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and Regional Planning Affiliations**Date:** January 15, 2009**From:** Stuart Anderson, Director
Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Iowa Department of Transportation**Subject:** Federal Highway Economic Stimulus Funding for Trails

Most of you received an e-mail yesterday from the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) Office of Program Management regarding federal economic stimulus funding for highways (attached). In that e-mail, we stated that a portion of the federal highway stimulus funding allocated to the Iowa DOT would be utilized for ready-to-go trail projects of statewide significance. This e-mail is a solicitation for trail projects that may qualify for that funding.

The types of trail projects most likely to receive this funding include those involving resurfacing, restoration or rehabilitation work. This would include restoring a worn surface, upgrading a granular trail surface to hard surface (asphalt or concrete) or installing a surface on a trail corridor that requires limited engineering (i.e. abandoned railroad right of way). Dependent on the final requirements of the federal stimulus bill, projects selected for funding would likely receive 100 percent federal-aid from the Iowa DOT allocation of federal highway stimulus funding. In addition, the MPOs and RPAs can also allocate some of their federal highway stimulus funding for trail projects as well.

In order to meet the short timeframes for expenditure of this funding, eligible projects must meet the following criteria:

- The project is not already in a Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 Regional or Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- The project design must be completed, or can be completed, within two months at the project sponsors'

expense.

- All right-of-way has been acquired or can be acquired within two months.
- Environmental clearance secured or expected to have little or no impacts.
- Other federal or state permits secured or ability to secure them within two months.
- There is limited bridge construction impact to waterways (i.e. no flood mitigation required).

For each project we will need the following information:

- Project name and description (no more than a paragraph)
- Total cost
- Project location (county or city)
- Anticipated letting date
- Are the plans ready? If no, provide status.
- Is right-of-way required? If no, provide status.
- Has environmental clearance been secured? If no, provide status.
- Is bridge construction work involved? If yes, provide summary of work.
- Project contact information (i.e. name, address, e-mail, phone number)

Please e-mail your potential projects to Craig Markley at craig.markley@dot.iowa.gov by 5:00 pm next Thursday, January 22nd. We will review the project lists and make a funding determination as soon as possible in order to begin the process to amend the projects into your TIP and ultimately the STIP.

Please don't hesitate to contact Craig Markley at 515-239-1027 or craig.markley@dot.iowa.gov if you have any questions.

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