

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, July 8, 2014
Materials Conference Room
Ames DOT Complex

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*Action Item

On Tuesday, July 8, 2014, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 10 a.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 Director's Office Order No. D-2015-1
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date July 8, 2014
Title Approve Minutes of the June 10, 2014, Commission Meeting in Perry

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the June 10, 2014, Commission meeting in Perry.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Yanney Seconded by Miles

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Huber	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Miles	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Putney	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Reasner	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Rose	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Yanney	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Division
Director

Legal

State Director

Commission Comments

1. Commission Workshop

Commissioner Reasner said the Commission met this morning to review and discuss a variety of topics including the highway program balance and the possibility of an amendment depending on what Congress does with the Highway Trust Fund; the August Commission tour in eastern Iowa; an overview of the RISE program and the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program; the RISE projects on the agenda today; the Highway Trust Fund and the potential impacts to our program in the event Congress does not reauthorize spending or take some temporary measure to deal with the Trust Fund at least through December; and an interesting presentation from the Office of Safety regarding J-Turns which is a tool the Department has contemplated using at various locations in Iowa. Commissioner Reasner said it was a very informative meeting.

Staff Comments

1. Highway Trust Fund

Paul Trombino III, Director, said U.S. DOT and Secretary Anthony Foxx gave notice to all the states that come August 1 they will only provide partial reimbursement of funds that the states request at the federal level. This is being done because Congress has yet to take action to assure Highway Trust Fund levels. Essentially the Highway Trust Fund will start to fall below what they call the critical level of \$4 billion toward the latter part of July. Director Trombino III said the Department has been taking a number of steps to get prepared. We have assessed potential impacts to all federally funded highway projects in the state due to this reduced funding reimbursement. Through our analysis, the Iowa DOT has concluded that all federally-funded projects will remain on schedule and contractors will be fully reimbursed through this construction season. Also, the Iowa DOT has communicated with cities and counties in Iowa that they will be fully reimbursed with federal funds and that the Iowa DOT will absorb the full impact of partial reimbursements for the state.

As discussed with the Commission this morning, Director Trombino III noted the Department has implemented some actions to mitigate the impacts if Congress fails to take action by the end of September; that is to delay some projects beginning this month. Those projects are U.S. 218 installation of paved shoulders in Cedar Falls at County Road C-50; Interstate 80 improving the westbound rest area in Jasper County; U.S. 61 grading and wetland mitigation for a four-lane construction in Louisa County to south of Iowa 92 to Muscatine County; and Interstate 74 construction of local road connections and traffic signs in Bettendorf. These projects were scheduled to be let in July and August and we have moved them to October and November. He noted this delay will not impact the overall schedule of those projects. If Congress addresses the Highway Trust Fund situation this fall, these projects will proceed with bidding later this year. If Congress doesn't act, it is likely we will identify more projects to be delayed.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Highway Division Order No. H-2015-2
Submitted by John Adam Phone No. 515-239-1124 Meeting Date July 8, 2014
Title Transfer of Jurisdiction - 219th Lane in Boone County

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

District 1 has negotiated the transfer of jurisdiction of all of 219th Lane to Boone County. The transfer segment extends from 219th Lane's connection with Iowa 17 southerly and westerly to its termination, a length of approximately 0.48 mile.

The county and state have examined the physical condition of the roadway segment proposed for transfer and have agreed that the segment will be transferred in its present condition.

The state will transfer funds to the county in the amount of \$285,000 which represents the estimated cost to Hot Mix Asphalt pave the roadway segment (6-inches).

The proposed transfer to the county will take place upon the state's payment to the county and written notification by the state to the county of the time and date of official transfer.

The state will prepare and forward a quitclaim deed to the county for the proposed 219th Lane transfer segment.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the transfer of jurisdiction for all of 219th Lane as described above to Boone County.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

Division Director Legal State Director

August 2013

Transfer of Jurisdiction

EXHIBIT A

Location

Boone County

Description: All of 219th Lane from its connection with Iowa 17 southerly and westerly to its termination, a length of approximately 0.48 miles.



H-2015-2

Scott Dockstader, District 1 Engineer, said the Department is working with Boone County on the transfer of jurisdiction of 219th Lane from the state to Boone County. In 1968 when the U.S.30/Iowa 17 interchange was built, a half mile frontage gravel road was also built to provide access to five businesses, a residence, and a small park. The road carries about 178 vehicles per day.

Mr. Dockstader said there have been some issues over the last year with the residents along the roadway because a gravel road is one of the lowest volume roadways in the district and is usually the last roadway plowed after a major storm because we are working on interstates, four-lane roadways, and state highways. In addition, there is quite a bit of rutting from the number of vehicles that travel the gravel road. Based on those concerns, staff has been working with Boone County and has come to an agreement where the Iowa DOT will pay \$285,000 of the total estimated project cost of \$410,000 to pave that gravel road. The County will pick up the remaining costs. In addition, the County has agreed to take over ownership and maintenance of the road.

Commissioner Putney moved, Commissioner Miles seconded the Commission approve the transfer of jurisdiction for all of 219th Lanes as described to Boone County. All voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Public Transit Order No. PPM-2015-3

Submitted by Michelle McEnany Phone No. 515-239-1659 Meeting Date July 8, 2014

Title Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the fiscal year (FY) 2015 round of applications for funding from the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

Improve bus depot (Region 16 – Burlington)	\$ 44,000
Remodel DART Way front office (Des Moines)	\$ 600,000
Construct bus storage facility (Dubuque)	\$ 600,000
Maintain, repair, and improve MLK Center (Sioux City)	\$ 208,800
 Total	 \$1,452,800

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the FY 2015 Public Transit Infrastructure Grant program funding recommendations as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

Division Director Legal State Director

PPM-2015-3

Michelle McEnany, Office of Public Transit, said last month she presented the fiscal year 2015 State Public Transit program. Today she will request Commission approval for the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program which is our capital infrastructure program. This year the legislature appropriated \$1.5 million. The Iowa DOT received five applications of which four were eligible for funding and Iowa DOT staff is requesting Commission approval for those four projects for a total of \$1.4 million.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commission Yanney seconded the Commission approve the FY 2015 Public Transit Infrastructure Grant program funding recommendations as listed in the Commission order. All voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2015-4
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date July 8, 2014
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Jefferson County (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Jefferson County submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the paving of approximately 1,000 feet of Nutmeg Avenue north from U.S. 34 east of Fairfield. This project is anticipated to be completed by October 2015.

Because this project will provide improved access to more than 160 acres for industrial purposes and to maximize RISE support, 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 RISE Local Development project in the February 2014 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$140,625 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	_____	_____	_____

 Division Director Legal State Director

PPM-2015-4

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed an immediate opportunity RISE application from Jefferson County to pave approximately 1,000 feet of Nutmeg Avenue north from U.S. 34 east of Fairfield. This project will provide access to more than 160 acres for industrial purposes. To maximize RISE support for this project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE local development project. Under RISE local development criteria the project scored 59 points. The total estimate project cost is \$281,250. The county is requesting a RISE grant of \$140,625 and will provide a 50 percent local match. He introduced Adam Plagge, Director, Fairfield Economic Development Association.

Mr. Plagge introduced the delegation members and expressed appreciation for the Commission's time and consideration of this proposal.

Mr. Markley reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Yanney moved, Commissioner Boswell seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the February 2014 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$140,625 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
February 2014
SUMMARY

Applicant: Jefferson County

Multiyear?: No
Multijurisdiction?: No

ROAD PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Paving of approximately 1,000 feet of Nutmeg Avenue north of U.S. 34 east of Fairfield.

ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: This project will provide access to over 160 acres for industrial purposes.

PROJECT FINANCING:

Roadway Project Cost:	\$281,250	Local Match (Total):	\$140,625
RISE (Total):	\$140,625	Up-Front:	\$140,625
Grant:	\$140,625	NPV of Loan Repayment:	0
Loan:	0	Effective Match Percent:	50
Loan Terms:	Yrs. 0	Up-front Participation Sources:	
	Int.: 0 %	Private:	
		Public:	\$140,625
		Local Match (Total):	\$140,625

PROJECT EVALUATION:

Development Potential (35):	25
Economic Impact and Cost Effect. (20):	13
Local Commit. and Initiative (35):	15
Transportation Need (4):	2
Local Economic Need (6):	4

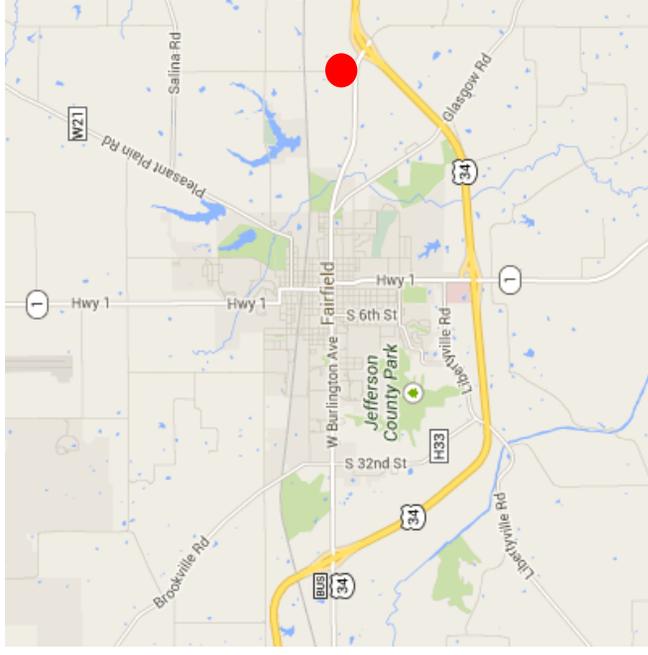
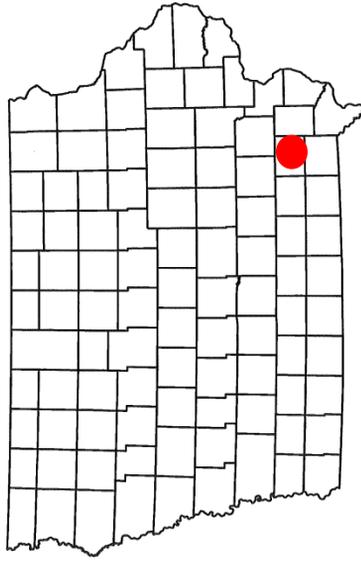
Total Rating: 59

Jobs: 6

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Award a grant of \$140,625 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.

Jefferson County



**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division Order No. PPM-2015-5
Office of Systems Planning
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date July 8, 2014
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – West Des Moines (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of West Des Moines submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in roadway improvements along the Iowa 5 corridor on the southeast side of town. The improvements include the construction of Maffitt Lake Road from Veterans Parkway southeast approximately 4,000 feet to South Eighth Street and the reconstruction of South Eighth Street approximately 2,000 feet north under Iowa 5 to the development site of a new Microsoft data center facility. This project is anticipated to be completed by October 2015.

Because this project will provide access to more than 280 acres for professional office and data center purposes and to maximize RISE support, 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 RISE Local Development project in the February 2014 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$3,519,375 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 _____ State Director

PPM-2015-5

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the city of West Des Moines submitted an immediate opportunity RISE funding request to construct Maffitt Lake Road from Veterans Parkway southeast approximately 4,000 feet to South Eighth Street and to reconstruct South Eighth Street approximately 2,000 feet north under Iowa 5 to the development site of a new Microsoft data center facility. Because this project will provide access to more than 280 acres for professional office and data center purposes and to maximize RISE support for the project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project. Under RISE Local Development criteria, the project scored 71 points. The total estimated project cost is \$7,038,750. The county is requesting a RISE grant of \$3,519,375 and will provide a 50 percent local match. He introduced Clyde Evans, Director, Community and Economic Development.

Mr. Evans introduced Linda Wunsch, Exec. Director, Dallas County Development. He said they think this is a fantastic opportunity for the state of Iowa as well as the city of West Des Moines and central Iowa and they appreciate the Commission's consideration of this project.

Mr. Markley reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Reasner moved, Commissioner Miles seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the February 2014 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$3,519,375 or up to 50 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 1:45 p.m.

RISE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING
February 2014
SUMMARY

Applicant: City of West Des Moines

Multiyear?: No
Multijurisdiction?: No

ROAD PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: To construct Maffitt Lake Road from Veterans Parkway southeast approximately 4,000 feet to South 8th Street and to reconstruct South 8th Street approximately 2,000 feet north under Iowa 5 to the development site of a new Microsoft data center facility.

ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: This project will result in the creation of 84 new full time jobs and provide access to over 280 acres for future professional office and data center development.

PROJECT FINANCING:

Roadway Project Cost:	\$7,038,750	Local Match (Total):	\$3,519,375
RISE (Total):	\$3,519,375	Up-Front:	\$3,519,375
Grant:	\$3,519,375	NPV of Loan Repayment:	0
Loan:	0	Effective Match Percent:	50
Loan Terms:	Yrs. 0	Up-front Participation Sources:	
	Int.: 0 %	Private:	
		Public:	\$3,519,375
		Local Match (Total):	\$3,519,375

PROJECT EVALUATION:

Development Potential (35):	35
Economic Impact and Cost Effect. (20):	12
Local Commit. and Initiative (35):	18
Transportation Need (4):	3
Local Economic Need (6):	3

Total Rating: 71

Jobs: 84

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Award a grant of \$3,519,375 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.

West Des Moines

