

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, January 13, 2009
 Materials Conference Room
 Ames DOT Complex

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*Action Item

On Monday, January 12, 2009, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 3 p.m. in the Materials conference room at the DOT complex in Ames. Transportation-related matters will be discussed but no action will be taken.

Commission Comment

1. Electronic Commission Meeting

Chairwoman Crawford stated the Commission is holding this session by electronic means pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Open Meetings Law section 21.8, Code of Iowa. Due to the adverse weather we are experiencing today and the relatively short period of time the meeting is expected to be held, the expense of transporting the Commission members in person is impractical. The meeting is being held by conference call originating from the Materials conference room at the Iowa DOT complex in Ames. It is open to the public and those in attendance can hear the proceedings. Public notice of the meeting has been issued in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.4.

Chairwoman Crawford welcomed everyone in attendance to the first 2009 commission meeting. We look forward to a progressive and eventful 2009.

Staff Comment:

1. Federal Stimulus Proposal.

Nancy Richardson, Director, said there is a lot of discussion about a stimulus package at the federal level with lots of different ideas being tossed around. Nothing has been decided but the word is they will try to have something decided by the middle of February. We will keep the Commission up to date as that process moves forward. The Commission will likely be hearing more about it over the next few weeks.

Chairwoman Crawford noted the Commission and staff met informally yesterday by conference call due to the adverse weather. We talked through a lot of transportation matters including the stimulus information that Ms. Richardson referenced but no action was taken at that meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Highway Division Order No. H-2009-28
Submitted by Kevin Mahoney Phone No. 515-239-1124 Meeting Date January 13, 2009
Title Transfer of Jurisdiction - U.S. 63 in Bremer County

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

District 2 has negotiated the transfer of a portion of former U.S. 63 from the Chickasaw County line westerly and southerly for a distance of approximately 2.23 miles to Bremer County.

The county and state have examined the physical condition of the roadway segment proposed for transfer and have agreed on the rehabilitation necessary to place the roadway in a good state of repair. The proposed transfer will take place upon the Iowa DOT completion of the rehabilitation work and notification by the state to the county of the time and date of the official transfer.

The state will prepare and forward a quitclaim deed to the county for the proposed U.S. 63 transfer segment.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the transfer of jurisdiction of U.S. 63 as described above to Bremer County.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Division Director Legal State Director

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

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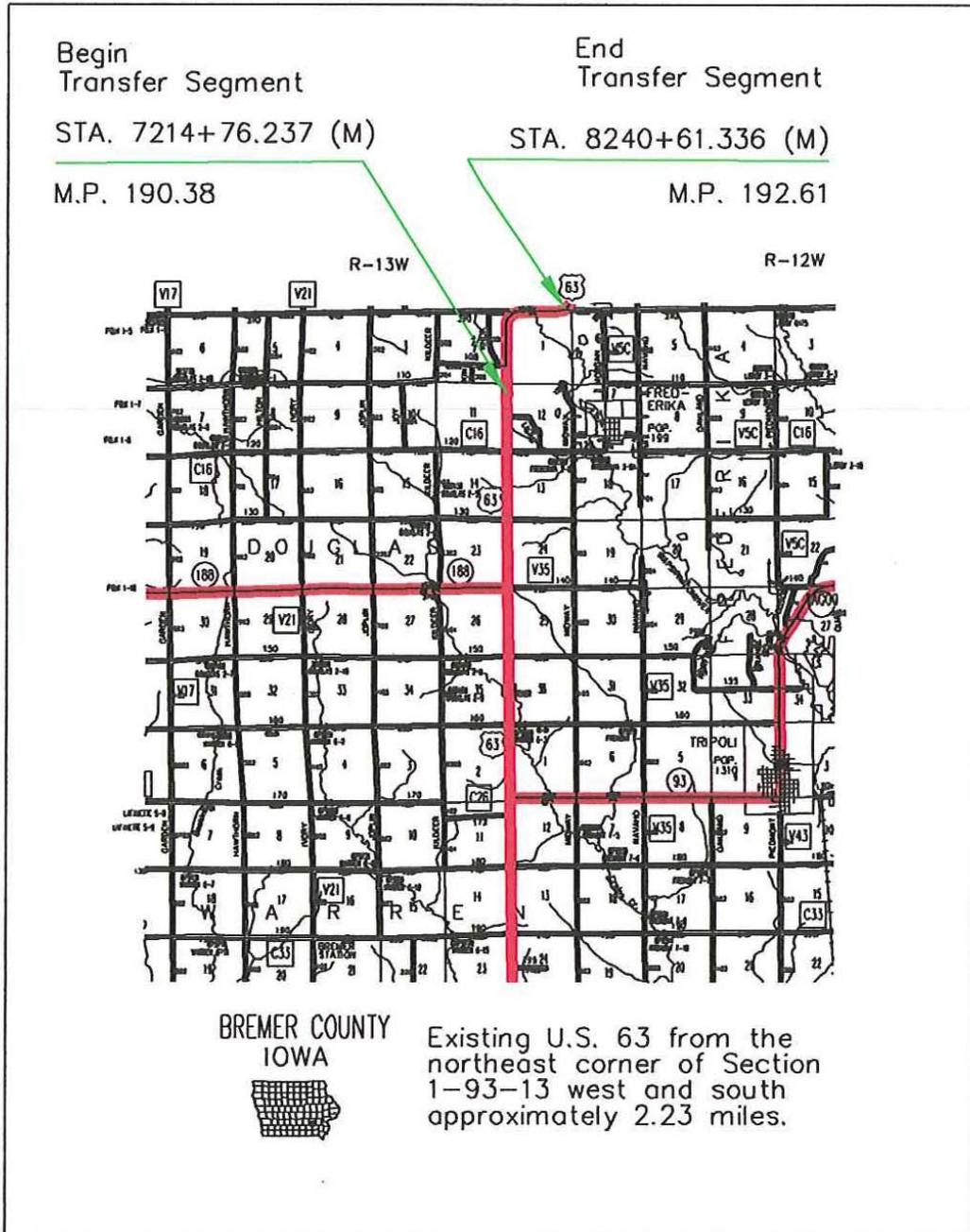
Kevin Mahoney, Highway Division, said we have a transfer of jurisdiction for a portion of U.S. 63 in Bremer county. U.S. 63 is being put on relocation at the northern end of Bremer county, and we are removing about a 2.25 mile reverse curve situation. The county and district DOT office have come to agreement on what constitutes a good state of repair, and the Department will place the roadway in a good state of repair upon completion of the U.S. 63 relocation project. He reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Durham moved, Commissioner Blouin seconded the Commission approve the transfer of jurisdiction of U.S. 63 as described to Bremer county. All voted aye.

**Transfer of Jurisdiction
Location**

BREMER COUNTY

Description: That portion of former U.S. 63 from a new intersection on relocated U.S. 63 near the northeast corner of Section 1-T93N-R13W, thence westerly approximately 0.82 mile along the north section line, thence curving southerly on present alignment to the west line of said Section 1, thence southerly to the new intersection with relocated U.S. 63 in the NW ¼ of Section 12-T93N-R13W, a total length of approximately 2.23 miles.



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division Order No. PPM-2009-29
Office of Systems Planning
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 13, 2009
 Title Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

C Avenue NE Traffic Signal Interconnect Improvement (Cedar Rapids)	\$ 264,000
Hybrid Bus Expansion (Ames Transit Agency – CyRide)	\$ 915,200
Local Route Extension Services (Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority)	\$ 267,584
Muscatine/Wilton Shuttle (Muscatine City Transit – MuscaBus)	\$ 143,475
Quad City Area Transportation Mobility Enhancement Program (Bi-State)	\$ 50,000
Quad Cities - Muscatine Employee Commuter Shuttle (River Bend Transit)	\$ 735,533
Rideshare Expansion Vans (Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority)	\$ 334,971
Riverfront Circulator (Bettendorf Transit and Davenport CitiBus)	\$1,439,237
Traffic Signal System Timings Update (Ankeny)	\$ 70,000
Transit Trip Planner (Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority)	\$ 180,000
University Boulevard Improvements - 78th Street to 73rd Street (Clive)	\$ 300,000

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program funding recommendations, as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:		Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
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Division Director Legal State Director

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program came as the result of the creation of the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program in ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act). Annually we set \$4.7 million in CMAQ funding aside for Iowa's clean-air attainment program. This is an application-based program that awards funds to projects with the highest potential for reducing transportation-related congestion and air pollution. Project priorities include reducing vehicle miles of travel and single occupant vehicle travel, improving vehicle traffic flow or other projects that improve air quality and/or reduce traffic congestion. Projects are also evaluated based on their cost effectiveness.

Mr. Markley said in this round 24 applications were received requesting over \$13 million in funding. Last month we reviewed staff's recommendation to fund 11 projects. It is estimated these projects will reduce vehicle miles of travel in Iowa by 16.4 million miles and reduce emissions by 309 tons.

Mr. Markley requested Commission approval of Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program funding.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Sawtelle seconded the Commission approve Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program funding recommendations, as listed. All voted aye.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2009-30

Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 13, 2009

Title Iowa Safe Routes to School Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the Iowa Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

Noninfrastructure

City of Mount Pleasant Safe Routes to School (Mount Pleasant)	\$ 44,000
Engineering Assistance for Safe Routes to School (Iowa DOT)	\$ 72,000
Iowa Safe Routes to School Encouragement & Education Program (Iowa Bicycle Coalition)	\$ 24,238
Jackson County School District Safe Routes to School Plan (East Central Iowa Intergovernmental Association)	\$ 50,000
Region XII Safe Routes to School Plan (Region XII Council of Governments)	\$120,000
Sergeant Bluff-Luton CSD Comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Plan (Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council)	\$ 10,020
Sioux City CSD East Side Schools Comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Plan (Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council)	\$ 25,080
Western Dubuque Community School District Safe Routes to School Plan (East Central Iowa Intergovernmental Association)	\$ 60,000
Winfield SRTS Plan (Winfield)	\$ 12,500
Noninfrastructure Costs for Recommended Infrastructure Projects	\$ 36,575

Infrastructure

38th Street NE Sidewalks from E Avenue to B Avenue (Cedar Rapids)	\$144,791
Buchanan Drive SE Sidewalk from 26th Street to Memorial Drive (Cedar Rapids)	\$ 66,011
Centerville Safe Routes to School - Phase I (Centerville)	\$247,595
City of Boone Franklin Elementary School Sidewalk (Boone)	\$ 95,390
City of Boone Middle School Sidewalk (Boone)	\$154,273
City of Dexter Safe Routes to Schools Infrastructure Project (Dexter)	\$241,507
North Cedar Route to Learning (Mechanicsville)	\$240,105
Spencer School Sidewalk Improvement Project (Spencer)	\$ 71,538

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the Safe Routes to School Program funding recommendations, as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Moved by _____ Seconded by _____	_____	_____	_____
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Division Director Legal State Director

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the Iowa Safe Routes to School Program is a relatively new federal program created with SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users). The program purpose is to increase the number of elementary and middle school students that walk and bicycle to school safely. Funding is available to local governments, private non-profit groups, regional organizations, or public and private schools through an application-based program. The funding can be used for non-infrastructure and infrastructure activities. Eligible activities include sidewalk improvements, traffic calming or speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, bicycle/pedestrian safety curriculum, development of promotional materials, and cost of additional enforcement activities.

Mr. Markley said 50 applications were received for this round of funding requesting \$7.8 million. Last month we reviewed staff's recommendation to fund 17 projects with a cost of approximately \$1.7 million. He requested Commission approval of the Iowa Safe Routes to School funding recommendations as listed on the commission order.

Commissioner Wiley moved, Commissioner Cleaveland seconded the Commission approve the Iowa Safe Routes to School Program funding recommendations. All voted aye.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2009-31

Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 13, 2009

Title Statewide Transportation Enhancements Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the Statewide Transportation Enhancements Program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented:

Trail and Bicycle Facility

Cedar Valley Nature Trail Reconstruction and Surfacing (Phase 2) (Linn County Conservation Board)	\$449,400
Fayette County Recreational Trail System – Elgin to Nims Bridge (Fayette County Conservation Board)	\$500,000
Flint River Trail (Des Moines County and Burlington)	\$555,745
Raccoon River Valley Trail Addition (Dallas County Conservation Board)	\$750,000
Rolling Prairie Trail Development – Segments A, B and E (Butler and Franklin County Conservation Boards)	\$750,000
Urban Youth Corps (Iowa DOT)	\$125,000

Scenic and Environmental

Developing Iowa's Scenic Byways through GIS Technology (NE Iowa Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.)	\$251,752
Iowa's Living Roadways Project Program (Trees Forever and Iowa DOT)	\$400,000
Iowa Scenic Byways Photo Database Development (Limestone Bluffs RC&D)	\$102,802
Roadside Beautification, Litter and Illegal Dumping Prevention (Keep Iowa Beautiful)	\$161,500
Roadside Beautification/Maintenance Reduction: County Highways (Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management, University of Northern Iowa and Iowa DOT)	\$225,000

Historic and Archaeological

Historic Photo Archiving Project (Iowa DOT)	\$120,000
Historic Transportation Depot Rehabilitation - Cedar Valley Nature Trail (Linn County Conservation Board)	\$192,500
Maasdam Barns Historic Site Welcome Center (Jefferson County)	\$209,098
Milwaukee Railroad Shops Historic District Phase 5 Building Improvements (Siouxland Historical Railroad Association)	\$477,142
Protection of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Passenger and Freight Complex and Passenger Rail Operations (Fort Madison)	\$427,773

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the Statewide Transportation Enhancements 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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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program is a federal program used for community-based projects to expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by supporting bicycle, pedestrian, cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental projects related to surface transportation infrastructure. Half of the enhancement funding to the state of Iowa is administered by the Department by an application process for projects with statewide significance. The other half is distributed to Iowa's regional and metropolitan areas for projects of significance in their areas. Subject priorities include relationship to transportation system, relationship to land use and transportation plans, support of Iowa tourism efforts, qualification in more than one enhancement category, etc.

Mr. Markley said in this round 42 applications were received requesting approximately \$17.5 million. Last month we reviewed staff's recommendation to fund 16 projects for approximately \$5.7 million. He requested Commission approval of the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program as listed on the commission order.

Commissioner Sawtelle moved, Commissioner Durham seconded the Commission approve the Statewide Transportation Enhancements Program funding recommendations as listed. All voted aye.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2009-32
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1312 Meeting Date January 13, 2009
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Waukee (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Waukee submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2008 round requesting a grant to grade and pave approximately 1,850 feet of Northeast Westgate Drive west of Northeast Alice's Road in the Crossing at Alice's Road development.

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 \$469,210 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE funds.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Division Director Legal State Director

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

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Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division, presented a RISE Local Development application from the city of Waukee. The city has requested RISE funding to grade and pave approximately 1,850 ft. of Northeast Westgate Drive in the Crossing at Alice's Road Office Park Development. This improvement will provide initial access to a 51-acre professional office park. The project received a rating of 41 points in staff's evaluation, and the total estimated cost is \$938,420. The city is requesting a RISE grant of \$469,210 and will provide a 50 percent local match.

Mr. Anderson invited Jeff Kooistra, Waukee City Administrator, to introduce his delegation and make comments. Mr. Kooistra said Linda Schaudt, Greater Dallas County Development Alliance is also on the phone. This is a great project that will be a good improvement to the community. Ms. Schaudt said they appreciate the assistance the Commission has provided to the Dallas County Alliance in Waukee and appreciate the Commission's consideration of this application.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Wiley moved, Commissioner Blouin seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$469,210 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE funds. All voted aye.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2009-33
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1312 Meeting Date January 13, 2009
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Sioux Center (Industrial Park B)(Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Sioux Center submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2008 round requesting a grant to grade and pave approximately 858 feet of 16th Street Northeast from Fourth Avenue Northeast east to Seventh Avenue Northeast in the Sioux Center Industrial Park B.

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 \$163,585 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE funds.

COMMISSION ACTION:						
				Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Moved by _____	Seconded by _____		Blouin	_____	_____	_____
			Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
			Crawford	_____	_____	_____
			Durham	_____	_____	_____
			Reasner	_____	_____	_____
			Sawtelle	_____	_____	_____
			Wiley	_____	_____	_____
_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director				

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Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division, said the city of Sioux Center has requested RISE funding to grade and pave approximately 858 feet of 16th Street Northeast in the Sioux Center Industrial Park B. This improvement is necessary to provide access to the remaining undeveloped lots in this industrial park. The project received a rating of 45 points in staff's evaluation. The estimated total project cost is \$327,170, and the city is requesting a RISE grant of \$163,585 and will provide a 50 percent match. He invited Dennis Dokter, Sioux Center Assistant City Manager, to introduce the delegation and make comments.

Mr. Dokter said on the phone with him is Paul Clousing, Sioux Center City Manager. This project is in their industrial park B at the north end of the community. As stated, it is an 858 feet extension of Industrial Park Road. Over the past several years, they have had a lot of success in finding tenants for their industrial park. Most of their available lots are filled and they thought it was time to expand into industrial park B. He said one of the major employers in this industrial park is considering an expansion in two to five years, and this road will facilitate their needs. RISE funding is a small portion of the total investment but they feel it is crucial to the completion of this project, and they appreciate the Commission's consideration of their project.

Mr. Anderson reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Durham seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$163,585 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE funds. All voted aye.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2009-34
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1312 Meeting Date January 13, 2009
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Sioux Center (South Ridge Estates Business Park) (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Sioux Center submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2008 round requesting a grant to grade and pave approximately 520 feet of St. Andrews Way in the South Ridge Estates Business Park in Sioux Center.

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 \$106,865 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE funds.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Division Director Legal State Director

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

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Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division, said a second RISE local development application from Sioux Center is to grade and pave approximately 520 feet of St. Andrews Way in the South Ridge Estates Business Park. This project will provide initial access to this new development which is targeted toward corporate headquarter facilities. This project received a rating of 39 points. The total estimated project cost is \$213,730 and the city is requesting a \$106,865 RISE grant and will provide a 50 percent match. He invited the delegation to offer comments regarding this project.

Dennis Dokter said the business park, located on the south end of their community, opened a couple years ago. The first phase of the park is complete and is home to Holiday Inn Express. Recently, they had a commitment from Farm Fresh Eggs, a local corporation, to build a corporate center in this park. The plans are to invest a total of \$1.8 million in the first phase with future expansions. They expect this area to become home to several major corporations. He expressed appreciation for the Commission's consideration of this project.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Reasner moved, Commissioner Wiley seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$106,865 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE funds. All voted aye.

Paul Clousing, City Manager, Sioux Center, expressed appreciation for the Commission's support. Sioux Center has been fortunate over the years to be able to attract industry to their community. It has been really good, especially when we come to these times of economic downturns. They still have a few things going on and are pleased the Commission is able to help them out. He also expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate by telephone.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 a.m.