

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, August 13, 2013  
Spaulding Center for Transportation  
829 Spring Street  
Grinnell, Iowa

<u>ITEM NUMBER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
D-2014-5 8:00 a.m.	*Approve Minutes of the July 9, 2013, Commission Meeting  Commission Comments  Staff Comments	Connie Page	1
PPM-2014-6 8:05 a.m.	*Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program Funding Recommendations	Michelle McEnany	2
PPM-2014-7 8:10 a.m.	*Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Lime Springs (Delegation)	Craig Markley	3
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8:20 a.m.	Adjourn/Public Input		

\*Action Item

On Monday, August 12, the Commission and staff will tour south central Iowa transportation projects starting at 10 a.m. at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 1630 West Street South, Grinnell, and ending around 2:30 p.m. at the Spaulding Center for Transportation, 829 Spring Street in Grinnell. The Commission and staff will hold an informal meeting at the Spaulding Center for Transportation 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-2014-5  
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date August 13, 2013  
Title Approve Minutes of the July 9, 2013, Commission Meeting

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the July 9, 2013, Commission meeting.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Reasner Seconded by Cleveland

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

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## Commission Comments

### 1. Commission Tour on Monday

Commission Chair Yanney said the Commission had the opportunity yesterday to tour the area and she expressed appreciation to staff for their work in putting the tour together. The Commission saw some areas for improvements and some areas that are a concern for safety, which is important to the Commission. It was a very good tour of the area.

Commissioner Reasner expressed appreciation to staff for setting up the room and technology for today's meeting. She appreciates all the hard work that staff puts into making a tour like this happen.

## Staff Comments

### 1. DOT Booth at the State Fair

Director Paul Trombino III encouraged folks to stop by the Department's booth at the varied industries building at the state fair where they have the opportunity, among other things, to see a kiosk where they can renew their driver's license.

### 2. Mid-America Association of State Transportation Officials

Director Trombino III said the Mid-American Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO) is a coalition of ten Midwest states. At their meeting in Milwaukee this summer he was voted in as president of the association. A focus area for the year is regional freight movement between the states, and we have put together regional freight/critical commerce corridors among the ten states to focus operational movement of freight. We will also facilitate discussion about upcoming MAP-21 reauthorization and some of the policy issues we would like to see as a region. He is privileged to have the opportunity to serve as president for a year focusing on freight issues, etc., from a regional as well as an Iowa perspective.

On behalf of the Commission, Commission Chair Yanney congratulated Director Trombino III on this chairmanship.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Public Transit Order No. PPM-2014-6

Submitted by Michelle McEnany Phone No. 515-239-1659 Meeting Date August 13, 2013

Title Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program Funding Recommendations

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

Construct New Vehicle and Administration Facility (Region 5 – Fort Dodge)	\$ 347,120
Purchase and Install New Generator (Region 9 – Quad Cities)	\$ 56,000
Construct Wash Bay Addition (Region 13 – Atlantic)	\$ 162,240
Renovate Operations Office (Des Moines)	\$ 600,000
Rehabilitate Maintenance Lane (Des Moines)	\$ 36,000
Replace Bus Wash System (Sioux City)	\$ 240,000
Rehabilitate Roof (Sioux City)	\$ 136,000
Replace Transit Operations HVAC System (Sioux City)	\$ 40,000
 Total	 \$1,617,360

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant program funding recommendations as listed.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Miles Seconded by Reasner

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Cleveland	X	_____	_____
Miles	X	_____	_____
Reasner	X	_____	_____
Rielly	X	_____	_____
Rose	X	_____	_____
Wiley	X	_____	_____
Yanney	X	_____	_____

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2014-7  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date August 13, 2013  
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Lime Springs (Delegation)

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The city of Lime Springs submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the reconstruction of approximately 300 feet of Plaza Drive, construction of approximately 750 feet of new roadway, and construction of a right-turn lane on U.S. 63 located on the west side of town. This project is anticipated to be completed by August 2014.

These improvements are necessary to provide access to Lime Springs Beef, LLC, a beef slaughter and processing facility, and will support:

- The creation of 50 new full-time jobs.
- \$7,557,090 in associated capital investment.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be \$8,363.94, and there will be a total capital investment of \$18.07 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 \$418,197 from the RISE Fund or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less. A maximum of \$30,682 is to come from the county share of the RISE Fund and a maximum of \$387,515 is to come from the city share of the RISE Fund.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rielly	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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PPM-2014-7

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the city of Lime Springs submitted an Immediate Opportunity RISE funding request to reconstruct approximately 300 feet of Plaza Drive, construct approximately 750 feet of new roadway, and construct a right-turn lane on U.S. 63 located on the west side of town. The proposed improvements will result in the creation of 50 new full-time jobs in three years along with more than \$7 million in associate capital investments. The average wage rate of the created positions is \$16.03 which is 107 percent of the average labor shed wage rate. RISE grant recommended is \$418,197; local participation is 20 percent or \$104,550 for a total cost of \$522,747. RISE cost per job assisted is \$8,363.94. Total capital investment per RISE dollar is \$18.07. He introduced Jason Passmore, Executive Director, Howard County Business and Tourism.

Mr. Passmore said they are excited about this project which will improve the safety and access to the property. Basically it is “know your food; know your farmer.” This company will track the beef when it comes in and when it leaves the plant. A sticker on the package will tell where it is from, and the consumer can go to the website and see the farm it came from. This will bring 50 new well-paying jobs to the area. He said they have had some partners throughout the process including the Iowa Economic Development Authority, the Governor’s Office, and Departments of Natural Resources and Transportation.

Mr. Markley reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Wiley moved, Commissioner Rose seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, award a RISE grant of \$418,197 from the RISE Fund or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less. A maximum of \$30,682 is to come from the county share of the RISE fund and a maximum of \$387,515 is to come from the city share of the RISE fund. All voted aye.

**RISE Immediate Opportunity Funding  
Economic Analysis Summary**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Applicant:** Lime Springs

**Project Location and Description:** Reconstruction of approximately 300 feet of Plaza Drive, construction of approximately 750 feet of new roadway and construction of a right-turn lane on U.S. 63 located on the west side of town.

**Associated Economic Development:** The project provides access to Lime Springs Beef, LLC, a beef slaughter and processing facility. The project will result in the creation of 50 new jobs and more than \$7 million in associated capital investment.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT**

**Total Roadway Project Cost:** \$522,747

**RISE Funds Requested:** \$418,197; **Grant:** \$418,197; **Loan \$----**

**Effective Project Cost to RISE Program:** \$418,197

**Local Participation:** \$104,550; **Sources:** City of Lime Springs

**Non-RISE Total Capital Investment:** \$7,557,090

(**Public:** \$834,090; **Private:** \$6,723,000)

**Direct Jobs Created:** 50; (**Other, Potential Future Jobs:** 0)

**Direct Jobs Retained:** 0; **Total Direct Jobs Assisted, Short-Term:** 50

**Number of Existing Jobs:** 0

**Project Average Wage Rate of New Jobs:** \$16.03/hr.

**100% Average Laborshed Wage Rate:** \$14.97/hr.

**KEY RATIOS**

**Local Match Ratio:** 20% (\$104,550/\$522,747)

**RISE Cost Per Job Assisted (Created):** \$418,197/50 = \$8,363.94

**Total Capital Investment Per RISE Dollar:** \$7,557,090/\$418,197= \$18.07

**CONCLUSIONS**

**Narrative:** It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment and job creation commitments; award a RISE grant of \$418,197 from the RISE Fund or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less. A maximum of \$30,682 is to come from the county share of the RISE Fund and a maximum of \$387,515 is to come from the city share of the RISE Fund.



**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2014-8  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date August 13, 2013  
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Coralville (Delegation)

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The city of Coralville submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in construction of approximately 1,100 feet of University Parkway located on the north central side of town. This project is anticipated to be completed by December 2014.

Because this project will provide access to four lots totaling more than 26 acres for professional office purposes and to maximize RISE support for this project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project.

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, reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the February 2013 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$324,350 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
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rielly	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE Immediate Opportunity application from the city of Coralville to construct approximately 1,100 feet of University Parkway located on the north central side of town. Because this project will provide access to four lots totaling more than 26 acres for professional office purposes and to maximize the RISE support for the project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project. Under RISE Local Development criteria, the project scored 37 points. The total estimated project cost is \$648,700. The city is requesting a RISE grant of \$324,350 and will provide a 50 percent local match. He introduced Jim Fausett, Mayor of Coralville.

Mayor Fausett expressed appreciation for all the past assistance Coralville has received from the Department of Transportation. This project is important, and they appreciate the Commission's consideration. He introduced Kelly Hayworth, Coralville City Administrator.

Mr. Hayworth said Coralville received two RISE grants from the Department over the last two years. Sedgwick Claims Management Services opened July 1 with 280 jobs. MediRevv, Inc., opened September 1, 2012, with 130 jobs and is going to expand adding another 100 jobs. Overall with the roads that the Department has assisted with, they will have over 1,200 new jobs in this immediate area. He said they do really appreciate the Department's assistance; it has made a difference.

Mr. Markley reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Rose moved, Commissioner Wiley 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 2013 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$324,350 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.

Meeting ended at 8:15 a.m.

RISE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING  
February 2013  
SUMMARY

Applicant: City of Coralville

Multiyear?: No  
Multijurisdiction?: No

ROAD PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: To construct approximately 1,100 feet of University Parkway located on the north central side of town.

ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: This project will provide access to four lots totaling more than 26 acres for professional office purposes.

PROJECT FINANCING:

Roadway Project Cost:	\$648,700	Local Match (Total):	\$324,350
RISE (Total):	\$324,350	Up-Front:	\$324,350
Grant:	\$324,350	NPV of Loan Repayment:	0
Loan:	0	Effective Match Percent:	50
Loan Terms:	Yrs. 0	Up-front Participation Sources:	
	Int.: 0 %	Private:	
		Public:	\$324,350
		Local Match (Total):	\$324,350

PROJECT EVALUATION:

Development Potential (35):	15
Economic Impact and Cost Effect. (20):	2
Local Commit. and Initiative (35):	16
Transportation Need (4):	2
Local Economic Need (6):	2

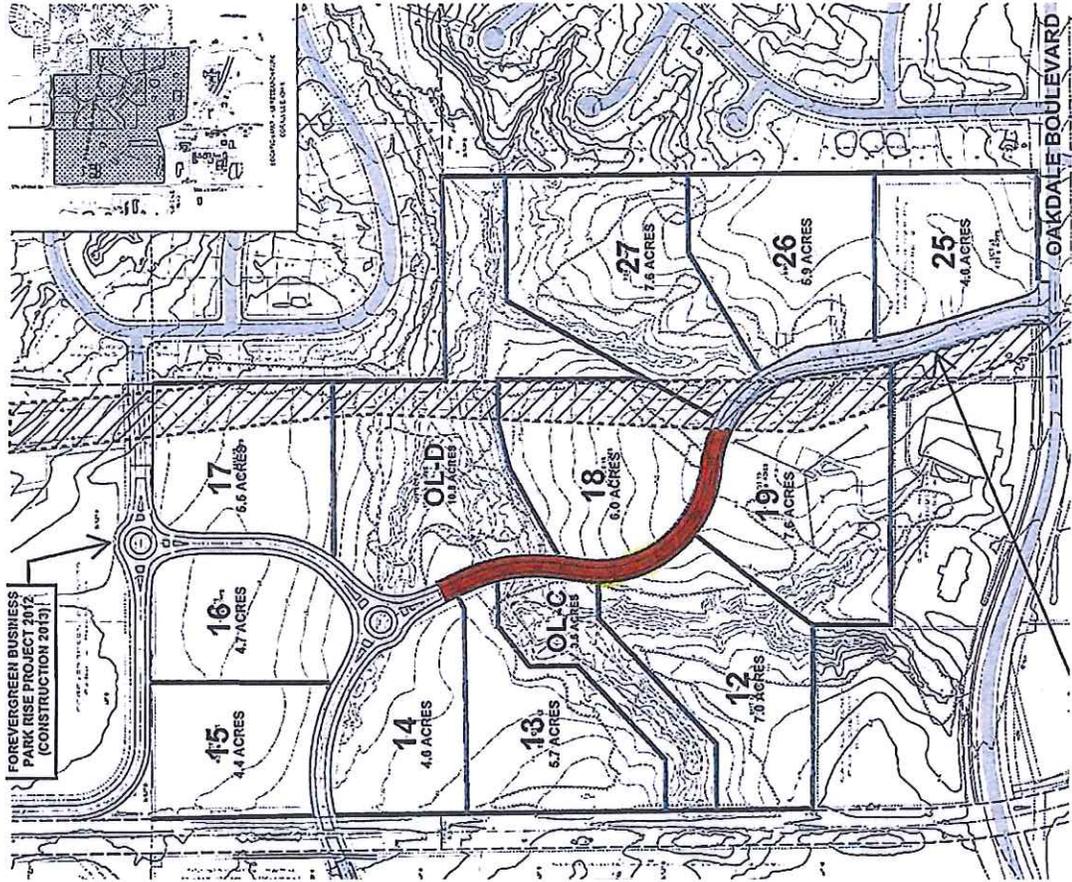
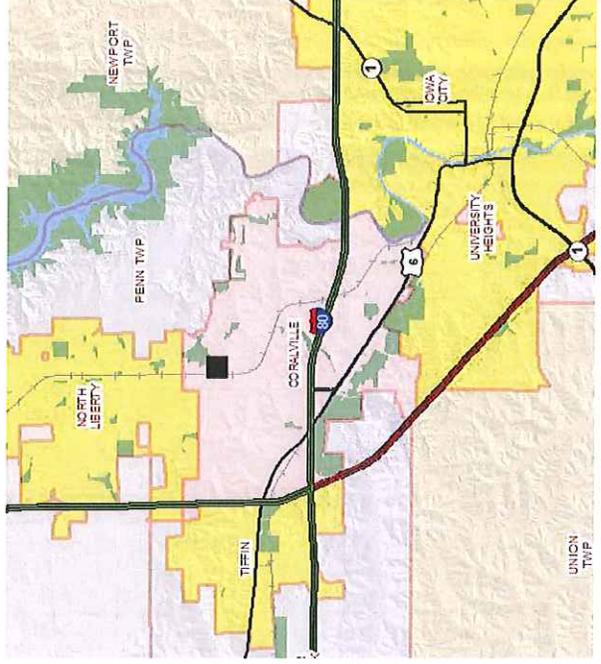
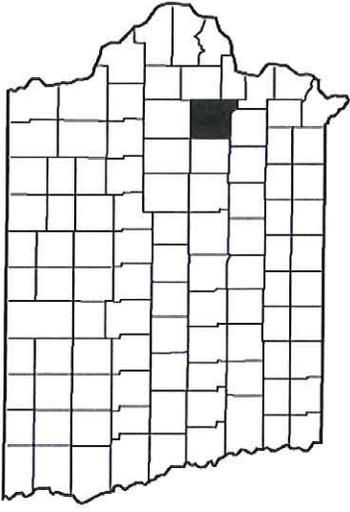
Total Rating: 37

Jobs: 0

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Award a grant of \$324,350 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.

# Coralville



**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**PUBLIC INPUT MEETING**  
Spaulding Center for Transportation  
829 Spring Street, Grinnell  
August 13, 2013

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DELEGATION</u>	<u>SPOKESPERSON</u>
8:20 am	Opening Remarks	Charese E. Yanney, Commission Chair
8:20 am	City of Grinnell	Mayor Gordon Canfield
8:25 am	East Central Iowa Transportation Coalition	Beth Danowsky
8:40 am	South Central Regional Airport Agency	Jim Hansen
8:55 am	Legislator Introductions	
9:05 am	Meet and Greet	
9:25 am	Des Moines Area MPO	Christopher Coleman
9:35 am	Highway 61 Coalition	Vern Meierotto
9:45 am	U.S. 20 Association	Bob Singer
10:00 am	Unscheduled Delegations	
	Iowa U.S. Route 6 Tourist Association	David Darby

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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