

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, January 14, 2014  
Materials Conference Room  
Telephone Conference Call

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1:50 p.m.	Adjourn		

\*Action Item

The members of the Iowa Transportation Commission are holding this meeting by electronic means pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Open Meetings Law, Section 21.8, Code of Iowa. The informal workshop will be held at 1 p.m. followed by the business meeting at 1:30 p.m. The meeting is being held by conference call originating from the Iowa DOT complex in Ames. It is open to the public and those in attendance can hear the proceedings or the public can listen to the live streaming audio on the Iowa DOT's website.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Director's Office Order No. D-2014-38  
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date January 14, 2014  
Title Approve Minutes of the December 10, 2013, Commission Meeting

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the December 10, 2013, Commission meeting.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Cleaveland Seconded by Reasner

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

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## Commission Comments

### 1. Electronic Commission Meeting

Prior to the workshop, Director Trombino III read the following statement of why meeting of the Iowa Transportation Commission in person on January 14, 2014, is impractical pursuant to Iowa code section 21.8(1)(c).

“The members of the Iowa Transportation Commission are 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 fact there is a limited agenda for this meeting and due to the fact we are expecting this meeting to be of relatively short duration, the expense of transporting the Commission members in person is impractical. The meeting is being held by conference call originating from the Iowa DOT complex in Ames. It is open to the public and those in attendance can hear the proceedings or the public can listen to the live streaming audio of the workshop available on the Iowa DOT’s website. Public notice of the meeting has been issued in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.4.”

Commissioners Cleaveland and Rose expressed appreciation for holding this meeting by telephone.

### 2. Governor’s Condition of the State Address

Commissioner Rose said he listened to the Governor’s condition of the state address, and he thought the legislators seemed to be very upbeat so it should be a great year.

Director Trombino III said he was there along with a lot of other people for the first day of the session. The Governor gave a great speech which was well received. We have our bill package, and he has already had some discussions with both the Senate and House chairmen and expects more meetings in the coming weeks.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2014-39  
Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date January 14, 2014  
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.

Adaptive Traffic Signal Control System – University Avenue (West Des Moines and Clive)	\$ 556,000
Citywide Fixed-Time Signal Upgrade Project – Phase 2 (Des Moines)	\$ 480,000
Clinton – Quad Cities – Daily Service to Iowa City (River Bend Transit)	\$ 266,280
Downtown Bicycle Plan Implementation – Phase 2 (Des Moines)	\$ 400,000
East Broadway Realignment at Kaneshville Blvd. (U.S. 6) (Council Bluffs)	\$ 474,768
Express Routes No. 92/93/98 Service Improvements (Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority)	\$ 245,774
Kaneshville Blvd. (U.S. 6) (Council Bluffs)	\$ 388,800
Nightrider (route component of Smart Transit) (Dubuque doing business as The Jule)	\$ 167,966
Penn Street, I-380 to Alexander Way – Westbound (North Liberty)	\$ 408,100
Route No. 51 Merle Hay Crosstown Service Improvements (Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority)	\$ 212,312
San Marnan Drive (Hammond Ave. to U.S. 218), U.S. 218 (Mitchell Ave. to 11 <sup>th</sup> St.) Conversion to Adaptive Traffic Signalization (Waterloo)	\$ 400,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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

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Deb Arp, Office of Systems Planning, said Iowa's Clean Air Attainment (ICAAP) program came about as the result of the creation of the Federal Congestion, Mitigation, and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement program in ISTEA legislation. We have \$4 million in CMAQ funding set aside annually for ICAAP. This is an application-based program that awards funds to projects that reduce transportation-related congestion and air pollution. Project priorities include reducing vehicle miles of travel and single-occupant vehicle travel, improving vehicle traffic flow, and projects that improve air quality or reduce traffic congestion. Projects are evaluated based on their cost effectiveness.

In this round we received 22 applications requesting over \$11.6 million in funding. Last month staff shared with the Commission our recommendation to fund 11 projects for \$4 million. She requested Commission consideration and approval of Iowa's Clean Air Attainment program recommendations as listed on the order.

Commissioner Reasner moved, Commissioner Rose seconded the Commission approve Iowa's Clear Air Attainment program funding recommendations as listed. Commissioners Miles, Rielly, and Wiley absent; remaining Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2014-40  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 14, 2014  
 Title Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Recommendations

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the statewide Transportation Alternatives program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

Fayette-Volga River Multi-Use Trail (Upper Iowa University and Fayette)	\$ 30,000
Iowa's Living Roadway Project Program (Trees Forever)	\$ 354,496
Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership (Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority and Iowa Bicycle Coalition)	\$ 123,504
Native Seed as Roadside Vegetation for Diverse Habitat, Soils and Hydrology (University of Northern Iowa and UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management)	\$ 392,000
Urban Youth Corps (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendations as listed.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

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

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the Transportation Alternatives program was created in MAP-21 legislation and provides funding for a variety of alternative transportation projects and replaces the funding for transportation enhancements, federal recreational trails, safe routes to schools and several other discretionary programs such as the National Scenic Byway program. This funding supports community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by supporting bicycle, pedestrian, cultural, historic, aesthetics, and environmental projects related to surface transportation infrastructure.

By Transportation Commission decision, the Department has reserved \$1 million for statewide projects with the remaining funding distributed to Iowa's nine metropolitan planning organizations and 18 regional planning affiliations for their selection of projects with regional significance. In this round we received eight applications requesting over \$1.8 million in funding. Last month staff presented a recommendation to fund five projects at \$1 million, and he requested Commission consideration and approval of the statewide Transportation Alternatives program.

Commissioner Rose moved, Commissioner Yanney seconded the Commission approve the statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendations as listed. Commissioners Miles, Reilly, and Wiley absent; remaining Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2014-41  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 14, 2014  
 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.

Clear Creek Trail – Phase 7 (Coralville)	\$ 493,305
Flint River Trail – Phase 1A: Flint Bottom Road to Irish Ridge Road (Des Moines County)	\$ 423,000
Gypsum City Off-Highway Vehicle Park (Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Webster County Improvement Corporation)	\$ 300,000
Old Creamery Nature Trail (Benton County Conservation Board)	\$ 143,434
Sibley Recreational Trail (Osceola Recreational Trails Association and Sibley)	\$ 25,000
Snowmobile Grooming Equipment Purchase (Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa State Snowmobile Association)	\$ 240,000
Support for Program and Bicycle/Trails Summits (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 18,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,643,139</b>

**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 Nay	Pass
Cleveland	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rielly	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the Federal Recreational Trails program was created under ISTEA legislation in 1991 and provides funding to develop and maintain recreational trails and trailway facilities for both non-motorized and motorized users. Examples include hiking, bicycling, water trails, equestrian, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicles, and many others. We received 17 applications requesting over \$5.5 million in funding. Last month he presented staff's recommendation to fund seven projects at \$1,643,139, and he requested Commission approval of the Federal Recreational Trails program recommendations.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Yanney seconded the Commission approve the federal Recreational Trails funding recommendations as listed. Commissioners Miles, Reilly and Wiley absent; remaining Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2014-42  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 14, 2014  
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Proposed Settlement – Plymouth County

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

On August 26, 1997, Plymouth County was awarded a RISE Immediate Opportunity grant to grade and pave 700 feet of 212<sup>th</sup> Street west from U.S. 75 and crossover and turn lanes on U.S. 75. The county received a \$160,000 grant for this project.

Plymouth County recently advised the department that a portion of these roadway improvements has been acquired for private use. Because RISE funding cannot be used for private roads, Plymouth County is required to repay a portion of RISE funding used for this roadway. Plymouth County has agreed to repay the proposed settlement of \$10,101.84.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the project settlement and proposed payment of \$10,101.84 for Plymouth County.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

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

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said Plymouth county received RISE funding to grade and pave 212<sup>th</sup> Street west of U.S. 75. A portion of this roadway has now been acquired for private development. Since RISE funding can only support public road facilities, the county is required to repay funding related to the private development portion. The county has agreed to pay a settlement of \$10,101.84. Staff recommends the Commission approve the proposed settlement for the Plymouth county RISE project.

Commissioner Reasner moved, Commissioner Cleaveland seconded the Commission approve the project settlement and proposed payment of \$10,101.84 for Plymouth county. Commissioners Miles, Reilly, and Wiley absent; remaining Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Meeting ended at 1:40 p.m.

7-Jan-14

## **Proposed Plymouth County Road (212th Street) Vacation for SmithCo Expansion**

### **Project Cost**

\$105,915.36 Phase I Cost - Left turn lane and crossover on US 75

\$104,351.64 Phase II Cost - Grading and paving west of US 75

\$210,267.00 Total cost

$104,351.64 / 210,267 = 0.496$  or 50% Phase II percentage of total cost

### **Method of Prorating Costs**

1,149.64 S.Y. Pavement in proposed vacated section to allow for SmithCo expansion to the south

1,190.11 S.Y. Pavement to stay under Plymouth County jurisdiction and open to the public

2,339.75 S.Y. Total pavement placed

$1,149.64 / 2,339.75 = 0.491$  or 49% Percentage of pavement in proposed vacated area

### **Settlement Computations**

\$160,000 RISE Grant

-22,560.00 Settlement amount in December 2002 for failure to create 48 of 125 jobs

\$137,440.00 Subtotal

x 0.50 Phase II percentage of total project

\$68,720.00

x 0.49 Percentage of Phase II pavement in proposed vacated area

\$33,672.80

x .30 6 years left on 20 year agreement with Plymouth County to maintain the roadway

\$10,101.84 Final settlement amount

