

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, December 9, 2014
Materials Conference Room
Ames DOT Complex

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*Action Item

On Tuesday, Dec. 9, the Commission and Iowa DOT staff will meet informally at 10 a.m. in the Materials conference room at the DOT complex in Ames. After the workshop, the Commission will have an informal lunch in the Director's Conference room. 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-2015-27
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date December 9, 2014
Title Approve Minutes of the November 4, 2014, Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the November 4, 2014, Commission meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Reasner Seconded by Yanney

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Huber	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Miles	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Putney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Reasner	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Rose	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Yanney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

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Staff Comments

1. Director Trombino III to serve as Vice President of American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Director Trombino III said at the last AASHTO meeting, he was voted in as the Vice President which means he will have more of a national role representing all the states along with the current President, John Cox, from Wyoming. Next September he will become President of the Association, and Iowa will host the national transportation conference in the spring of 2016.

On behalf of the Commission, Commission Chair Rose congratulated Director Trombino III on this honor.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2015-28
Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date December 9, 2014
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Mount Pleasant (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Mount Pleasant submitted a RISE Local Development application in the February 2014 round requesting a grant to assist in construction of approximately 626 feet of Savannah Street on the east side of town.

This project is necessary to provide access to five lots totaling almost 8 acres for professional office purposes. This project is anticipated to be completed by August 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 \$115,220 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
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE local development application from the city of Mount Pleasant to construct approximately 626 feet of Savannah Street on the east side of town. This project will provide access to five lots totaling almost eight acres for professional office purposes. Under RISE local development criteria, this project received a rating of 34 points. Total estimated project cost is \$230,440. Mount Pleasant is requesting a RISE grant of \$115,220 and will provide a 50 percent local match. He noted the Mount Pleasant delegation is participating by telephone and he invited Jim Warner, Consulting Engineer for the project, to provide comments.

Mr. Warner said Brent Schleisman, Mount Pleasant City Administrator, and Zach James, Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission, are also in attendance. Mr. Warner said the city of Mount Pleasant has experience with the RISE program. Over a decade ago, they established a crossroad industrial park in the northeast part of the community and made use of three RISE projects there. The success is overwhelming with over 730 people employed in businesses in that park.

Mr. Warner said when the bypass was built, the city recognized the parcel of ground that is part of this RISE application as being a highly visible area for development of a business park as opposed to an industrial park. The parcel is served by all the needed utilities (sanitary sewer, storm water, natural gas, electricity) so it is just right for development and highly visible from the bypass and the east entrance into Mount Pleasant.

Mr. Schleisman said the RISE program gives them the opportunity to make this business park a reality. They have seen an increase in activity from health companies and others making inquiries, and an oral surgeon office will be building next spring immediately north of the parcel. He thanked the Commission for considering this project and their great partnership with past RISE grants.

Mr. Markley reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Boswell moved, Commissioner Miles seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$115,220 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project costs, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE fund. Commissioner Reasner abstained; remaining Commissioners voted aye.

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COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Public Transit Order No. PPM-2015-29
Submitted by Michelle McEnany Phone No. 515-239-1659 Meeting Date December 9, 2014
Title Calendar Year (CY) 2015 Intercity Bus Grant Program

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Approval is requested for the CY 2015 Intercity Bus Grant Program. Specific project recommendations are listed on the attachment.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the CY 2015 Intercity Bus Grant Program funding recommendations as attached.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division, said the Intercity Bus Grant program is funded with Federal Transit Administration funding and is to support intercity bus providers that serve communities with less than 20,000 residents. This funding is available to provide operating support for new and existing service. It is also intended to support capital improvements such as bus purchases, bus retrofits, ADA compliance and marketing support for those intercity bus services.

Last month staff presented to the Commission a recommendation to fund ten projects for four intercity bus service providers for a total of \$2,757,561. Since last month we have not received any comments or questions about the recommendations from the public. He requested Commission approval of the calendar year 2015 intercity bus grant program funding recommendations.

Commissioner Reasner moved, Commissioner Yanney seconded the Commission approve the Calendar Year 2015 Intercity Bus Grant program funding recommendations as listed. All voted aye.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Highway / Engineering / Traffic and Safety Order No. H-2015-30
Submitted by Terry Ostendorf Phone No. 239-1077 Meeting Date December 9, 2014
Title FY 2016 Traffic Safety Improvement Program Projects

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

In 1987, the Iowa Legislature provided that one-half percent of the Road Use Tax Fund be used for traffic safety improvements or studies on public roads under city, county, or state jurisdiction.

The program provides three funding areas for candidate safety projects:

1. Site-specific.
2. Traffic control devices.
3. Research studies and safety initiatives.

The candidate projects and the recommendations from department staff and the state/county/city safety program advisory committee have been presented to the Commission for review and approval.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the FY 2016 Traffic Safety Improvement Program.

COMMISSION ACTION: DEFERRED

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Meeting ended at 1:47 p.m.