**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS**  
Tuesday, April 13, 2010  
Best Western Regency Inn  
3303 South Center Street  
Marshalltown

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*Action Item*

On Monday, April 12, the Commission and staff will tour transportation projects in central Iowa starting at 9 a.m. from the Best Western Regency Inn, 3303 South Center Street, in Marshalltown and ending back at the hotel around 2:30 p.m. The Commission and staff will hold an informal meeting at the Best Western beginning around 3 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-2010-51
Submitted by: Connie Page
Phone No.: 515-239-1242
Meeting Date: April 13, 2010
Title: Approving Minutes of the March 9, 2010, Commission Meeting.

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the March 9, 2010, Commission meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:
Moved by: Cleaveland
Seconded by: Wiley

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

Note: Commission Blouin attended the meeting via conference call.

1. Commission Tour on Monday

Chairman Sawtelle said four times during the year the Commission takes the “show on the road” to different areas of the state. Yesterday our bus tour started in Marshalltown, went west on U.S. 30 to Interstate 35, then south to Interstate 80, east to the Amanas, north to U.S. 30, and then back to Marshalltown. We saw a number of projects that were either underway or that we have been looking at moving forward, saw the new Ankeny interchange location, talked about the rest areas on I-35, saw technology improvements in how traffic is handle on race days at the Iowa Speedway along Interstate 80, and saw an overwhelming level of needs after this past winter. Following the tour, the Commission and staff had a workshop and reviewed the items on today’s agenda. It was very informative. Chairman Sawtelle said today is an opportunity for folks to come and present information to the Commission.
Due to recent changes in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Materials Regulations, we are amending Administrative Rule 761, Chapter 520. These amendments will reflect changes in the 2009 Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, parts 107, 171-173, 177-178, 180, 385 and 390-399.

The period for public comment ended on March 30, 2010, and no comments were received.

It is recommended the Commission approve the attached rule amendments.
DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Davenport submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the construction of approximately 1,800 feet of Tremont Avenue south of Veterans Memorial Parkway located in the southeast quadrant of the Interstate 80 and U.S. 61/Brady Street interchange.

Because this project will provide access to more than 65 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 $1,010,250 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE funds.
Note: A delegation from Davenport participated via conference call.

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed an immediate opportunity RISE application from the city of Davenport to construct approximately 1,800 feet of Tremont Avenue located south of Veterans Memorial Parkway to support the expansion of a business. However, based on capital investment, job creation and acres to be opened by the proposed RISE roadway, it is better suited as a RISE local development project. Under our RISE local development criteria, the project scores 44 points. The total estimated project cost is $2,020,500 and the city is requesting a RISE grant of $1,010,250 and will provide a 50 percent local match. He asked Cynthia Maccotan, Economic Development Program Manager, to make comments.

Ms. Maccotan said they are excited about this project because it is part of an economic development area that is an entrance into the city; one of their older commercial corridors that leads to I-80. They have been working with their local businesses to improve existing properties, encourage economic development, and expand the industrial base along the I-80 corridor. This is just one of, hopefully, several projects that would achieve those goals. What is exciting about this particular project is that in addition to job creation and retention it diversifies their economy by going out to the e-commercial distribution arena for which they are well suited. This particular roadway project would open up land that is already zoned for industrial uses. There is also rail access. The city and Von Maur are the primary owners of the land that would be available for businesses to expand.

Mr. Markley reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Durham 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 $1,010,250 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.