

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, April 8, 2014  
Honey Creek Resort State Park  
12633 Resort Drive  
Moravia

ITEM NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTED BY	PAGE
D-2014-50 8:00 a.m.	*Approve Minutes of the March 11, 2014 Commission Meeting  Commission Comments  Staff Comments	Connie Page	1
H-2014-51 8:05 a.m.	*Administrative Rules – 761 IAC 181, Statewide Standard for Permitting Certain Implements of Husbandry	John Adam	2
PPM-2014-52 8:10 a.m.	*Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Ames (Delegation)	Craig Markley	4
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8:20 a.m.	Adjourn		
8:30 a.m.	Public Input Meeting		

\*Action Item

On Monday, April 7, the Commission and staff will tour transportation projects in southern Iowa starting from Honey Creek Resort State Park near Moravia at 9:30 a.m. and ending around 3 p.m. back at Honey Creek. The Commission and staff will hold an informal meeting at Honey Creek beginning at 3:30 p.m. 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-2014-50  
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date April 9, 2014  
Title Approve Minutes of the March 11, 2014, Commission Meeting

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**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the March 11, 2014, Commission meeting.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Reasner Seconded by Rose

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Cleveland	<u>absent</u>	_____	_____
Miles	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Reasner	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Rose	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Wiley	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Yanney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

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## Commission Comments

### 1. Monday's Tour

Commissioner Reasner said the Commission had a really good tour on Monday and traveled a lot of miles. She expressed appreciation to the Ames staff for their efforts in making the arrangements and to the District staff who traveled with the Commission and provided information about various projects along the way. The tour route covered a number of roads including Iowa 98, Iowa 5, Iowa 137, U.S. 34, Iowa 1 and Iowa 2. The Commission had the opportunity to see different types of roads and road conditions as well as some bridges in need of repair or replacement. We also stopped at the Ottumwa airport.

Commissioner Rose said Commissioner Boswell and he are both pilots so they really enjoyed the tour of the Ottumwa airport. It has 1,500 acres which is a real plus for that area as they can grow around it with the highway and railroad. That is going to be a tremendous success story for Iowa. Commissioner Rose said something he learned was the spacing of the rumble strips so the Amish folks can ride their buggies on the side of the road and get over without going over the rumble strips with their horses.

Commissioner Miles said the tours are helpful to the Commissioners in understanding what we are talking about when we are doing our five-year program planning.

Commissioner Wiley said it was also interesting to hear about some of the roads that have transferred jurisdiction in the past and some RISE grants that were approved in the past. It was a good all-around tour.

### 2. Commissioner's Wiley's last meeting.

Commission Chair said today is the last meeting for a friend, Don Wiley. It has been a pleasure knowing him. Commissioner Wiley mentored many people on the Commission in his tenure and he will be greatly missed. He always asked good questions, brought up good points, and has been that steady hand a board needs. The Commission appreciates his leadership and the service he has provided to our great state on the Department of Transportation Commission. On behalf of the Commission, she presented Commissioner Wiley with a plaque.

On behalf of all the staff, Director Trombino III expressed appreciation for Commissioner Wiley's service.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Highway Order No. H-2014-51  
 Submitted by John Adam Phone No. 515-239-1124 Meeting Date April 8, 2014  
 Title Administrative Rules – 761 IAC 181, Statewide Standard for Permitting Certain Implements of Husbandry

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The department is proposing to update 761 IAC 181.1(2) to cite the most current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials publication, the Manual for Bridge Evaluation. This publication is used by local authorities when performing bridge evaluations.

The public comment period ended on March 25, and the department did not receive any comments.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the attached rules.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Miles Seconded by Boswell

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Cleaveland	<u>absent</u>	_____	_____
Miles	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Reasner	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Rose	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Wiley	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Yanney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

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Amend subrule 181.1(2) as follows:

**181.1(2)** A local authority shall evaluate a bridge according to section 6 of the American Association of State ~~and~~ Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for ~~Condition Evaluation of Bridges~~, Bridge Evaluation (MBE), Second Edition (~~2000~~ 2010), as revised by the ~~2004~~ 2014 Interim Revisions. The operating level shall be used for the evaluation of the bridge with only one fence-line feeder, grain cart, tank wagon or tracked implement of husbandry on the bridge at a time. The live load to be used in the analysis for permit decisions should be the actual vehicle crossing the bridge, together with ~~an impact factor~~ a dynamic load allowance in accordance with section 3 6A.4.4.3 or 6A.4.5.5 of the AASHTO ~~Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, Sixteenth Edition (1996)~~, as revised by the ~~1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000~~ MBE Second Edition (2010) and 2014 Interim Revisions.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2014-52

Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date April 8, 2014

Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Ames (Delegation)

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The city of Ames submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in roadway improvements at the Iowa State University Research Park on the south side of town. The improvements include the reconstruction of University Avenue at Airport Road and approximately 800 feet to the south, as well as construction of approximately 2,500 feet of new roadway along University Avenue extended south, approximately 800 feet of North Drive, and Plaza Loop. This project is anticipated to be completed by September 2015.

These improvements are necessary to provide improved access to WebFilings, a developer and marketer of fully integrated, cloud-based solutions for business reporting. This company conforms to the legislative requirements of the RISE program. These improvements will also provide access to four additional lots within the research park totaling more than 20 acres.

These improvements will support:

- The creation of 365 new full-time jobs.
- \$26,350,299 in associated capital investment.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be \$10,988.30, and there will be a total capital investment of \$6.57 for each RISE dollar requested.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, award a RISE grant of \$4,010,728 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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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE immediate opportunity application from the city of Ames to reconstruct about 800 ft. of University Avenue at Airport Road as well as construct about 2,500 feet of new roadway along University Avenue extending south, approximately 800 feet of North Drive, and Plaza Loop. These improvements are at the Iowa State University Research Park located on the south side of town. The proposed improvements will result in 365 new full-time jobs within three years along with \$26,350,299 in associated capital investment. Average wage of the created positions is \$31.72 per hour which is 173 percent of the average labor shed wage rate. RISE grant recommended is \$4,010,728; local participation is 20 percent or \$1,002,682. Total project cost is \$5,013,410; RISE cost per job assisted is \$10,988.30; and total capital investment per RISE dollar is \$6.67. He introduced Bob Kindred, Ames Asst. City Manager.

Mr. Kindred introduced the delegation and said they are excited about this immediate opportunity RISE grant and appreciate the Commission's consideration of this project. The Iowa State University Research Park really serves the entire state with spin-off jobs that have spread across the state.

Steve Carter, President, ISU Research Park, said the Research Park is a unique economic development strategy first pursued by the state, the University, and community of Ames. The DOT has played an important role in its development. In 1987 and 1997, RISE grants of about \$1.4 million were invested in return for a commitment to generate 350 jobs. Those infrastructure investments have generated nearly 1,200 jobs, and we are looking at an expansion of the research park to ultimately 200 acres. The first phase will deal with a start-up company, WebFilings, that came to them in 2008. By 2010 that company launched its first software product, and today they employ over 350 people in Ames and nearly 400 around the United States and worldwide. The company has grown to be a leader in their particular market and they are committed to 350 jobs for this project with a total of another 700 new jobs. They have committed their world headquarters to that Ames site. Mr. Carter said they are excited about the future of the park and the future of this software company, and they are appreciative of the investment the Commission is considering this morning.

Commissioner Boswell said it was 20 plus years ago when he first visited the research park and saw the concept as just described where you have the assets of the university, the scientists, the professors, and all that fountain of knowledge accessible to an entrepreneur that wants to try something. It is a great idea and a good investment.

Mr. Kindred said they appreciate the Commission's support. Basically this is a Silicon Valley company that doesn't want to be in Silicon Valley, they want to be in Iowa; and he invited the Commission to tour the company's facility.

Mr. Markley reviewed staff's recommendation for the project.

Commissioner Reasner moved, Commissioner Rose seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, award a RISE grant of \$4,010,728 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE fund. All voted aye; Commissioner Cleaveland absent.



Date Submitted: March 25, 2014

Commission Date: April 8, 2014

## RISE Immediate Opportunity Funding Economic Analysis Summary

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Applicant:** Ames

**Project Location and Description:** The city of Ames submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in roadway improvements at the Iowa State University Research Park on the south side of town. The improvements include the reconstruction of University Avenue at Airport Road and approximately 800 feet to the south as well as the construction of approximately 2,500 feet of new roadway along University Avenue extended south, approximately 800 feet of North Drive, and Plaza Loop.

**Associated Economic Development:** The project provides improved access to WebFilings, a developer and marketer of fully integrated, cloud-based solutions for business reporting. The project will result in the creation of 365 new full-time jobs and \$26,350,299 in associated capital investment.

### ECONOMIC IMPACT

**Total Roadway Project Cost:** \$5,013,410

**RISE Funds Requested:** \$4,010,728; **Grant:** \$4,010,728; **Loan \$----**

**Effective Project Cost to RISE Program:** \$4,010,728

**Local Participation:** \$1,002,682; **Sources:** Ames

**Non-RISE Total Capital Investment:** \$26,350,299

(**Public:** \$18,509,799; **Private:** \$7,840,500)

**Direct Jobs Created:** 365; (**Other, Potential Future Jobs:** 0)

**Direct Jobs Retained:** 0; **Total Direct Jobs Assisted, Short-Term:** 365

**Number of Existing Jobs:** 369

**Project Average Wage Rate of New Jobs:** \$31.72/hr.

**100% Average Laborshed Wage Rate:** \$18.34/hr.

### KEY RATIOS

**Local Match Ratio:** 20% (\$1,002,682/\$5,013,410)

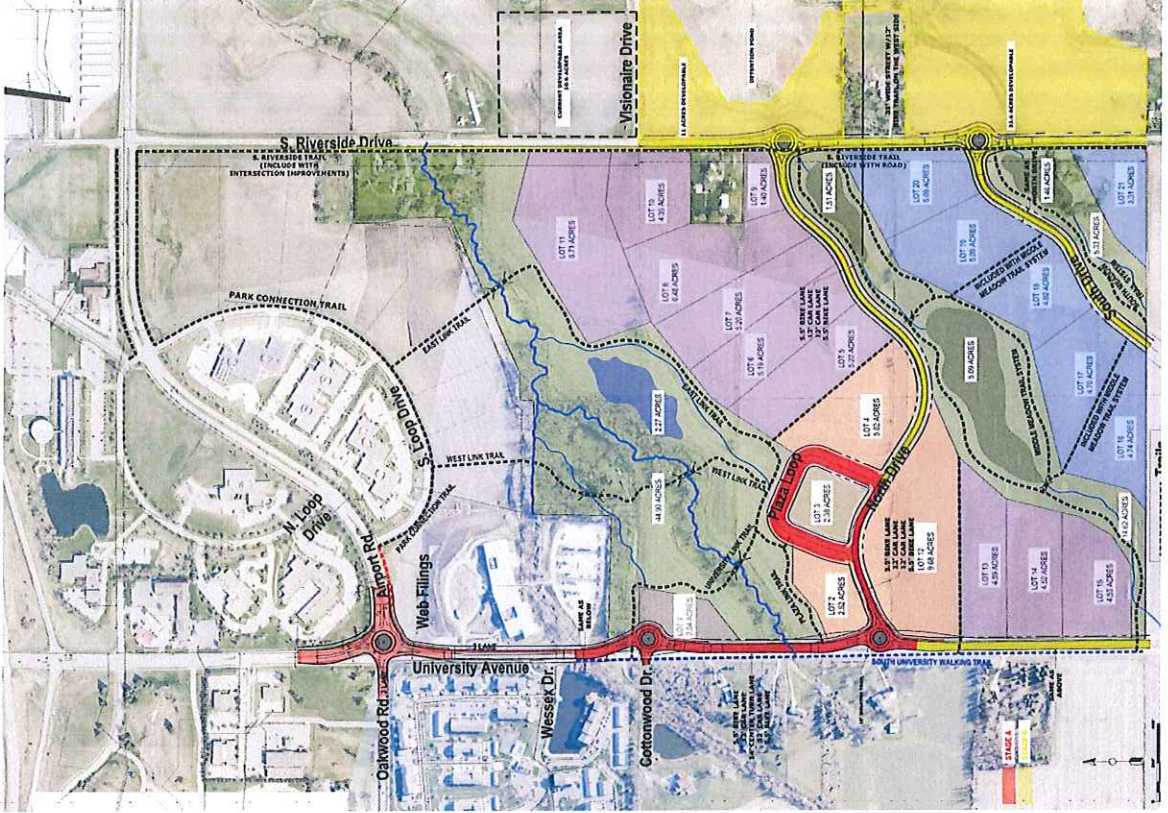
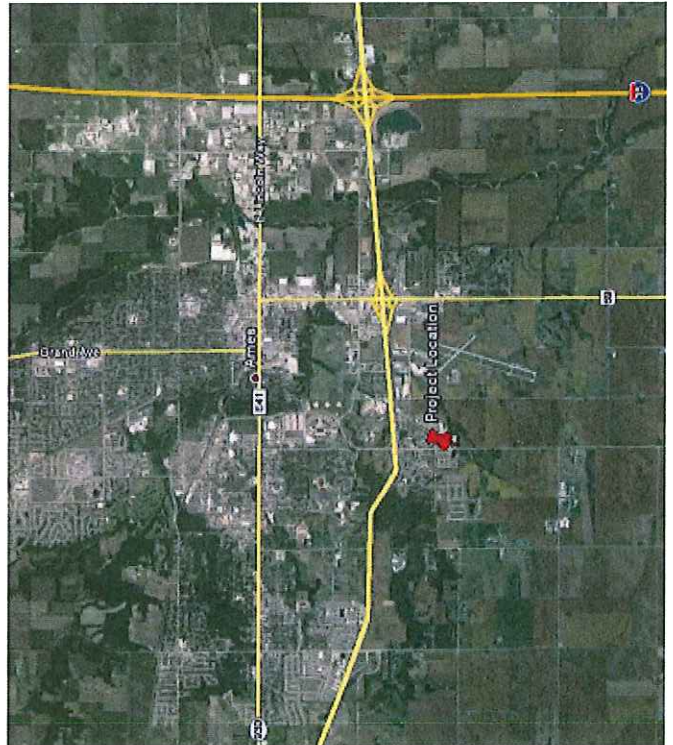
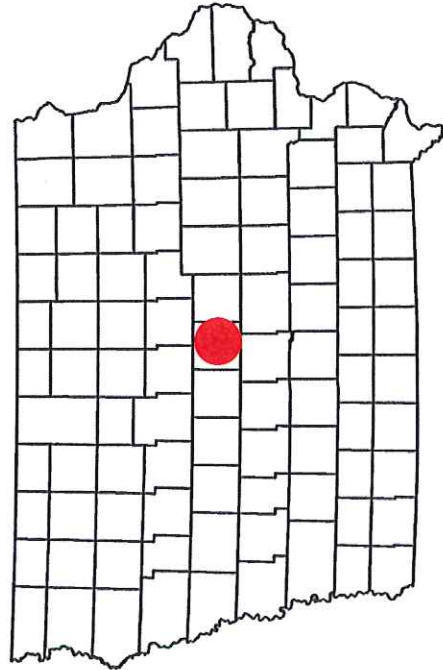
**RISE Cost Per Job Assisted (Created):** \$4,010,728/365 = \$10,988.30

**Total Capital Investment Per RISE Dollar:** \$26,350,299/\$4,010,728= \$6.57

### CONCLUSIONS

**Narrative:** It is recommended the Commission based on the capital investment and job creation commitments; award a RISE grant of \$4,010,728 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.

# Ames



**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2014-53

Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date April 8, 2014

Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Waterloo (Delegation)

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The city of Waterloo submitted a RISE Local Development application in the February 2014 round requesting a grant to assist in construction of approximately 1,394 feet of Geraldine Road located on the northwest side of town.

This project is necessary to provide access to eight lots totaling more than 14 acres for industrial purposes. This project is anticipated to be completed by November 2014.

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 \$359,115 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	_____	_____	_____
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE Local Development application submitted by the city of Waterloo to construct approximately 1,394 feet of Geraldine Road located on the northwest side of town. This project is necessary to provide access to eight lots totaling more than 14 acres for industrial purposes. Under RISE Local Development criteria this project received a rating of 45 points. Total estimated project cost is \$718,230. The city of Waterloo is requesting a RISE grant of \$359,115 and will provide a 50 percent local match. He noted a delegation is participating by telephone and he asked Nolan Anderson, Community Planning and Development Director to make comments. Due to a technical difficulty, Mr. Anderson was unable to provide comments.

Mr. Markley reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Rose moved, Commissioner Wiley seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$359,115 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; Commissioner Cleaveland absent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

RISE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING  
February 2014  
SUMMARY

Applicant: City of Waterloo

Multiyear?: No  
Multijurisdiction?: No

ROAD PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: To construct approximately 1,394 feet of Geraldine Road on the northwest side of town.

ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: This project will provide access to eight lots totaling more than 14 acres for industrial purposes.

PROJECT FINANCING:

Roadway Project Cost:	\$718,230	Local Match (Total):	\$359,115
RISE (Total):	\$359,115	Up-Front:	\$359,115
Grant:	\$359,115	NPV of Loan Repayment:	0
Loan:	0	Effective Match Percent:	50
Loan Terms:	Yrs. 0	Up-front Participation Sources:	
	Int.: 0 %	Private:	
		Public:	\$359,115
		Local Match (Total):	\$359,115

PROJECT EVALUATION:

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

Total Rating: 45

Jobs: 0

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Award a grant of \$359,115 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.



**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**PUBLIC INPUT MEETING**  
Honey Creek Resort on Rathbun Lake  
12633 Resort Dr., Moravia  
April 8, 2014

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DELEGATION</u>	<u>SPOKESPERSON</u>
8:30 am	Opening Remarks	Charese E. Yanney, Commission Chair
8:30 am	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Chuck Gipp, Director
8:40 am	Iowa Byways	Katy Anderson
8:55 am	Legislator Introductions	
9:05 am	Meet and Greet	
9:25 am	East Central Iowa Transportation Coalition	Beth Danowsky
9:35 am	South Central Regional Airport Agency	Jim Hansen
9:50 am	Highway 61 Coalition	Brenda Levitt
10:05 am	Benton County	Terry Hertle, Supervisor
10:20 am	Unscheduled Delegations	
	U.S. Highway 30 Coalition	Edith Pfeffer

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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