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**FROM:** Office of Local Systems

**SUBJECT:** Federal Highway Trust Fund Alert

**DATE:** September 5, 2008

If your agency is currently developing or constructing a Federal-aid highway project, please read this notice carefully:

The Iowa DOT has been notified that, unless Congress and the President act very quickly to provide additional funding, the Federal Highway Trust Fund (HTF) is in immediate danger of becoming insolvent. This means the balance of the HTF may soon reach a level where requests for Federal-aid reimbursement cannot be processed in a timely manner. Since the HTF is the source of reimbursements for all Federal-aid highway projects, this impending shortfall has potential for significant impacts to both the Iowa DOT and local agencies.

Therefore, there is a strong possibility that future requests by local agencies for Federal-aid reimbursement will be delayed, beginning as early as next week. The duration of such delays is not yet known; however, the Iowa DOT is currently assessing the situation, and if reimbursements to local agencies must be delayed, we will provide you with additional information as soon as it becomes available.

If you have any questions, **please do not reply to this e-mail**. Instead, you may contact me at the phone or e-mail shown below.

Sincerely,

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