

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, January 10, 2012  
 Materials Conference Room  
 Ames DOT Complex

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| 1:30 p.m.                | Adjourn   |                   |      |
| 1:35 p.m.                | Continuation of Workshop session  |                   |      |

\*Action Item

On Tuesday, January 10, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 10 a.m. in the Materials conference room at the DOT complex in Ames. 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-2012-36  
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date January 10, 2012  
Title Approve Minutes of the December 13, 2011, Commission Meeting

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the December 13, 2011, Commission meeting.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Cleaveland Seconded by Miles

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

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## Commission Comment

### 1. Commission Workshop

Commission Chair Reasner said the Commission held a workshop this morning and discussed some of the topics on the agenda today. She also noted that some of the programs that will be reviewed with Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, were reviewed during last month's workshop.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Director Order No. D-2012-37  
Submitted by Paul Trombino III Phone No. 515-239-1111 Meeting Date January 10, 2012  
Title Administrative Rules – 761 IAC 600, 604, 605, 615 and 630

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The proposed rule amendments revises 761 IAC 600, General Information; 761 IAC 604, License Examination; 761 IAC 605, License Issuance; 761 IAC 615, Sanction; and 761 IAC 630, Nonoperator’s Identification; to clarify policies regarding testing and vehicle equipment, and expand licensing fee payment options.

The changes will improve public safety by adopting current medical standards, and enhance the department’s ability to address and expedite the resolution of driver fitness and licensing concerns.

The period for public comment ended December 20, 2011, and no oral or written comments were received.

A listing of the proposed amendments is attached.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the attached rule amendments.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Rose Seconded by Miles

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

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## Proposed rule amendments

761 IAC 600, General Information  
761 IAC 604, License Examination  
761 IAC 605, License Issuance  
761 IAC 615, Sanction  
761 IAC 630, Nonoperator's Identification

The proposed amendments are:

- 761 IAC 600.4(4) introductory paragraph, 761 IAC 600.4(4)"c", and 761 IAC 605.5"b"(1) make nonsubstantive changes to terminology improving the clarity of the paragraphs.
- 761 IAC 600.4(4)"d" and 761 IAC 605.5(5)"b"(3) eliminate unnecessary licensing delay and procedure for a person who has experienced a single, nonrecurring loss of consciousness or voluntary control determined by a physician to be unlikely to recur, by allowing licensing to proceed on the physician's recommendation, without waiting for the applicant to demonstrate a six-month, episode-free period, and without requiring the licensee to give the department a subsequent medical report after six-months.
- 761 IAC 605.5(5)"b"(4) and 761 IAC 605.5(5)"b"(5) remove unnecessary procedural requirements for persons that have an ongoing but treatable condition causing loss of consciousness or voluntary control by allowing a five-year license without a medical report at each renewal, rather than a two-year license with a medical report at each renewal, if the condition does not require medication to control, the person has been episode free for 24 months, and the physician recommends it, or if the condition requires medication to control but the person has been episode free for at least 10 years. These changes are consistent with current medical licensing standards developed by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.
- 761 IAC 600.1(16)(1) remove references to Iowa Code 150 and 150A, which were repealed by the Legislature.
- 761 IAC 604.11(1)"c", 761 IAC 605.5(1) and 761 IAC 605.5(3) accommodate a federal requirement to create a "V" restriction for commercial driver's licenses, "medical variance document required," by consolidating the former "V" restriction, "left and right outside mirrors," under restriction "F." Amendments to 761 IAC 605.6(5) remove the left and right outside mirror restriction for persons with hearing aids or demonstrated hearing loss as there is no safety-related evidence that this restriction is necessary.
- 761 IAC 604.11(1)"b" and 761 IAC 605.5(2) eliminate the "R" restriction, maximum speed of 35 mph, due to a lack of evidence that a blanket speed restriction at 35 mph is reasonable for persons with diminished operating capacity. Speed restrictions will be specifically set according to demonstrated ability.
- 761 IAC 604.2, 761 IAC 604.10(2), 761 IAC 604.11(1)"a" and 761 IAC 604.11(1)"b", 761 IAC 604.11(2)"b", 761 IAC 604.13(2)"b", 761 IAC 604.13(4)"b"(2), 761 IAC 604.13(4)"b"(3) and new 761 IAC 604.13(4)"b"(4) bring visual acuity standards up to current terminology and standards approved by the Iowa Optometric Association.
- 761 IAC 604.30(3) bring the department within federal requirements and diminish the opportunity for testing fraud by requiring the examiner to review the test results with the applicant following a drive test, but removing the requirement that the examiner give the applicant the original score sheet.
- 761 IAC 605.9 allow for payment of license fees by credit and debit card, consistent with legislative directive to allow customers more flexible payment options. Rescission of 761 IAC 605.10 and 761 IAC 630.2(6) eliminate rules regarding the refund of fees, as the statute authorizing the rules, Iowa Code 321.192, was repealed by the Legislature.
- Rescission of 761 IAC 615.24, which called for suspension of a driver's license upon a notice of noncompliance from the Department of Revenue, is required because the authorizing statutes, Iowa Code 272D.8 and 272D.9, were determined to apply to professional licenses, and not driver's licenses.

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT [761]

### Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 307.10 and 307.12, the Department of Transportation, on January 10, 2012, adopted amendments to Chapter 600, "General Information," Chapter 604, "License Examination," Chapter 605, "License Issuance," Chapter 615, "Sanctions," and Chapter 630, "Nonoperator's Identification," Iowa Administrative Code.

Notice of Intended Action for amendment was published in the November 30, 2011, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as ARC 9874B.

These amendments provide the Department flexibility in the decision making regarding the issuance of licenses, provide clarification for testing and vehicle equipment to meet current standards related to vehicle operation and the safety of the traveling public, and expand licensing fee payment options.

Any person who believes that the person's circumstances meet the statutory criteria for a waiver may petition the Department for a waiver under 761--Chapter 11.

These rules/amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 321.

These amendments will become effective March 14, 2012.

Rule-making actions:

ITEM 1. Amend rule 761—600.4(321), parenthetical implementation statute, as follows:

**761—600.4(252J,261,321) Persons not to be licensed.**

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 600.4(4), introductory paragraph, as follows:

**600.4(4)** The department shall not knowingly license any person who suffers from syncope of any cause, any type of periodic or episodic loss of consciousness, or any paroxysmal disturbances of consciousness, including but not limited to epilepsy, until that person has ~~remained free of episodes~~ not had an episode of loss of consciousness or loss of voluntary control for six months, and then only upon receipt of a medical report favorable toward licensing.

ITEM 3. Amend paragraph **600.4(4)“c”** as follows:

c. If ~~episodes occur~~ an episode occurs when medications are withdrawn by a physician, but the person is episode-free when placed back on medications, the department may license without a six-month episode-free period with a favorable recommendation from a neurologist.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following new paragraph **600.4(4)“d”**:

d. If a medical report indicates the person experienced a single nonrecurring episode, the cause has been identified, and the physician is not treating the person for the episode and believes it is unlikely to recur, the department may license without the six-month episode-free period with a favorable recommendation from a physician.

ITEM 5. Amend subrule 600.16(1) as follows:

**600.16(1)** A person who is unable to wear a safety belt or safety harness for physical or medical reasons may obtain a form to be signed by the person’s health care provider licensed under Iowa Code chapter 148,~~150, 150A~~ or 151. Form No. 432017, “Iowa Medical Safety Belt Exemption,” is available from the office of driver services at the address in rule 761—600.2(17A).

ITEM 6. Adopt the following new definitions in rule ~~761—604.2(321)~~:

“*Binocular field of vision*” is the sum of the temporal measurements or the sum of the nasal measurements.

“*Monocular field of vision*” is the sum of the temporal measurement and the nasal measurement for one eye.

ITEM 7. Amend subrule 604.10(2) as follows:

**604.10(2) Method.** At driver’s license examination stations, a vision screening instrument ~~or a wall chart~~ shall be used to screen the applicant’s vision. An applicant who has corrective lenses may be screened with or without the corrective lenses.

ITEM 8. Amend subrule 604.11(1) as follows:

**604.11(1) Visual acuity standards.**

*a. When the applicant is screened without corrective lenses.* If the visual acuity is 20/40 or better with both eyes or with the better eye, no restriction will be imposed. If the visual acuity is less than 20/40 but at least ~~20/50~~ 20/70 with both eyes or with the better eye, the applicant shall be restricted ~~to~~ from driving when headlights are ~~not~~ required. ~~If the visual acuity is less than 20/50 but at least 20/70 with both eyes or with the better eye, the applicant shall be restricted to driving when headlights are not required and restricted to a maximum speed of 35 m.p.h.~~

*b. When the applicant is screened with corrective lenses.* If the visual acuity is 20/40 or better with both eyes or with the better eye, the applicant shall be required to wear corrective lenses. If the visual acuity is less than 20/40 but at least ~~20/50~~ 20/70 with both eyes or with the better eye, the applicant shall be required to wear corrective lenses and shall be restricted ~~to~~ from driving when headlights are ~~not~~ required. ~~If the visual acuity is less than 20/50 but at least 20/70 with both eyes or with the better eye, the applicant shall be required to wear corrective lenses, restricted to driving when headlights are not required, and restricted to a maximum speed of 35 m.p.h.~~



*c. Other standards.* If the visual acuity in the left eye is less than 20/100, the applicant shall be restricted to driving a vehicle with a both left and right outside rearview ~~mirror~~ mirrors. However, if the applicant has a visual acuity of 20/40 in the right eye and less than 20/100 in the left eye without corrective lenses and has corrective lenses that improve the vision in the left eye to better than 20/100, the applicant shall have the option of being restricted to driving with corrective lenses or driving a vehicle with a both left and right outside rearview ~~mirror~~ mirrors.

ITEM 9. Amend paragraph **604.11(2)“b”** as follows:

*b.* If the binocular field of vision is less than 140 degrees but at least ~~115~~ 110 degrees, ~~and~~ or one eye has a monocular field of vision of at least ~~70 degrees temporal and 45~~ 100 degrees ~~nasal~~, the applicant shall be restricted to driving a vehicle with both left and right outside rearview mirrors.

ITEM 10. Amend paragraph **604.13(2)“b”** as follows:

*b.* If the applicant’s binocular field of vision (~~sum of temporal measurements~~) is less than ~~115~~ 110 degrees, or if ~~neither eye has a monocular field of vision of at least 70 degrees temporal and 45~~ the monocular field of vision is less than 100 degrees ~~nasal~~, the applicant shall not be licensed, subject to discretionary issuance under subrule 604.13(4).

ITEM 11. Amend subparagraphs **604.13(4)“b”(2)** and **(3)** as follows:

(2) An applicant who cannot attain a visual acuity of ~~20/200~~ 20/199 with both eyes or with the better eye shall not be licensed.

(3) If an applicant’s binocular field of vision (~~sum of temporal measurements~~) or monocular field of vision is less than ~~95~~ 75 degrees, or if ~~neither eye has a monocular field of vision of at least 60 degrees temporal and 35 degrees nasal~~, the applicant may be considered for licensing only after recommendation by the medical advisory board.

ITEM 12. Adopt the following new subparagraph **604.13(4)“b”(4)**:

(4) An applicant who cannot attain a binocular or monocular field of vision of 21 degrees shall not be licensed.

ITEM 13. Amend subrule 604.30(3) as follows:

**604.30(3) Test score.** The examiner shall use the standard departmental score sheet and shall enter the test score and the licensing decision in the spaces provided. At the end of the test, the examiner shall explain the test score ~~and give the applicant the original score sheet which is valid for 90 days.~~ The test score result is valid for 90 days.

ITEM 14. Amend subrule 605.5(1) as follows:

**605.5(1) For all licenses.** The following restrictions may apply to any driver's license:

B—Corrective lenses required

C—Mechanical aid (as detailed in the restriction on the back of the card)

D—Prosthetic aid (as detailed in the restriction on the back of the card)

E—Automatic transmission

F—Left and right outside ~~mirror~~ rearview mirrors

G—No driving when headlights required

H—Temporary restricted license or permit (work permit)

I—Ignition interlock required

J—Restrictions on the back of card

S—SR required (proof of financial responsibility for the future)

T—Medical report required at renewal

U—Not valid for 2-wheel vehicle

~~V—Left and right outside mirrors~~

W—Restricted commercial driver's license (CDL)

Y—Intermediate license

ITEM 15. Amend subrule 605.5(2) as follows:

**605.5(2)** *For a noncommercial driver's license.* The following restrictions apply only to a noncommercial driver's license:

P—Special instruction permit

Q—No interstate or freeway driving

~~R—Maximum speed of 35 mph~~

ITEM 16. Amend subrule 605.5(3) as follows:

**605.5(3)** *For a commercial driver's license.* The following restrictions apply only to a commercial driver's license:

K—Commercial driver's license intrastate only

L—Vehicle without air brakes

M—Except Class A bus

N—Except Class A and Class B bus

O—Except tractor-trailer

V—Medical Variance document required

ITEM 17. Amend subrule 605.5(5) as follows:

**605.5(5)** *Additional information.*

~~— a. *Hearing impairment.* A person with a hearing aid or a noticeable loss of hearing may be restricted to a motor vehicle equipped with a left outside rearview mirror.~~

~~b. *a. Reexamination or report.* The department may issue a restriction requiring a person to reappear at a specified time for examination. The department may require a medical report to be submitted. The department shall send Form 430029 as a reminder to appear.~~

~~e. *b. Loss of consciousness or voluntary control.*~~

(1) If a person is licensed pursuant to 761—subrule 600.4(4), the department shall issue the first

\driver's license with a restriction stating: "Medical report to be furnished at the end of six months."

(2) If this medical report shows that the person has been free of ~~episodes~~ an episode of loss of consciousness or voluntary control since the previous medical report and the report recommends licensing, the department shall issue a duplicate driver's license with a restriction stating: "Medical report required at renewal." At each renewal accompanied by a favorable medical report, the department shall issue a two-year driver's license with the same restriction.

(3) If the latest medical report indicates the person experienced only a single nonrecurring episode, the cause has been identified, and the physician is not treating or has not treated the person for the episode and believes it is unlikely to recur, the department may waive the medical report requirement upon ~~recommendation by the medical advisory board~~ receipt of a favorable recommendation from a physician.

(4) The department may remove the medical report requirement and issue a full-term driver's license if recommended by a physician and if the latest medical information on file with the department indicates the person has not had an episode of loss of consciousness or voluntary control and has not been prescribed medications to control such episodes during the 24-month period immediately preceding application for a license.

(5) The department may remove the medical report requirement and issue a full-term driver's license if recommended by a physician and if the latest medical information on file with the department indicates the person has not had an episode of loss of consciousness or voluntary control during the 10-year period immediately preceding application for a license.

~~d-~~ c.      *Financial responsibility.* When a person is required under Iowa Code chapter 321A to have future proof of financial responsibility on file, the license restriction will read: "SR required." The license shall be valid only for the operation of motor vehicles covered by the class of license issued and by the proof of financial responsibility filed.

~~e-~~ d.      *Vision restriction.* Restrictions relating to vision are addressed in 761—Chapter 604.

ITEM 18. Amend rule 761—605.9(321), introductory paragraph, as follows:

**761—605.9(321) Fees for driver’s licenses.** Fees for driver’s licenses are specified in Iowa Code section 321.191. A license fee may be paid by cash, check, credit card, debit card or money order. If payment is by check, the following requirements apply:

ITEM 19. Rescind and reserve rule **761—605.10(321)**.

ITEM 20. Amend rule 761—615.24(252J,261,272D), parenthetical implementation statute, as follows:

**761—615.24(252J,261,~~272D~~) Suspension upon receipt of a certificate of noncompliance.**

ITEM 21. Rescind and reserve subrule **615.24(3)**.

ITEM 22. Amend rule **761—615.24(252J,261)**, implementation sentence, as follows:

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 252J.1, 252J.8, 252J.9, 261.126, and 261.127, ~~272D.8 and 272D.9.~~

ITEM 23. Rescind and reserve subrule **630.2(6)**.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2012-38

Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 10, 2012

Title Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program Funding Recommendations

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**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.

|  |             |
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| 18th Street SW Extension from Wilson Avenue SW to 13th Avenue SW (Cedar Rapids)  | \$ 600,000  |
| Collins Road NE (Iowa 100) Improvements: Backage Road from C Avenue NE to Northland Avenue NE Extension Project (Cedar Rapids) | \$ 862,325  |
| Downtown Bicycle Plan Implementation - Phase 1 (Des Moines)  | \$ 240,000  |
| Iowa 141 Traffic Signal Interconnection Project (Grimes)   | \$ 160,000  |
| IBM Smart Travel (Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study)  | \$1,607,000 |
| NW 86th Street Traffic Signal Interconnect (Johnston)  | \$ 170,224  |
| Quad Cities Household Travel Survey and Data Analysis for Travel Demand Model Trip Generation (Bi-State Regional Commission)   | \$ 240,000  |
| Route #7 Fort DSM/Hubbell Service Improvements (Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority)                                    | \$ 250,434  |
| Route #11 Ingersoll Avenue/West Des Moines /Jordan Creek Service Improvements (Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority)     | \$ 63,617   |
| Traffic Adaptive Signal Control System - Valley West Drive (West Des Moines)   | \$ 306,400  |
| Traffic Observation Camera System and Downtown Wayfinding Changeable Message Sign System Upgrade (Des Moines)                  | \$ 200,000  |

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

|            | Aye   | Vote<br>Nay | Pass  |
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| Cleaveland | _____ | _____       | _____ |
| Miles      | _____ | _____       | _____ |
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PPM-2012-38

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) came as a result of the creation of the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement program in Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) legislation. We have \$4.7 million in CMAQ funding set aside annually for ICAAP. 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, reducing single occupancy 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. In this round 12 applications requesting over \$5.7 million in funding were received. He said last month he reviewed staff's recommendation to fund 11 projects, and he requested Commission approval of ICAAP funding as listed in the commission order.

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





PPM-2012-39

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the statewide Transportation Enhancement program was created in ISTEA and provides funding for community-based projects that 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 via an application process for projects of statewide significance. The other half of the funding is distributed to Iowa's regional and metropolitan areas for projects of significance in their areas. In this round, we received 41 applications requesting over \$20 million. Last month he reviewed staff's recommendation to fund 11 projects for approximately \$5.3 million. He requested Commission approval of the statewide Transportation Enhancement program funding as listed in the commission order.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commissioner Rose seconded the Commission approve the statewide Transportation Enhancement program funding recommendations as listed. All voted aye; Commissioner Wiley absent.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2012-40  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 10, 2012  
 Title Federal Recreational Trails Program Funding Recommendations

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

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

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| Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR)/AmeriCorps Trails (Iowa DNR)                                | \$280,000 |
| Gypsum City Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Park (Webster County Improvement Corporation and Iowa DNR)       | \$301,000 |
| Herndon to Coon Rapids Segment of the American Discovery Trail (Coon Rapids and Creating Great Places) | \$300,000 |
| Iowa Designated OHV Park Seasonal Park Worker Crew (Iowa DNR)  | \$100,000 |
| Snowmobile Grooming Equipment Replacement (Iowa DNR and Iowa State Snowmobile Association)             | \$240,000 |
| Support for Program and Bicycle/Trails Summits (Iowa Department of Transportation)                     | \$ 18,400 |

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

|            | Aye   | Vote<br>Nay | Pass  |
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| Cleaveland | _____ | _____       | _____ |
| Miles      | _____ | _____       | _____ |
| Reasner    | _____ | _____       | _____ |
| Rose       | _____ | _____       | _____ |
| Wiley      | _____ | _____       | _____ |
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PPM-2012-40

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the federal Recreational Trails program was created in ISTEA and provides funding to develop and maintain recreational trails and trailway facilities for both non-motorized and motorized use. Examples include hiking, bicycling, water trails, cross country skiing, snowmobiles, and all terrain vehicles. We received 29 applications requesting almost \$13 million in funding. Last month he reviewed with the Commission staff's recommendation to fund six projects, totaling a little over \$1.2 million. He requested Commission approval of the federal Recreational Trails program funding recommendation as listed in the commission order.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commission Rose seconded the Commission approve the federal Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations as listed. All voted aye; Commissioner Wiley absent.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2012-41  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 10, 2012  
 Title Safe Routes to School Program Funding Recommendations

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the Safe Routes to School program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

Noninfrastructure

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| Dubuque Walking School Bus (Dubuque Community School District)  | \$ 12,540 |
| Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership (Iowa Bicycle Coalition)   | \$ 95,200 |
| I-WALK: Building on Successful Safe Routes to School Partnerships<br>(Iowa Department of Public Health) | \$187,812 |
| UERPC Safe Routes to School Plan (Upper Explorerland Regional Planning<br>Commission)                   | \$115,000 |
| Noninfrastructure costs for recommended infrastructure projects   | \$ 17,147 |

Infrastructure

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| Boyer Valley Safe Routes to School (Dow City)  | \$ 45,960 |
| Cleveland Elementary Sidewalks (Cedar Rapids)  | \$ 62,100 |
| Columbus Junction Sidewalk Extensions (Columbus Junction)                                    | \$ 87,500 |
| Dr. Walter Cunningham School for Excellence Sidewalk and Crossing<br>Improvements (Waterloo) | \$ 64,860 |
| Irving Elementary School Crossing Improvements (Waterloo)                                    | \$ 92,000 |
| Kalona Elementary Safe Routes to Schools (Kalona)  | \$141,182 |
| Keokuk Sidewalk Improvements (Keokuk)  | \$135,584 |
| Safe Routes to School Shenandoah (Shenandoah)  | \$236,000 |
| Sidewalk Installation for Safety Improvements (Sergeant Bluff)                               | \$220,000 |

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

|            | Aye   | Vote<br>Nay | Pass  |
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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the Iowa Safe Routes to School program is a relatively new federal funding program created with the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The purpose of this program 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, and regional organizations for both public and private schools through an application-based program. Funding can be used for non-infrastructure and infrastructure activities. For this round of funding 55 applications requesting almost \$7 million were received. Last month he reviewed with the Commission staff's recommendation to fund 13 projects at just over \$1.5 million. He requested Commission approval of the Iowa Safe Routes to School funding recommendation as listed on the commission order.

Commissioner Rose moved, Commissioner Miles seconded the Commission approve the Safe Routes to School program funding recommendations as listed. Commissioners Blouin, Cleaveland, Miles, Rose, and Yanney voted aye; Commission Chair Reasner abstained; Commissioner Wiley absent. Motion passed.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2012-42  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 10, 2012  
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Ankeny (Delegation)

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The city of Ankeny submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the reconstruction of approximately 2,900 feet of Southwest Third Street, approximately 400 feet of Northwest Polk City Road, approximately 900 feet of Southwest Vintage Parkway and approximately 8,400 feet of Southwest Irvinedale Drive on the southwest side of Ankeny. The requested improvements can be split into those that are necessary to provide access to the proposed expansion facilities of John Deere Des Moines Works and those that serve 160 acres for future manufacturing, industrial and office park development. Therefore, the application was evaluated as both a RISE Immediate Opportunity and a RISE Local Development application. This project is anticipated to be completed by October 2013.

The roadway improvements necessary to serve the expanded John Deere Des Moines Works will support:

- The retention of 400 full time jobs.
- \$117,726,030 in associated capital investment.

The total cost of this portion of the project is \$3,216,403 and a RISE grant of \$2,573,123 is recommended. This results in a RISE cost per job assisted of \$6,432.81, and a total capital investment of \$45.75 for each RISE dollar recommended.

The remaining roadway improvement is necessary to serve an additional 160 acres for future development to the south of the proposed expansion of John Deere Des Moines Works. The total cost of this improvement is \$7,338,390 and a RISE grant of \$3,669,195 is recommended.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for job creation and retention, consider the project as both a RISE Local Development and a RISE Immediate Opportunity and award a RISE grant of \$112,441 from the county share of the RISE Fund and \$6,129,877 from the city share of the RISE Fund or up to 59 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less.

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| <b>COMMISSION ACTION:</b>     |                   | Aye                     | Vote<br>Nay      | Pass        |
| Moved by _____                | Seconded by _____ | Blouin _____            | Cleaveland _____ | Miles _____ |
|                               |                   | Reasner _____           | Rose _____       | Wiley _____ |
|                               |                   | Yanney _____            |                  |             |
| _____<br>Division<br>Director | _____<br>Legal    | _____<br>State Director |                  |             |

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the city of Ankeny submitted a RISE grant application funding request to reconstruct approximately 2,900 feet of Southwest Third Street; approximately 400 feet of Northwest Polk City Road located in Polk County; approximately 900 feet of Southwest Vintage Parkway; and approximately 8,400 feet of Southwest Irvinedale Drive on the southwest side of Ankeny. The requested improvements can be split into those that are necessary to provide access to the proposed expansion facilities for John Deere Des Moines Works and those that serve 160 acres for future manufacturing, industrial and office park development. The application was evaluated as both a RISE immediate opportunity and local development application.

Mr. Markley said the immediate opportunity RISE eligible roadway total cost for the John Deere Des Moines Works expansion facility is \$3,216,403 with a recommended RISE grant of \$2,573,123 and a 20 percent local match of \$643,280. This will result in the retention of 400 jobs along with an associated capital investment of more than \$117 million. The average wage rate of the retained positions is \$22.82 which is 105 percent of the Polk county average wage rate of \$21.79. The RISE cost per job assisted is \$6,432.81. The total capital investment per RISE dollar is \$45.75. The remaining roadway improvements are necessary to serve an additional 160 acres in several areas for future manufacturing, industrial, and office park development to the south of the proposed expansion of John Deere Des Moines Works. Local development RISE eligible roadway total cost is \$7,338,390 to be split equally between a RISE grant and local match. He introduced Ankeny mayor Steve Van Oort.

Mayor Van Oort introduced Carl Metzger, City Manager; Paul Moritz, Public Works Director; Curtis Brown, Economic Development Director; and Tim Moorman, Assistant City Manager. Mayor Van Oort said the RISE application for the Commission's consideration today supports the continued growth of John Deere Des Moines Works and business development in the area near the Deere factory. Last month Deere and Company announced plans to construct a 300,000 square foot facility at their Ankeny factory. This was good news not only for their community but a vote of confidence for the state of Iowa. Deere has been growing jobs in Ankeny. In the last 24 months the company has added 500 positions at John Deere Des Moines Works; they currently employ 1,900 people. The city of Ankeny appreciates the work of the Commission. Every day they can see how the Department of Transportation's investments in Ankeny contribute to a strong Iowa economy.

Mayor Van Oort said the last time he addressed the Commission was to talk about a RISE grant for Oralabor Road. He can report today that the project is finished and as a result, Accumold, a small plastic parts company, has doubled the size of their facility. Also, LGI is building a 85,000 square foot laboratory facility consolidating their labs from all over the world so good results from the investment the Commission has allowed them to participate in.

Mayor Van Oort expressed appreciation to the staff of the Department of Transportation for their assistance in this project. Their professionalism and responsiveness are a credit to the Department. He also expressed appreciation to the Commission for all they do to ensure the strength of Iowa's transportation infrastructure.

Mr. Markley reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Miles seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for job creation and retention, consider the project as both a RISE Local Development and a RISE Immediate Opportunity and award a RISE grant of \$112,441 from the county share of the RISE fund and \$6,129,877 from the city share of the RISE fund or up to 59 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less. All voted aye; Commissioner Wiley absent.

Commissioner Rose said this is a very good RISE project. It pays well and it is nice to see a company like Deere expand.

Meeting ended at 1:13 p.m.