

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, October 8, 2013  
 Historic Park Inn  
 7 West State Street  
 Mason City, Iowa

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On Monday, October 7, 2013, the Commission and staff will tour transportation projects starting at 9 a.m. at the Ames DOT headquarters, 800 Lincoln Way, and ending around 3 p.m. at the Historic Park Inn, 7 West State Street, in Mason City. The Commission and staff will hold an informal meeting at the Historic Park Inn 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-2014-12  
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date October 8, 2013  
Title Approve Minutes of the September 10, 2013, Commission Meeting

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Miles Seconded by Reasner

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

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## Commission Comments

### 1. Monday's Commission Tour

Commission Chair Yanney said the Commission had the opportunity to tour part of the state yesterday. Starting from Ames, they drove I-35 to Ankeny and then back north on I-35 to Mason City with some diversions along the way. She expressed appreciation to staff for putting the tour together. It is an opportunity for the Commission to learn about the area and projects going on as well as look at future repair and safety projects. They also had the opportunity to stop at a newer rest area that had a civil war theme.

Commission Chair Yanney welcomed everyone to Mason City. This is a beautiful city, and the city has done a lot of great things to make the downtown area pleasant and welcoming.

Commissioner Rose said the tour included a stop at the Manly terminal and museum. That terminal is and will be successful and was interesting to tour.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

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

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Audubon County submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in reconstruction of approximately 1,300 feet of 190<sup>th</sup> Street located northwest of the city of Audubon. This project is anticipated to be completed by September 2014.

Because this project will provide access to 20 acres for industrial 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 September 2013 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$314,977 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county 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, said Audubon county submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application for a grant to assist in the reconstruction of approximately 1,300 feet of 190<sup>th</sup> Street located northwest of the city of Audubon. Because this project will provide access to 20 acres for industrial purposes and to maximize RISE support for the project, staff evaluated it as a RISE Local Development project. Under RISE Local Development criteria, the project scored 49 points. The total estimated project cost is \$629,953, and the county is requesting a grant of \$314,977 and will provide a 50 percent local match. Mr. Markley noted a delegation from Audubon county is participating by telephone and he asked the Audubon County Engineer, Mitch Rydl, to provide comments.

Mr. Rydl said Todd Nelsen, Chair, Audubon County Board of Supervisors, is also present for the discussion. Mr. Rydl said they appreciate the Commission taking the time to consider this application. It is an important project. Mr. Nelsen said he appreciates the Commission's time and consideration of the application.

Mr. Markley reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Rose 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 September 2013 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$314,977 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county share of the RISE fund. All voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2014-14  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date October 8, 2013  
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Sully (Delegation)

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The city of Sully submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2013 round requesting a grant to assist in reconstruction of approximately 1,350 feet of West First Avenue and construction of approximately 225 feet of West Second Avenue located on the west side of town in its business park.

This project is necessary to provide access to eight acres for industrial purposes. This project is anticipated to be completed by July 2014.

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 \$195,282 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, said the city of Sully submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2013 round requesting a grant to assist in the reconstruction of approximately 1,350 feet of West First Avenue and construction of approximately 225 feet of West Second Avenue in Sully's business park. The project is necessary to provide access to eight acres for industrial purposes. The project received a rating of 47 points. Total estimated project cost is \$390,563. The city is requesting a grant of \$195,282 and will provide a 50 percent match. He introduced Teryl Ver Ploeg, Sully Economic Development.

Mr. Ver Ploeg expressed appreciation for the Commission's consideration of their first RISE application. In 2002 the city purchased and developed 40 acres, and since then ten businesses have located there; three were new start-up businesses. JANCO, a metal manufacturing company, decided to stay in Sully and expand. With 36 full-time employees, JANCO is one of the community's largest employers. They plan to add a 5,900 sq. ft. facility and 20 full-time employees. The utilities were placed at the time of the initial construction of the park. First Avenue in the park will require some significant grading, and the RISE funds will assist the city in providing the needed street improvements.

Mr. Markley reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commissioner Wiley seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$195,282 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.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2014-15

Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date October 8, 2013

Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Van Meter (Delegation)

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**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The city of Van Meter submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2013 round requesting a grant to assist in construction of approximately 2,640 feet of new roadway located on the southeast side of town in its new business park.

This project is necessary to provide access to 250 acres for professional office purposes. This project is anticipated to be completed by March 2015.

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 \$489,282 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	_____	_____	_____
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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the city of Van Meter submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2013 round requesting a grant to assist in the construction of approximately 2,640 feet of new roadway on the southeast side of town in its new business park. The project is necessary to provide access to 250 acres for professional office purposes. The project received a rating of 39 points. Total estimated project cost is \$978,563. The city is requesting a grant of \$489,282 and will provide a 50 percent match. He introduced Jake Anderson, Van Meter City Administrator.

Mr. Anderson said about a year ago they began a site certification project as recommended by the Iowa Economic Development Authority. He noted the site they are proposing a road for has been looked at by several data center application companies.

Mr. Markley reviewed the recommendation.

Commissioner Reasner moved, Commissioner Miles seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$489,282 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.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2014-16  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date October 8, 2013  
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Wayland (Delegation)

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The city of Wayland submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2013 round requesting a grant to assist in construction of approximately 600 feet of new roadway located on the east side of town in the Wayland Industrial Park East.

This project is necessary to provide access to 59 acres for industrial purposes. This project is anticipated to be completed by October 2014.

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 \$157,472 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:**

		Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Moved by _____	Seconded by _____	_____	_____	_____
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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the city of Wayland submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2013 round requesting a grant to assist in the construction of approximately 600 feet of new roadway located on the east side of town in the Wayland Industrial Park East. This project is necessary to provide access to 59 acres for industrial purposes. The project received a rating of 46 points. Total estimated project cost is \$314,943. The city is requesting a grant of \$157,472 and will provide a 50 percent local match. He noted a delegation from Wayland is participating by telephone and he invited Wayland Mayor Brad Roth to make comments.

Mayor Roth said about ten years ago the city of Wayland received a RISE grant for an industrial park, and that park is now full. Two years ago they had an inquiry regarding relocation of a business. The city acquired 60 acres and the new road will provide access to about half of that 60 acres.

Mr. Markley reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Wiley moved, Commissioner Rose seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$157,472 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project costs, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE fund. All voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2014-17  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date October 8, 2013  
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Default and Proposed Settlement – City of Allison

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

On October 9, 2007, the city of Allison was awarded a RISE grant of \$517,265 to construct an extension of Oak Street from the end of the existing pavement north approximately 1,700 feet.

Commission approval of this project was contingent on the creation of 105 jobs within three years after completion of the roadway. Associated capital investment was to be more than \$4 million.

On March 1, 2010, the roadway was opened to traffic. As of March 2013, the city of Allison had not met the job creation contingency. The department was advised that an average of 73 new jobs were created.

On August 30, 2013, the city of Allison was notified the project was in noncompliance. The method of calculation and amount of proposed settlement was also provided to the city. The city of Allison has agreed to repay the proposed settlement of \$57,665.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the project settlement and proposed payment of \$57,665 for the city of Allison.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Reasner Seconded by Miles

	Aye	Nay	Pass
Cleaveland	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-2014-18  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date October 8, 2013  
 Title State Recreational Trails Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

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

Ankeny Connector to High Trestle Trail (Polk County Conservation Board and Ankeny	\$ 782,500
Bellevue Rivervue Trail – Phase II (Bellevue and Jackson County Conservation Board)	260,774
Bridging the Gap: Phase I Dry Run Trail – Connecting Decorah's Trout Run Trail to the Prairie Farmer Recreational Trail (Winneshiek County Conservation Board and Decorah)	380,265
Farragut to Shenandoah Trail Connection (Farragut)	487,500
Iowa River Scenic Trail (Hardin County Board of Supervisors and Marshalltown)	775,000
Multiuse Mississippi River Trail, Riverdale Section, Phase 2 (Riverdale)	318,644
Pioneer Beach Road Trail (Orleans and Dickinson County Trails Board)	371,479
Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector (Dallas County Conservation Board)	92,897
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,469,059</b>

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

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, said the State Recreational Trails Program was created in 1988 with the purpose of establishing recreational trails in Iowa for the use, enjoyment and participation of the public. This funding is available to cities, counties, state agencies, local governments, and non-profit organizations through an annual application process. The current round of applications was due July 1. Staff reviewed 39 applications requesting \$20,768,371. A recommendation was presented to the Commission at the September workshop to award funding to eight projects for a total of \$3,469,059. He requested Commission consideration and approval.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Rail Transportation Order No. PPM-2014-19  
 Submitted by Tamara Nicholson Phone No. 515-239-1052 Meeting Date October 8, 2013  
 Title Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program Recommendation

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program has been completed. The following recommendations will be presented.

<b>Targeted job creation projects</b>	<b>Loan</b>	<b>Grant</b>
HFCA Railroad Project	\$ 174,000	\$ 150,000
Iowa Corn Processors Rail Expansion	245,000	174,000
Carter Lake Metals Processing Building	0	108,000
<b><u>Rail network improvement projects</u></b>		
Heartland Co-op Greenfield Rail Loading Elevator	1,450,000	0
Amana Millrace and Price Creek Bridge Replacement	725,000	0
<b><u>Planning study grants</u></b>		
Red Rock Industrial Park	0	94,400
<b>Total recommended funding</b>	<b>\$2,594,000</b>	<b>\$526,400</b>

Total recommended funding: \$3,120,400

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program funding recommendations, as listed.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

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

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Tamara Nicholson, Office of Rail Transportation, said the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant program was created by legislation in 2005 for the purpose of providing loans and grants for railroad-related improvement projects that benefit Iowa. She noted a recommendation was presented at the September Commission workshop for the fall 2013 Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant program funding. The recommendation is to fund six rail infrastructure and rail economic development projects for a total of \$3,120,400. The rail projects are expected to support the creation and retention of 149 jobs within three years of project completion. Projects include development of two industrial areas, increasing rail shipping capacity at two agricultural coops, replacing a bridge that will alleviate flooding, and a planning study. She requested the Commission's consideration and approval.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Miles seconded the Commission approve the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program funding recommendations as listed. All voted aye.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Rail Transportation Order No. PPM-2014-20

Submitted by Tamara Nicholson Phone No. 515-239-1052 Meeting Date October 8, 2013

Title Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program (revised 2014 and proposed 2015)

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Staff will present the revised 2014 and proposed 2015 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program.

A listing of the proposed program of projects is attached.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the revised 2014 and proposed 2015 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program projects.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

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

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Tamara Nicholson, Office of Rail Transportation, said the Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program assists railroad and highway authorities in repairing public highway/grade crossings. Funding is available to railroads and highway authorities through an annual application process. Applications must be submitted jointly by railroads and highway authorities. Projects are funded in order of receipt of application. Projects are funded 60 percent state, 20 percent highway authority, and 20 percent railroad authority. She noted a recommendation was reviewed at the September Commission workshop for a revised 2014 and proposed 2015 highway-railroad crossing surface repair program, and she requested Commission approval.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commissioner Wiley seconded the Commission approve the revised 2014 and proposed 2015 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair program. All voted aye.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Rail Transportation Order No. PPM-2014-21  
Submitted by Tamara Nicholson Phone No. 515-239-1052 Meeting Date October 8, 2013  
Title Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program (2015)

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Staff will present the proposed 2015 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program for warning device projects.

A listing of the proposed program of projects is attached.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the 2015 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rielly	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____
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Tamara Nicholson, Office of Rail Transportation, said the Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety program is to provide assistance to railroads and highway jurisdictions to install or upgrade safety improvements to highway/railroad crossings. Funding is available to railroads and highway authorities through an annual application program. The program provides 90 percent of the cost of the safety improvement with the remaining 10 percent paid by the highway jurisdiction, railroad or a combination of both. Funding for the program comes from Federal Highway Railroad Crossing program. A recommendation was presented to the Commission at the September commission workshop for 2014 and 2015 projects. Today's recommendation is for funding 27 projects statewide at \$5.7 million. She requested Commission approval of the projects listed as part of the commission order.

Commissioner Wiley moved, Commissioner Rose seconded the Commission approve the 2015 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety program. All voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Program Management Order No. PPM-2014-22  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date October 8, 2013  
 Title 2014-2018 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

A proposed amendment to the highway section of the 2014-2018 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program (Program) will be presented. The proposed amendment will allow the Iowa Department of Transportation to advance five non-interstate bridge modernization projects to fiscal year 2014. In addition, six new interstate stewardship and sixteen new non-interstate pavement modernization projects will be added to the program in FY 2014. The amendment also includes funding to implement one transfer of jurisdiction and to update the program costs for eight other projects, all in FY 2014. Construction on these projects is expected to begin in calendar year 2014.

This Program amendment is possible because additional funding was made available after the Program was initially approved in June. The additional funding is available due to favorable construction project lettings, Iowa DOT budget savings, and receipt of federal funding that exceeded forecast amounts.

A list of project changes recommended for the highway section of Program is attached.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve changes to the 2014-2018 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program as listed.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Cleveland	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rielly	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____
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Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division, said because of favorable construction project lettings, Iowa DOT budget savings, and receipt of federal funding that exceeded forecast amounts, we are able to recommend an amendment to the highway section of the 2014-2018 Iowa Transportation Improvement program. The proposed amendment which totals approximately \$146.6 million will allow the Iowa DOT to advance five non-interstate bridge modernization projects, add six new interstate stewardship projects, add 16 non-interstate pavement modernization projects, provide funding to implement one transfer of jurisdiction, and modify programmed amounts for eight projects already scheduled for fiscal year 2014. Construction of these projects is expected to begin in calendar year 2014. He requested Commission approval of the proposed amendment.

Commissioner Riley moved, Commissioner Cleaveland seconded the Commission approve changes to the 2014-2018 Iowa Transportation Improvement program as listed. All voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.