

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, October 14, 2008
Holiday Inn
2915 North Highway 61
Muscatine

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On Monday, October 13, the Commission and staff will tour transportation projects in southeast Iowa starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Fairfield airport and ending around 3:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 2915 North Highway 61, in Muscatine. The Commission and staff will hold an informal meeting at the Holiday Inn 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-2009-9

Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date October 14, 2008

Title Approving Minutes of the September 9, 2008, Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the September 9, 2008, Commission meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Cleaveland Seconded by Wiley

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Cleaveland	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Crawford	<u>absent</u>	_____	_____
Durham	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Reasner	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Sawtelle	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Wiley	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

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Commission Comment

1. Commission Tour on Monday

Vice Chair Sawtelle said the Commission was fortunate to tour part of southeast Iowa yesterday. Four times a year the Commission takes the “show on the road” and it gives the Commission the opportunity to see projects that are in progress, future projects, and to come to areas of the state and hold a public input meeting.

Vice Chair Sawtelle said the Commission tour started in Fairfield Monday morning by looking at the Fairfield bypass which should open in about four weeks. It is the last gap project on that corridor that we have been working hard to finish up. We also traveled through the Villages of Van Buren to Fort Madison where we saw the location of the proposed bypass and then through Burlington to Muscatine. The Commission was able to see some transportation issues, and we are really pleased with the progress on the Hershey Avenue interchange.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2009-10
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1312 Meeting Date October 14, 2008
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Stacyville (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Stacyville submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in grading and paving 2,000 feet of new roadway from Broad Street west and south toward Union Street. The project will provide access to 13 new lots in the Stacyville Industrial Park.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the capital investment commitment and potential for job creation, it is recommended the Commission reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the September 2008 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$251,566 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city's share of the RISE fund.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Crawford	_____	_____	_____
Durham	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Sawtelle	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____

Division Director Legal State Director

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Stuart Anderson, Office of Systems Planning, presented a RISE immediate opportunity application from the city of Stacyville to assist in the construction of 2,000 feet of roadway to provide access for a proposed capon processing facility. Using a power point map, he reviewed the location of the project which also opens up additional land for development. In order to maximize RISE funding for this project, staff evaluated it as a RISE Local Development application and it scored 40 points. The total estimated cost is \$503,132. The city is requesting a RISE grant of \$251,566 and will provide the 50 percent local match.

Mr. Anderson introduced Brenda Dryer, Executive Director, Mitchell County Economic Development Commission. She said the Stacyville industrial park where the road will be built is a story about strategic partnership. Stacyville is a small community in a rural county located close to the Minnesota border and Interstate 90. A few years ago the community of Stacyville, Heartland Power Cooperative, U.S.D.A. Rural Development, Alliant Energy, Mitchell County Economic Development Commission, and a private citizen came together and decided it was important to develop some shovel ready sites in their community and county. This site is served by rail. The private citizen agreed to subordinate the land until time of purchase so it allowed the community not to have to purchase the land upfront; they will pay the citizen as lots are sold. The park has water and sewer, and the electric extensions are ready to go. They are thrilled to be able to talk about a ground breaking later this month, assuming all the financial pieces come together. They have a prospect looking at lot 13 so hopefully they will have two tenants in this new industrial park.

Ms. Dryer said they have had a number of RISE projects over the last several years. One was the Grain Millers project in St. Ansgar. Their original plan was to bring in 44 new jobs. They actually hired more than 60 and have advanced their joint venture with another company on their campus which has created another 40 jobs, all served by the new road that enters that campus. Another project was for a road to Absolute Energy located on the Iowa/Minnesota border. Mitchell county was in a tough competition to get that ethanol facility, and it located in Iowa and created 41 jobs. That plant is in operation and is locally owned. Ms. Dryer said they appreciate the award the Commission gave to Renew Energy Systems. Their building is being constructed, and that project will create 16 jobs in the St. Ansgar industrial park.

In regard to the Northern Iowa Produce project, Ms. Dryer said beyond adding value to products being produced in Mitchell county, this project is locally owned by six out of the seven owners. She noted U.S.D.A. Rural Development is working with Heartland Power to do a pass through loan to support this. The city of Stacyville is coming forward with an aggressive TIF incentive, and the Mitchell County Economic Development Commission has loaned them money to get this started. All of this and the Department's funding will make this project happen in Stacyville. She introduced Harlan Bisbee, Stacyville City Clerk.

Mr. Bisbee said Stacyville has a population of about 400 people but they have a bowling alley, two elevators, lumberyard, ready-mix plant, two farm implement repair dealers, creamery, veterinarian, LP gas, grocery store, flower gift shop, shoe and clothing store, hardware store, banks, an electrician, two insurance agencies, tax preparation office, newspaper, two auto repair shops and auto body, car wash, laundromat, beauticians, etc. As a community they work together. A couple years ago they built a 4,800 sq. ft. library using all local contractors with the exception of the carpeting and the cement contractor. He said they appreciate the Commission investing in their small community.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Wiley moved, Commissioner Blouin seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for job creation, the Commission reclassified the project as a RISE Local Development project in the September 2008 round of applications and awarded a RISE grant of \$251,566 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city's share of the RISE fund. All voted aye; Chairwoman Crawford absent.

Vice Chair Sawtelle said as a point of information, the Commission had a workshop Monday afternoon and discussed all the agenda items.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2009-11
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1312 Meeting Date October 14, 2008
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Strawberry Point (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Strawberry Point submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2008 round requesting a grant to pave approximately 1,500 feet of Industrial Parkway South in the Strawberry Point Industrial Park.

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 \$118,750 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE project.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleveland	_____	_____	_____
Crawford	_____	_____	_____
Durham	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Sawtelle	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____

Division Director Legal State Director

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Stuart Anderson, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE local development application from the city of Strawberry Point to pave approximately 1,500 feet of Industrial Parkway South in the Strawberry Point industrial park. Using a power point map, he reviewed the location of the project. This improvement is necessary to provide paved access to remaining lots in the industrial park. This project received 42 points in staff's evaluation. The total estimated project cost is \$237,500. The city is requesting an \$118,750 RISE grant and will provide the 50 percent local match.

Mr. Anderson introduced Deanna Dement, Strawberry Point City Administrator. Ms. Dement said this project is vital to the expansion of their industrial park. The road will open lots 7 and 9 for which they have perspective buyers. One is an existing business in the community that wants to expand. The road will bring in new businesses, increase their work force, and bring money to the state through local sales tax. The RISE grant will help grow and sustain the economy in Strawberry Point.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Durham moved, Commissioner Cleaveland seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$118,750 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; Chairwoman Crawford absent.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2009-12
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1312 Meeting Date October 14, 2008
Title State Recreational Trails Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the State Recreational Trails Program has been completed. The following recommendations will be presented:

American Gothic Regional Trail Project* (Area 15 Regional Planning Commission)	\$100,000
Crawford County Trail* (Crawford County)	\$ 30,000
Garlock Slough Recreational Trail (city of West Okoboji and Dickinson County Trails Board)	\$490,162
Linn Creek Trail Connection with Iowa Highway 330 Trail (Marshall County)	\$800,000
Maquoketa River Water Trail* (Jones County)	\$100,000
Mississippi River Trail - Liberty Avenue Connection (city of Clinton)	\$351,750
Principal Riverwalk* (city of Des Moines)	\$750,000
Riverview Recreation Area Expansion (Trailblazers Off Road Club)	\$ 40,000
Stone State Park Trail* (Woodbury County/Department of Natural Resources)	\$100,000
Summerset Trail* (cities of Indianola, Carlisle and Des Moines)	\$100,000
Trout Run Trail - Bridging the Past and the Present (city of Decorah and Winneshiek County Conservation Board)	\$138,088

*Per direct legislative appropriation.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the State Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations, as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Crawford	_____	_____	_____
Durham	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Sawtelle	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____

Division Director Legal State Director

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Stuart Anderson, Office of Systems Planning, said the State Recreational Trails Program was created in 1988 with the purpose of establishing recreational trails in Iowa for the use, enjoyment, and participation of the public. This funding is available to cities, counties, state agencies, and non-profit organizations through an annual application based program. The current round of applications was due July 1, and 43 applications were received requesting approximately \$16.1 million.

Mr. Anderson said a recommendation was presented to the Commission at the September workshop to award funding to eleven projects including six direct legislative appropriations for a total of \$3 million. He requested Commission approval of the State Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations as listed on the Commission order.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Wiley seconded the Commission approve the State Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations as listed. All voted aye; Chairwoman Crawford absent.

