

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, September 14, 2010  
Materials Conference Room  
Ames DOT Complex

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1:50 p.m.	Adjourn		

\*Action Item

The Commission and staff will meet informally at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday 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-2011-10  
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date September 14, 2010  
Title Approve Minutes of the August 10, 2010, Commission Meeting in Storm Lake

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the August 10, 2010, Commission meeting in Storm Lake.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Reasner Seconded by Miles

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Cleveland	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Durham	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Miles	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Reasner	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Sawtelle	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Wiley	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

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## Commission Comments:

### 1. Motor Vehicle Enforcement Ride Along

Commissioner Sawtelle said on Monday he had the opportunity to spend time with Mark Lowe, Motor Vehicle Division Director, and the Motor Vehicle Enforcement folks. He spent the morning on the road with Glenn Goode, a Motor Vehicle Enforcement Officer, and got to see what the agency does at the Ankeny campus. It reinforced for him how cutting edge our DOT is with technology that it and Iowa State University developed that is now being used across the nation. He noted that while riding with an enforcement officer there was a situation south of Ames with a trucker who had an out-of-service violation which meant he couldn't drive that vehicle for ten hours. It was a small truck with no sleeper so the DOT officer followed him to Ames so he could park at a motel. The officer also talked with the driver about the regulations; and even though this was a gentleman had just signed off on \$250+ in fines and lost ten hours of his work day which was going to affect a crew he had in Kansas, he shook the officer's hand and thanked him for the information. Commissioner Sawtelle said he was very impressed with the professionalism, respect, and customer service. He was also impressed with the way this division has dealt with retirements and is doing its best to maximize human resources with the dollars they have. It was really instructional and he enjoyed the opportunity.

### 2. Lincoln Way Rail Port

Commissioner Reasner said she and Commissioner Sawtelle attended the dedication for the Lincoln Way Rail port which had a large turnout. She understands this has been planned for a long time and people were happy to see the culmination of those efforts. She noted Union Pacific representatives and Governor Culver were on hand along with some DOT staff including Tammy Nicholson, Office of Rail Transportation. Little did she or Commissioner Sawtelle know they were going to be asked to pick up a large sledge hammer and drive a rail spike into a ceremonial line.

### 3. Union Pacific Rail Museum in Council Bluffs

Commissioner Cleaveland said he went to the grand opening of the Union Pacific Rail Museum in Council Bluffs.

4. Groundbreaking for the U.S. 34 Extension and new Bridge

Commissioner Cleaveland said he and Nancy Richardson, Director, attended the groundbreaking for the U.S. 34 extension and new bridge off U.S. 34 from Iowa to Nebraska. Director Richardson said there were a lot of people from both sides of the river, the Nebraska Governor, and Lt. Governor Patty Judge. There is a lot of interest in that project.

5. Thank You to DOT Staff

Chairman Wiley expressed appreciation to the DOT staff. This morning wasn't a long workshop but it was important and affects a lot of people when considering all the projects. The Commission can't make those decisions or even understand it without the work done by staff. For the multitude of topics that we talk about and the geographic areas that are covered, it is good to have the information and he expressed appreciation to staff for the work that is done for the Commission to look at things in a comprehensive way.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2011-11  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date September 14, 2010  
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Orange City (Delegation)

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The city of Orange City submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the construction of approximately 311 feet of 19<sup>th</sup> Street S.E. and 1,915 feet of Frankfort Place S.E. located just east of Sioux County Road K-64 in the Orange City Industrie Centrum.

Because this project will provide access to nine lots totaling almost 54 acres of RISE eligible development and to maximize RISE support for this project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development.

The evaluation and rating for the project will be discussed.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, it is recommended the Commission reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the February 2010 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$401,973 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	_____	_____	_____
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Durham	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Sawtelle	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said Orange City submitted a RISE immediate opportunity application to construct approximately 311 feet of 19<sup>th</sup> Street Southeast and 1,915 feet of Frankfort Place Southeast located in the southeastern part of town just east of County Road K-64. These roadway improvements will provide access to nine lots totaling almost 54 acres of land for industrial use in the Orange City Industrie Centrum. However, based on capital investment, job creation, and the land to be opened by the proposed RISE roadway, it is better suited as a RISE local development project. Under that criterion, this project scored 44 points. The total estimated project cost is \$803,945. The city requests a RISE grant of \$401,973 and will provide a 50 percent local match. He introduced Duane Feekes, Orange City Administrator.

Mr. Feekes introduced Gary Blythe, Assistant City Manager, Orange City. Mr. Feekes briefly reviewed some past successful RISE projects. Their first RISE project was on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, and since that was done, Quatro, a manufacturer of carbon fiber products, located there and has grown to 73 employees. Across the street, the corporate headquarters for Pizza Ranch has expanded into a small facility. It has been nice to have those roads readily accessible, and they are considering another spec building in that area to expand their opportunities. One of the things they needed was a place where people could go in for a short period of time to be able to do a start up business so that has been a great opportunity for them. They also have a great partnership with their development corporation and are looking to expand that partnership.

Mr. Feekes said the second RISE project was the extension of 19<sup>th</sup> Street on the south end. Old Masters, a division of Vogel Paints, moved in and has expanded and grown their business into a 30,000 sq. ft. building. Now, Pioneer Hybrid announced they will locate there and are hoping to move into a facility this coming spring. He noted the city currently doesn't have any heavy industrial lots available so allowing this road to be paved gives them the opportunity to market additional property. All total, RISE has created about 135 jobs that are helping Orange City and the surrounding area to grow. All the businesses have either met or exceeded what they anticipated in terms of jobs. He expressed appreciation to the Commission for reviewing their project. He said they have one more step in the process which is to have a public hearing on a change in the zoning and he anticipates that should not be a problem.

Mr. Markley reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Sawtelle moved, Commissioner Cleaveland 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 2010 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$401,973 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.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Highway Order No. H-2011-12  
 Submitted by John Adam Phone No. 515-239-1124 Meeting Date September 14, 2010  
 Title Transfer of Jurisdiction - Former Railroad Bridge over Iowa 163 in Marion County

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

District 5 has negotiated the transfer of jurisdiction for a former railroad bridge over Iowa 163 in Marion County. The transfer segment lies within the city of Pella and is located approximately 0.10 mile east of the Iowa 163 interchange with Marion County Road G-28.

The city has examined the physical condition of the bridge proposed for transfer and has agreed that the bridge will be transferred in its present condition for use as a trail/bike path. The city also agrees that should the railroad line be re-established under the Rails to Trails Act or other lawful action, the city will return the bridge for railroad purposes. The proposed transfer will take place following the execution of the transfer of jurisdiction agreement by both the city and the state and notification by the state to the city of the time and date of the official transfer.

The state will prepare and forward a bill of sale for ownership to the city for the proposed transfer.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Commission approve the transfer of jurisdiction for the former railroad bridge over Iowa 163 as described above to the city.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Durham Seconded by Miles

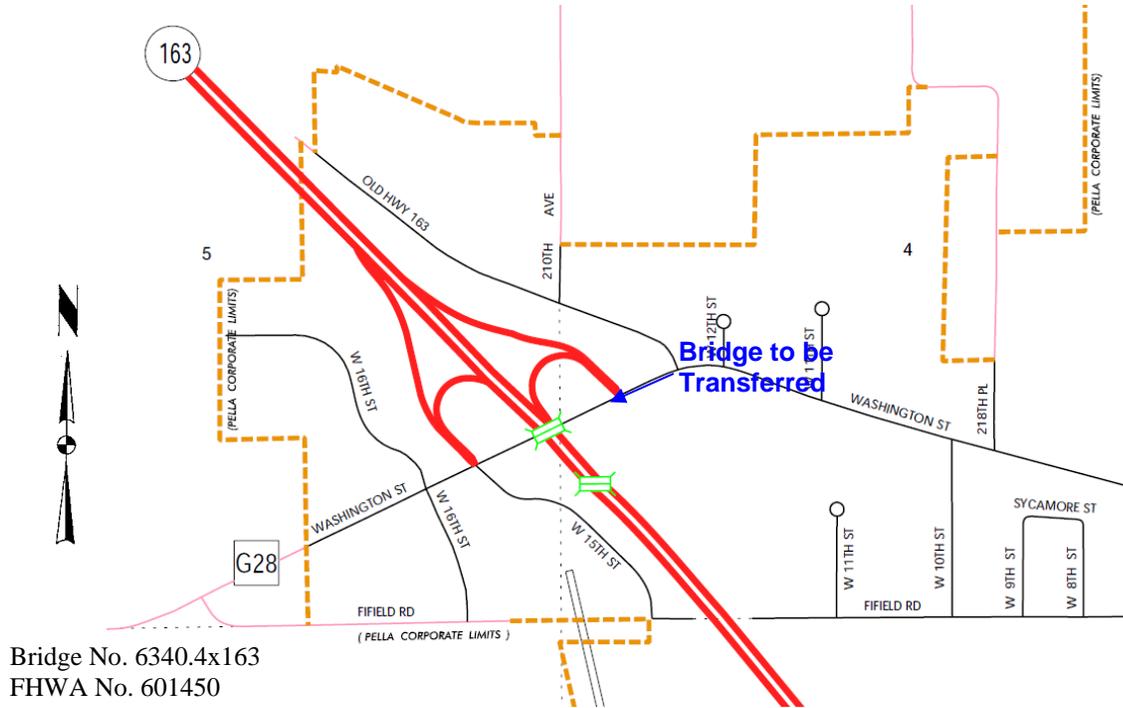
	Aye	Nay	Pass
Blouin	X		
Cleaveland	X		
Durham	X		
Miles	X		
Reasner	X		
Sawtelle	X		
Wiley	X		

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Transfer of Jurisdiction  
Location

MARION COUNTY

Description: Former railroad bridge over Iowa 163 located approximately 0.10 mile east of the Iowa 163 interchange with Marion County Road G-28.



Bridge No. 6340.4x163  
FHWA No. 601450

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Highway Order No. H-2011-13  
 Submitted by John Adam Phone No. 515-239-1124 Meeting Date September 14, 2010  
 Title Transfer of Jurisdiction - Iowa 107 in Cerro Gordo County

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

District 2 has negotiated the transfer of jurisdiction for a portion of Iowa 107 in Cerro Gordo County. The transfer segment lies within the city of Thornton and extends from the west corporation limits east and north approximately 1.47 miles to the north corporation limits.

The city has examined the physical condition of the roadway segment proposed for transfer and has agreed that the segment will be transferred in its present condition. The proposed transfer will take place June 30, 2011, as stipulated in the transfer of jurisdiction agreement.

The state will prepare and forward a quitclaim deed to the city for the proposed transfer segment.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Commission approve the transfer of jurisdiction for Iowa 107 as described above to the city.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Miles Seconded by Reasner

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Cleaveland	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Durham	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Miles	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Reasner	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Sawtelle	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Wiley	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

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