retained:** 109 **Total Direct Jobs Assisted, Short-Term:** 0

**Number of Existing Jobs:** 0

**Project Average Wage Rate of New/Retained Jobs:** \$27.69/hr.

**100% Average Laborshed Wage Rate:** \$17.46/hr.

### **KEY RATIOS**

**Local Match Ratio:** 20% ( $\$233,861/\$935,445$ )

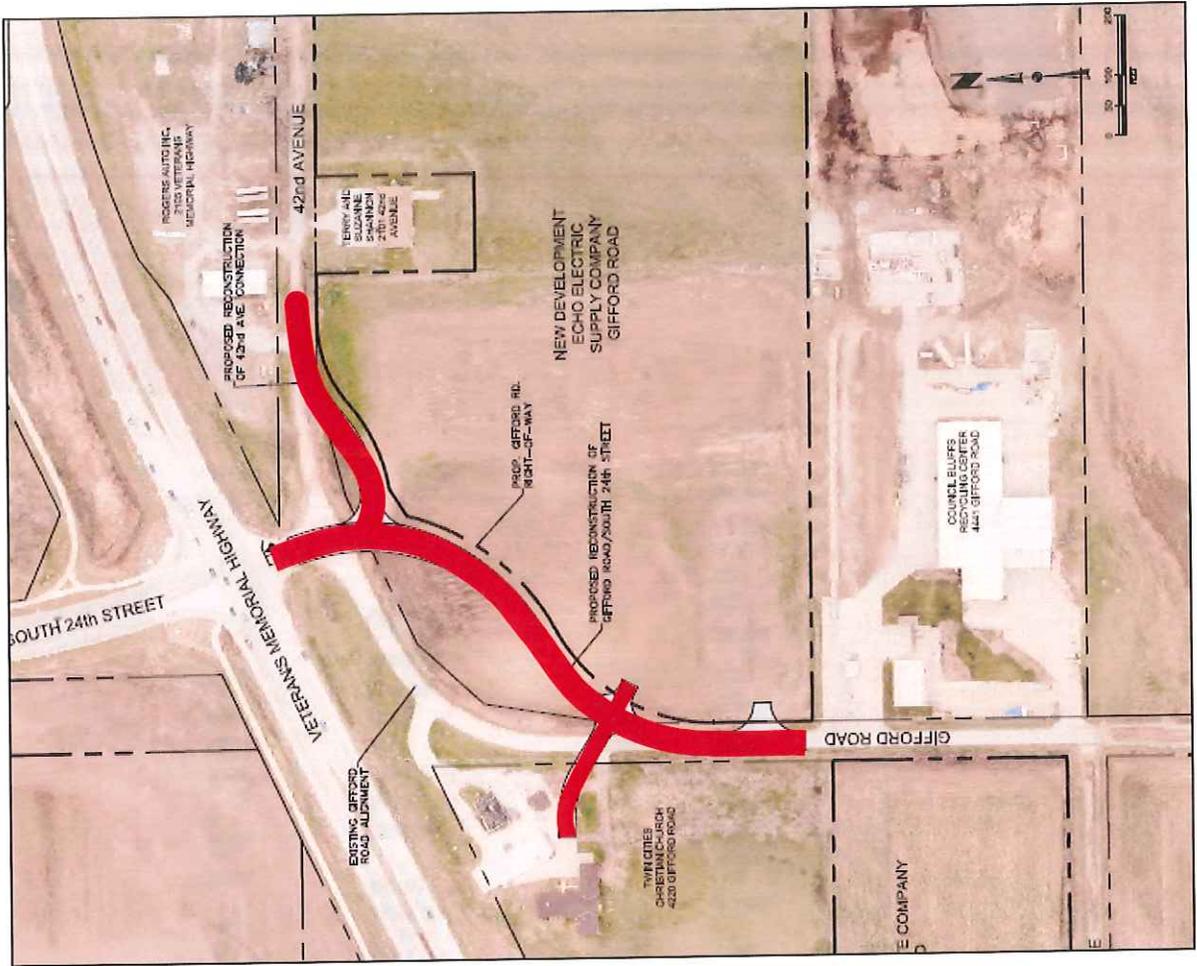
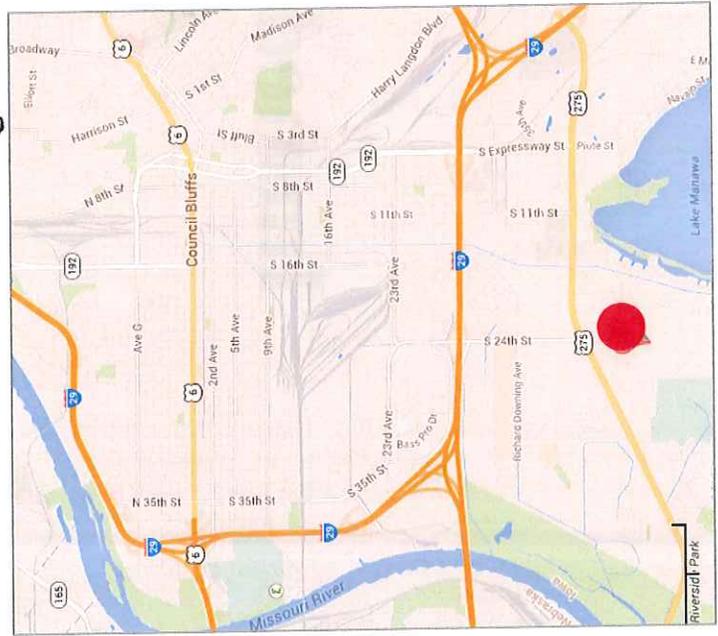
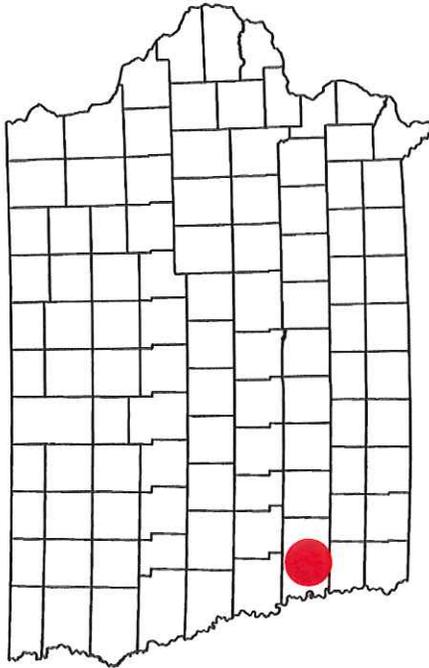
**RISE Cost Per Job Assisted (Created/Retained):**  $\$935,445/117 = \$7,995.26$

**Total Capital Investment Per RISE Dollar:**  $\$14,497,132/\$935,445 = \$15.50$

### **CONCLUSIONS**

**Narrative:** It is recommended the Commission based on the capital investment and job retention and creation commitments; award a RISE grant of \$935,445 from the RISE Fund or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less. Funding will come from the city share of the RISE Fund.

# Council Bluffs



**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2015-19  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date October 14, 2014  
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Lyon County (Delegation)

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Lyon County submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the resurfacing of approximately 5,280 feet of Kingbird Avenue and approximately 980 feet of 200th Street to the development site of the expanded Diversified Technologies Inc.'s manufacturing facility located northeast of George. This project is anticipated to be completed by December 2015.

Because this project will provide access to more than 17 acres for industrial purposes and to maximize RISE support for this project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project.

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, reclassify the project as a Local Development project in the September 2014 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$188,583 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county share of the RISE Fund.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Division Director                      \_\_\_\_\_ Legal                      \_\_\_\_\_ State Director

PPM-2015-19

Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division, said Lyon County submitted an immediate opportunity RISE application requesting funds to reconstruct approximately 5,280 feet of Kingbird Avenue and approximately 980 feet of 200<sup>th</sup> Street to the development site of the expanded Diversified Technologies Inc.'s manufacturing facility located northwest of the city of George. Because this project will provide access to more than 17 acres for industrial purposes and to maximize RISE support for this project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE local development project. Under RISE local development criteria, this project scored 49 points. The total estimated project cost is \$377,166, and the County is requesting a RISE grant of \$188,583 which is 50 percent and will be providing the other 50 percent as a local match. He introduced Steve Simons, Lyon County Economic Development Director.

Mr. Simons introduced Laura Sievers, Lyon County Engineer, and Ted Kourousis, Northwest Iowa Planning and Development. He said Diversified Technologies Inc.'s DuraLift line aerial lifts is a growing part of their business and this will help them grow.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commissioner Putney seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creations, reclassify the project as a Local Development project in the September 2014 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$188,583 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county share of the RISE fund. All voted aye.

RISE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING  
September 2014  
SUMMARY

Applicant: Lyon County

Multyear?: No  
Multijurisdiction?: No

ROAD PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: To resurface approximately 5,280 feet of Kingbird Avenue and approximately 980 feet of 200th Street to the development site of the expanded Diversified Technologies, Inc manufacturing facility located northeast of George.

ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: This project will provide improved access to more than 17 acres for industrial purposes.

PROJECT FINANCING:

Roadway Project Cost:	\$377,166	Local Match (Total):	\$188,583
RISE (Total):	\$188,583	Up-Front:	\$188,583
Grant:	\$188,583	NPV of Loan Repayment:	0
Loan:	0	Effective Match Percent:	50
Loan Terms:			
Yrs.	0	Up-front Participation Sources:	
Int.:	0 %	Private:	
		Public:	\$188,583
		Local Match (Total):	\$188,583

PROJECT EVALUATION:

Development Potential (35):	20
Economic Impact and Cost Effect. (20):	7
Local Commit. and Initiative (35):	17
Transportation Need (4):	3
Local Economic Need (6):	2

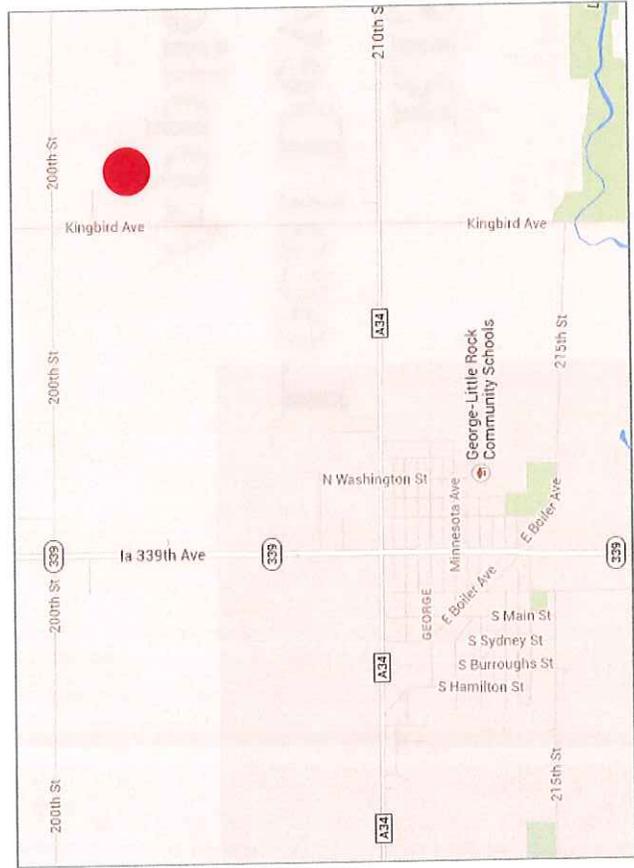
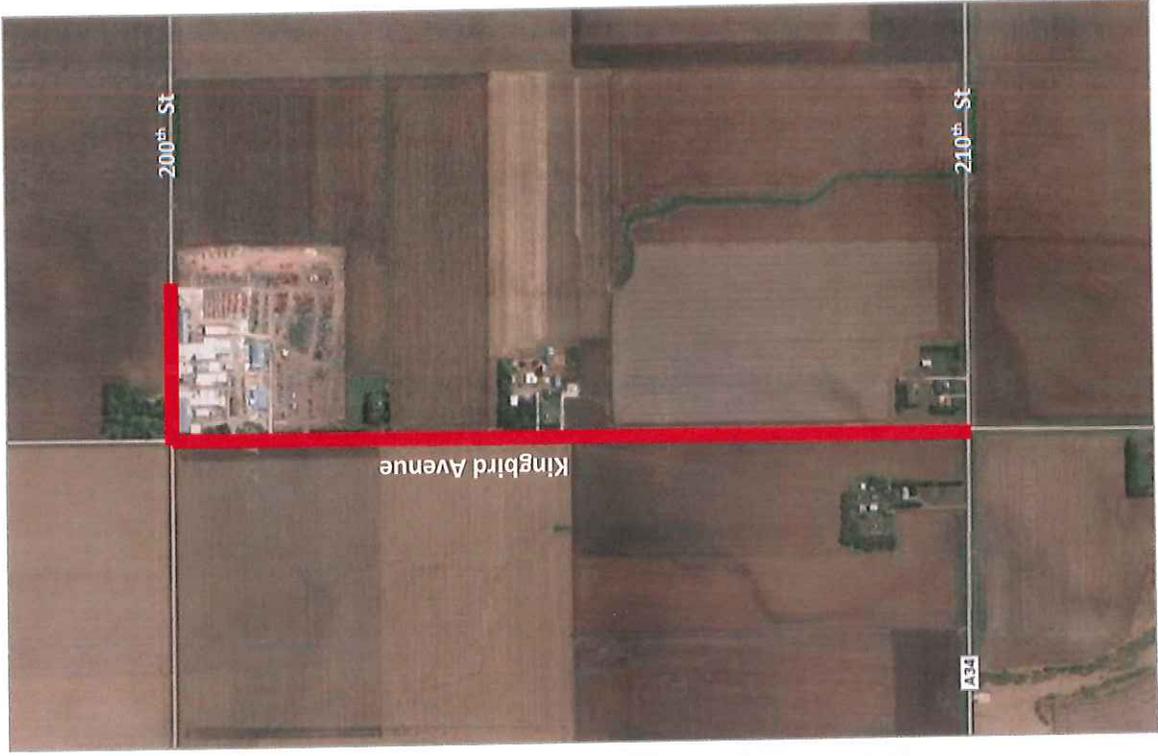
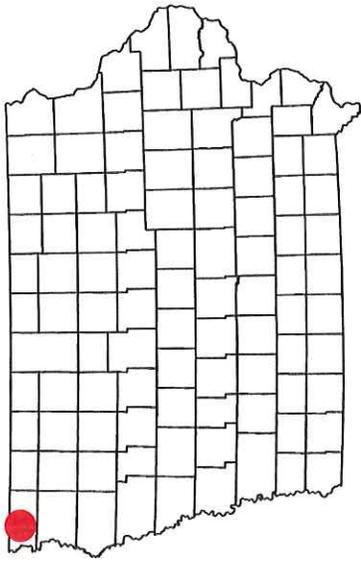
Total Rating: 49

Jobs: 5

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Award a grant of \$188,583 or up to 50 percent of the RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less. Funding will come from the county share of the RISE Fund.

# Lyon County



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2015-20  
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date October 14, 2014  
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Sergeant Bluff (Delegation)

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The city of Sergeant Bluff submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2014 round requesting a grant to assist in construction of a new road from South Lewis Boulevard approximately 3,000 feet west toward Port Neal Road and a turn lane on South Lewis Boulevard on the southeast side of town.

This project is necessary to provide access to 12 lots totaling more than 44 acres for light industrial purposes. This project is anticipated to be completed by December 2015.

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 \$815,234 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
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

Division  
Director

Legal

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PPM-2015-20

Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division, presented a RISE local development application from the city of Sergeant Bluff to construct a new road from South Lewis Boulevard approximately 3,000 west toward Port Neal Road and a turn lane on South Lewis Boulevard on the southeast side of town. This project is necessary to provide access to 12 lots totaling more than 44 acres for light industrial purposes. Under RISE local development criteria, this project received a rating of 43 points. The total estimated project cost is \$1,630,468 and the city is requesting a RISE grant of \$815,234 and will provide the 50 percent local match. He introduced Jon Winkel, Mayor of Sergeant Bluff.

Mayor Winkel introduced Bill Gaukel, Mayor Pro-Tem; Dean Lefrentz, Vice President, Community Development Corporation; David Gleiser, Woodbury County Economic Development; and Barbara Sloniker, Siouxland Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Winkel said Sergeant Bluff was fortunate enough to get a RISE grant in 1983 which resulted in the creation of over 3,000 jobs. That project is still yielding benefits today as they just broke ground last week on a \$12.5 million skilled care facility on Sergeant Square Drive, one of the main roads in that RISE project. What the Commission does has impact, and it has made a huge difference for Sergeant Bluff starting in the 1980s. Mayor Winkel said he was encouraged to make a pitch for the U.S. 20 project. On this side of the state they view U.S. 20 as a key component to help them to continue to grow and be a vital part of the state.

David Gleiser expressed appreciation to the Commission for coming to visit this side of the state and for their service to Iowa and the Iowa Department of Transportation. He said he is here on behalf of Woodbury County to demonstrate their support for the Sergeant Bluff RISE grant application. This project will have a significant impact on economic development along that transportation route which is important and critical for not only Sergeant Bluff but for Woodbury county. Woodbury County and the city of Sergeant Bluff are working proactively not only to fund this project but to identify targeted industry to fill those lots, bring in new jobs, and generate new tax revenues. He also expressed appreciation for the investments the Commission has already made in the road system in Woodbury County and for recognizing that their road system is a critical piece to the state road system. In regard to U.S. 20, Mr. Gleiser said Woodbury County has communities along that corridor that are hungry for the development potential. They are working on comprehensive long-term strategies that are banking on that commerce traveling through their community. He encouraged the Commission to remain focused and diligent on identifying solutions for that road system.

Mr. Anderson reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Yanney moved, Commissioner Reasner seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$815,234 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.

Meeting ended at 8:25 a.m.

RISE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING  
September 2014  
SUMMARY

Applicant: City of Sergeant Bluff

Multiyear?: No  
Multijurisdiction?: No

ROAD PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: To construct a new road from South Lewis Boulevard approximately 3,000 feet west toward Port Neal Road and a turn lane on South Lewis Boulevard on the southeast side of town.

ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: This project is necessary to provide access to 12 lots totaling more than 44 acres for light industrial purposes.

PROJECT FINANCING:

Roadway Project Cost:	\$1,630,468	Local Match (Total):	\$815,234
RISE (Total):	\$815,234	Up-Front:	\$815,234
Grant:	\$815,234	NPV of Loan Repayment:	0
Loan:	0	Effective Match Percent:	50
Loan Terms:	Yrs. 0	Up-front Participation Sources:	
	Int.: 0 %	Private:	
		Public:	\$815,234
		Local Match (Total):	\$815,234

PROJECT EVALUATION:

Development Potential (35):	20
Economic Impact and Cost Effect. (20):	2
Local Commit. and Initiative (35):	14
Transportation Need (4):	4
Local Economic Need (6):	3

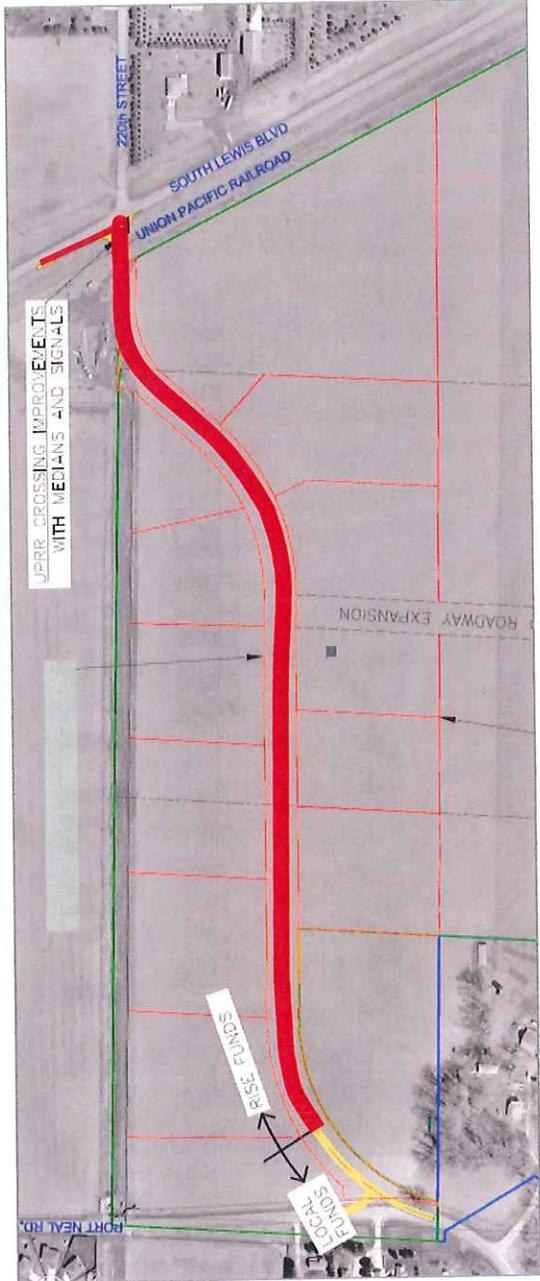
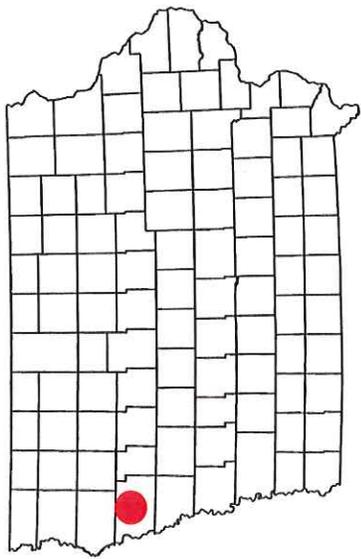
Total Rating: 43

Jobs: 0

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Award a grant of \$815,234 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.

# Sergeant Bluff



IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
 PUBLIC INPUT MEETING  
 Terrace View Event Center, Great View Room  
 230 St. Andrews Way, Sioux Center  
 October 14, 2014

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DELEGATION</u>	<u>SPOKESPERSON</u>
8:30 am	Opening Remarks	David Rose, Commission Chair
8:30 am	City of Sioux Center	Mayor Dennis Walstra
8:40 am	Sioux County Regional Airport	Harold Schiebout
8:50 am	Senator David Johnson	Senator David Johnson
9:00 am	City of Sioux City	Jill Wanderscheid
9:15 am	SIMPCO/Siouxland Chamber	Michelle Bostinelos
9:30 am	US 20 Association	David Kwikkel
9:45 am	Legislator Introductions	
9:50 am	Meet and Greet	
10:10 am	City of Le Mars	Scott Langel
10:20 am	Iowa Association of Regional Councils	Rick Hunsaker
10:35 am	City of Missouri Valley	Mayor Clint Sargent
10:45 am	City of Nevada	Elizabeth Hansen
11:00 am	Unscheduled Delegations	
	Todd Schuver, L.G. Everist, Inc.	
	Carly Roveboom, CASA	

Message from the Commission:

Welcome to the Iowa Transportation Commission (Commission) public input 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 how the issues may impact our various grant programs or our five year transportation program.

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