

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, February 9, 2010
Materials Conference Room
Ames DOT Complex

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8:30 a.m.	Adjourn		

*Action Item

On Monday, February 8, 2010, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 3 p.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-2010-45
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date February 9, 2010
Title Approving Minutes of the January 12, 2010, Commission Meeting.

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the January 12, 2010, Commission meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Cleaveland Seconded by Durham

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Cleaveland	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Durham	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Miles	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Reasner	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Sawtelle	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Wiley	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Director's Office Order No. D-2010-46
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date February 9, 2010
Title Approving Commission Meeting Dates from June 2010 through May 2011

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The Commission is requested to approve the following proposed June 2010 through May 2011 meeting dates:

June 7/8, 2010*	October 11/12*	February 8
July 13	November 9	March 8
August 9/10*	December 14	April 11/12*
September 14	January 11, 2011	May 10

*tour/public meeting

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the proposed June 2010 through May 2011 meeting dates.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Durham	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Sawtelle	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____

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Chairman Sawtelle noted the Commission is going to change its meeting format starting with the July, 2010, meeting. Rather than doing Monday afternoon and Tuesday, the Commission will meet on Tuesday, doing the workshop in the morning and the public/business meeting in the afternoon. Specific times will be announced.

Commission Durham moved, Commissioner Reasner seconded the Commission approve the proposed June 2010 through May 2011 meeting dates. All voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Aviation Order No. PPM-2010-47
 Submitted by Kay Thede Phone No. 515-239-1048 Meeting Date February 9, 2010
 Title Review the FFY 2011 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Funding Preapplications

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The Office of Aviation requests the Iowa Transportation Commission approve the prioritization of FFY 2011 FAA funding preapplications submitted by Iowa airports that are eligible for federal funding. The prioritized list of projects is attached.

Preapplications and the recommended prioritization will be submitted to FAA for review and final funding approval.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the FAA funding preapplications prioritization be approved as presented.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleveland	_____	_____	_____
Durham	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Sawtelle	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____

Division Director _____ Legal _____ State Director

PPM-2010-47

Kay Thede, Office of Aviation, said general aviation airports and small commercial service airports are required by Iowa Code to submit their federal preapplications to the Iowa DOT. At yesterday's workshop we discussed the prioritization, and she requested Commission approval of the fiscal year 2011 project preapplications.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Reasner seconded the Commission approve the fiscal year 2011 Federal Aviation Administration funding preapplications as presented. All voted aye.

FFY 2011 Federal Aviation Administration Funding Preapplications

Entitlement and State Apportionment Projects

Airport	Project Description	Total Amount	95% Fed Level
Albia Municipal	Acquire land to the 35' building restriction line	\$189,000	\$179,550
Algona Municipal	Reconstruct taxiway	\$157,000	\$149,150
Ames Municipal	Rehabilitate west apron	\$1,345,000	\$1,277,750
Audubon County	Rehabilitate runway	\$253,558	\$240,880
Belle Plaine Municipal	Wetland mitigation	\$500,000	\$475,000
Boone Municipal	Reconstruct apron/taxiway (Phase 2)	\$647,800	\$615,410
Centerville Municipal	Acquire land for building restriction line and protection zone	\$411,000	\$390,450
Chariton Municipal	Improve drainage	\$236,000	\$224,200
Cherokee County Regional	Improve drainage and remove obstruction	\$119,620	\$113,639
	Acquire land for runway protection zone	\$134,000	\$127,300
Clarinda Municipal	Construct 60' x 60' conventional hangar	\$216,500	\$150,000
Clarion Municipal	Construct hangar	\$412,000	\$391,400
Clinton Municipal	Construct terminal building (design)	\$61,750	\$58,663
Council Bluffs Municipal	Acquire land for wildlife hazard pond	\$500,000	\$475,000
Creston Municipal	Construct snow removal equipment storage building	\$230,000	\$218,500
Davenport Municipal	Environmental documentation for runway and taxiway extension	\$60,000	\$57,000
Decorah Municipal	Grade area for future apron, hangar and partial parallel taxiway	\$330,000	\$313,500
Denison Municipal	Construct partial parallel taxiway	\$182,000	\$172,900
	Acquire land for crosswind runway	\$233,000	\$221,350
Emmetsburg Municipal	Rehabilitate hangar access taxiways	\$291,000	\$276,450
	Update airport layout plan	\$80,000	\$76,000
	Environmental assessment for runway extension	\$60,000	\$57,000
	Install runway end lights, precision approach lights, and replace wiring	\$232,000	\$220,400
Fairfield Municipal	Construct snow removal equipment building	\$80,000	\$76,000
Forest City Municipal	Displace runway 15 threshold	\$130,000	\$123,500
	Rehabilitate taxiway	\$210,000	\$199,500
Fort Dodge Regional	Update electrical system	\$270,000	\$256,500
Fort Madison Municipal	Construct partial parallel taxiway (Phase 1)	\$776,905	\$512,838
Grinnell Regional	Rehabilitate and expand apron	\$230,000	\$218,500
Guthrie County Regional	Environmental documentation for runway extension	\$65,000	\$61,750
Hampton Municipal	Construct eight stall T-hangar and taxiway	\$513,215	\$487,554
Harlan Municipal	Rehabilitate runway 15/33	\$148,500	\$141,075
Humboldt Municipal	Construct 10 stall T-hangar	\$498,000	\$473,100
Independence Municipal	Acquire snow removal equipment	\$80,000	\$76,000
Iowa City Municipal	Replace storm sewer for runway 7/25 parallel taxiway	\$568,000	\$539,600
Iowa Falls Municipal	Expand runway 31 (grading)	\$155,170	\$147,412
	Expand runway 31 (paving)	\$492,296	\$467,681
Jefferson Municipal	Acquire land for runway 32 runway protection zone	\$125,000	\$118,750
Keokuk Municipal	Rehabilitate runway 8/26	\$708,183	\$672,774
Knoxville Municipal	Pave parking lot and access road	\$112,926	\$107,280
Lamoni Municipal	Acquire land for runway protection zone, runway extension, and building restriction line	\$637,860	\$578,956
Le Mars Municipal	Construct snow removal equipment storage building	\$204,476	\$194,252
Mapleton Municipal	Construct hangar	\$567,000	\$529,242

Entitlement and State Apportionment Projects

Airport	Project Description	Total Amount	95% Fed Level
Maquoketa Municipal	Acquire land for runway protection zone and obstruction mitigation	\$295,900	\$281,038
	Construct vehicle parking and access road	\$118,011	\$112,110
Monticello Regional	Acquire snow removal equipment	\$215,000	\$203,313
Mount Pleasant Municipal	Update airport layout plan	\$70,000	\$66,500
Muscatine Municipal	Airfield pavement maintenance	\$158,000	\$150,100
	Reconstruct and expand taxiways and apron - (design)	\$69,000	\$65,550
	Remove obstructions	\$55,550	\$52,772
Northeast Iowa Regional (Charles City)	Reconstruct apron Phase 1	\$215,000	\$204,250
	Environmental documentation for runway extension	\$50,000	\$47,500
Oelwein Municipal	Construct electrical vault	\$122,500	\$116,375
	Update airport layout plan	\$30,000	\$28,500
	Snow removal equipment	\$6,000	\$5,700
Osceola Municipal	Construct parallel taxiway (grading)	\$219,960	\$150,000
Oskaloosa Municipal	Reconstruct airport access road	\$546,000	\$518,700
Ottumwa Regional	Relocate 150th Street for runway object free area	\$459,870	\$436,876
Pella Municipal	Rehabilitate runway and taxiway	\$91,000	\$86,450
Pocahontas Municipal	Replace airport lighting	\$240,000	\$228,000
Red Oak Municipal	Acquire snow removal equipment	\$155,000	\$147,250
Rockwell City Municipal	Reconstruct terminal area and hangar taxiway pavement	\$231,310	\$219,744
Sac City Municipal	Update airport layout plan	\$80,000	\$76,000
Shenandoah Municipal	Construct partial parallel taxiway (grading)	\$80,000	\$76,000
Sioux County Regional	Acquire land for new airport	\$1,059,825	\$1,006,833
Southeast Iowa Regional (Burlington)	Rehabilitate apron	\$460,000	\$437,000
Storm Lake Municipal	Acquire land for runway protection zone for runway 17/35	\$167,500	\$159,125
	Acquire land for runway protection zone for runway 13/31	\$167,000	\$158,650
Tipton Municipal	Environmental assessment	\$85,000	\$80,750
Vinton Veterans Memorial	Construct hangar	\$300,830	\$285,789
Waverly Municipal	Realign access road	\$263,848	\$250,655
Webster City Municipal	Construct conventional hangar	\$575,000	\$546,250
West Union Municipal	Acquire snow removal equipment	\$165,000	\$156,750
Winterset Municipal	Construct hangar - design	\$107,253	\$101,890
		\$20,313,116	\$18,920,176

Potential Discretionary Projects

Airport	Project Description	Total Amount	95% Fed Level
Ankeny Regional	Relocate Northeast 29th Street to relocate runway 22 threshold	\$850,000	\$807,500
Atlantic Municipal	Construct parallel and connecting taxiways (Phase 2)	\$973,320	\$924,654
Carroll Municipal	Construct parallel taxiway to runway 13	\$772,000	\$733,400
Fort Dodge Regional	Reconstruct runway 12/30	\$4,742,427	\$4,505,306
Iowa City Municipal	Construct runway 7/25 parallel taxiway (grading)	\$1,247,000	\$1,184,650
Sioux County Regional	Acquire land for new airport	\$1,059,825	\$1,006,834
Iowa DOT	Conduct pavement condition inspections at 25 airports	\$86,000	\$81,700
	Replace AWOS units at five airports	\$500,000	\$475,000
		\$10,230,572	\$9,719,044

Lower Priority Projects and Land Acquisition Needing Discretionary Funding

Airport	Project Description	Total Amount	95% Fed Level
Emmetsburg Municipal	Acquire land for runway protection zone and building restriction lines	\$482,000	\$457,900
	Improve parking lot and entrance road	\$114,000	\$108,300
Independence Municipal	Construct AWOS access road	\$77,800	\$73,910
Iowa City Municipal	Construct snow removal equipment building	\$180,000	\$171,000
Ottumwa Regional	Install deer fence	\$413,580	\$392,901
	Acquire land for extension	\$333,960	\$317,262
Pella Municipal	Acquire land for new airport site	\$4,458,840	\$4,235,898
	Relocate Coolidge Street	\$1,964,890	\$1,866,645
		\$8,025,070	\$7,623,816
		\$38,568,758	\$36,263,036

8:04 a.m. City of Cedar Rapids

Delegation participating by conference call:

Mayor Ron Corbett
Lu Barron, Linn County Supervisor
Justin Shields, City Council Member
Bill Vernon, Government Affairs Chair, Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of
Commerce
Allen Witt, Past Chair, Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
Sara Mentzer, Vice President Public Affairs, Cedar Rapids Area Chamber
of Commerce
Dave Elgin, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Synopsis: Requested the Iowa 100 extension project be added to the five-year plan.

Mayor Ron Corbett expressed appreciation for the cooperation and assistance of the Iowa DOT staff and Commission on following through with the completion of the record of decision for the Iowa 100 extension. The FHWA concluded the Iowa 100 extension project complies with all applicable provisions of the NEPA (National Environmental Protection Act) Policy Act-42 U.S.C. 4332, and the record of decision was signed by the FHWA on June 12, 2008.

Mayor Corbett said the primary transportation benefits of the proposed Iowa 100 extension project:

- Reduce congestion and associated problems on the road network in the area adjacent to (and beyond) the proposed Iowa 100 extension.
- Provide an efficient connection between the west side of Cedar Rapids (and beyond) to I-380, the city's northeast side, and the city of Marion.
- Provide transportation improvements to accommodate planned growth and associated travel demand increases on the west side of Cedar Rapids.
- Provide an alternate route for through traffic in the event of major traffic stoppages on I-380 in the central part of Cedar Rapids or Edgewood Road.

Mayor Corbett said the Iowa 100 extension was funded as a demonstration project by the federal government for \$950,000 and most recently received \$500,000 for project development.

Mayor Corbett said there are also economic benefits to the region and the state. Linn county recognizes the impact the Iowa 100 extension will have on the state's economy by encouraging businesses to locate and remain in Iowa. Continued growth of the Cedar Rapids metropolitan area economy will contribute to the health of the state's economy and help increase both state and federal gas tax revenues.

Mayor Corbett said on January 28, 2010, the corridor MPO unanimously voted to reallocate \$2,932,000 to the Iowa 100 extension by using previously approved funds for local projects. He noted the MPO includes the mayors of Hiawatha, Marion and Fairfax so this is a significant commitment to use local dollars for the continuation of this project. This funding is immediately available to expedite the planning and right-of-way acquisition activities necessary to begin construction.

Mayor Corbett requested the Iowa DOT Commission amend its five-year transportation plan to include the Iowa 100 extension and the necessary funding allocation to complete the final design and right-of-way acquisition activities. He also requested the Commission to direct staff to secure the necessary consultant resources to expeditiously complete the remaining project development activities (final engineering design and right-of-way acquisition) with the Iowa DOT being the lead agency.

Mayor Corbett said placing this project in the current five-year plan will help their efforts in obtaining additional federal funding, will position this project as “shovel ready” to be able to take advantage of other construction funding opportunities that might arise, and will help avoid the potential waste of the taxpayer’s investment of several million dollars spent previously on completing the environmental work if construction does not proceed in a timely manner.

Mayor Corbett said they have unanimous support from the city council, the Linn County Supervisors, and the business community as well as strong public support. Every candidate that has run for office over the last two election cycles has been supportive of the Iowa 100 extension. The final piece of this puzzle is for the Commission to add this project to the five-year plan and assist Cedar Rapids in its recovery effort and long-term economic development.

Mayor Corbett said they strongly believe the Commission’s action on their request will significantly expedite the ability of this project to begin construction and when completed will improve the safety and extend the service life of existing I-380 through Cedar Rapids. The Commission’s action will also contribute to the progress of completing the final phase of the Iowa 100 extension project initiated by the Iowa DOT.

Chairman Sawtelle said at yesterday’s workshop, Jim Schnoebelen, District 6 Engineer, used Google Earth to do a flyover review of the project.

Dave Elgin invited the Commission to tour the Collins Road and Iowa 100 extension corridor. He couldn’t recall the last time the Commission was actually in Cedar Rapids and they would like to host the Commission. Chairman Sawtelle said we will keep that in mind. He thought it was about three years ago that the Commission toured the Cedar Rapids area.

Lu Barron reminded the Commission that there has been a sizable investment of time and money in this project including strapping little GPS units onto turtles and doing a complete study of the Rock Island Preserve. They have mitigated all of that and the conservation board supports this project.

Commissioner Reasner said the delegation made a wise move in not traveling here today but calling in instead. The Commission appreciates your comments.

8:15 a.m.

Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club

Pam Mackey Taylor
Wally Taylor, Legal Chair

Synopsis: Asked the Commission to avoid impacting the Rock Island Preserve by rerouting Iowa 100 to Tower Terrace Road.

Pam Mackey Taylor said as currently configured Iowa 100 will be built through the Rock Island County Preserve which is owned by the Linn county citizens. The preserve has one of the most diverse set of species found in public land including a significant number of butterfly species, rare plants including Sand Prairie species, and, of course, the turtles. What makes this area unique is the hydrology. Once a road is built through the preserve, it starts changing the hydrology risking the butterfly and plant species.

Ms. Mackey Taylor said Iowa 100 will connect to Collins Road which has become the central business district and major commercial area. This will add more traffic to an already congested area. Collins Road has lots of traffic along with many entrances, exits, and stoplights. The Marion bypass which is the eastern portion of Iowa 100 is also becoming equally developed and there are two new stoplights going on Iowa 100 east through the Marion area.

Ms. Mackey Taylor said Marion is already planning major development on Tower Terrace Road. There is also a discussion of an interstate interchange on Tower Terrace Road with I-380. Tower Terrace Road is only a couple miles from Iowa 100 and will become the new beltway into the Cedar Rapids area. It makes sense to move the Iowa 100 road out of the Rock Island Preserve and into the Tower Terrace area. This has been suggested for a long time. The 4F analyses did not seriously look at Tower Terrace as an alternative.

Ms. Mackey Taylor said this highway is not needed to develop the west side of the river. There are roads already in place that would allow development on the west side of the river and also the Tower Terrace Tower extension would allow development in West Cedar Rapids.

Ms. Mackey Taylor said the DOT has done three projects involving significant natural areas. One is the Engeldinger Marsh along the diagonal between Marshalltown and Des Moines. There is a jag in the road to protect the marsh. The DOT protected the Eddyville Dunes where there were orchid species, rare dunes, and rare turtles. The third area is the Hardin County Greenbelt near Steamboat Rock, and she has seen presentations where the DOT is proud of the work they did with that bridge in avoiding the natural area. Ms. Mackey Taylor said they know the DOT can avoid building Iowa 100 through the Rock Island Preserve. Until a design that avoids the preserve is created, she encouraged the Commission to keep Iowa 100 off the five-year plan.

Wally Taylor said he wanted to respond to some things that Mayor Corbett and other members of the delegation said this morning. This has been a 30-year project in search of a purpose. They talk about development and how it is going to somehow help the economy but they never say exactly how it is going to do that. This is a project, as near as they can tell, to benefit a few private developers who own land in that area. The only development has been some housing near U.S. 30 west of Cedar Rapids but that development can occur if the bypass is routed to Tower Terrace Road.

Mr. Taylor said the city of Marion announced that they plan to develop a residential/commercial area in the northeast section along 35th Street in Marion. He noted 35th Street becomes Tower Terrace Road and the DOT is already planning a major intersection at Tower Terrace Road and I-380. That makes more sense than to dump more traffic on Collins Road which already is a busy commercial area with many stoplights and entry ways to various businesses.

Mr. Taylor said there was mention made about the local government entities, conservation board, and board of supervisors unanimously supporting this project. A few years ago the conservation board unanimously opposed it. They wanted to protect the Rock Island Preserve. They acquired property adjacent to the Rock Island State Preserve and proposed to make that part of the State Preserve. They had a management plan to protect the habitat. However, as each conservation member's term expired, the county supervisors handpicked members for the conservation board that supported putting Iowa 100 through the Rock Island Preserve. Now the conservation board unanimously supports the highway but he didn't know if they ever had a vote by the new five-member board to see what all five members think of this project. His point is that there is still a lot of political and community concern about this project and it isn't unanimous. Until more questions are answered and concerns addressed, this is not a project that is completely supported by the people in Cedar Rapids and Linn county.

Mr. Taylor said Supervisor Barron talked about the sizable investment that has already been made. That is a method often used to manipulate a project. It is a way of prejudicing the outcome which according to NEPA law is not acceptable. You have to have valid alternatives. In this case they had four or five alternate routes which all went through the preserve so it wasn't a valid NEPA process as far as the Sierra Club is concerned.

Mr. Taylor said the \$3 million that Mayor Corbett said had been committed was reallocated from local projects that need to be done, especially after the flood. Cedar Rapids is still recovering from the flood so it would be \$3 million that could and should be used for flood relief. At this point, he said he didn't think the project is ready for the five-year plan and probably never will be.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.