On Monday, June 10, the Commission and staff will tour transportation projects in southwest Iowa starting at 9 a.m. at the DOT District 4 Office, 2210 E. Seventh Street, Atlantic, and ending around 3 p.m. at the Country Inn and Suites, 17 Arena Way in Council Bluffs. The Commission and staff will hold an informal meeting at the Mid-America Center, One Arena Way, Council Bluffs 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-2013-63
Submitted by: Connie Page
Phone No.: 515-239-1242
Meeting Date: June 11, 2013
Title: Approve Minutes of the May 14, 2013, Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the May 14, 2013, Commission meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by: Miles
Seconded by: Rose

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COMMISSION COMMENTS

1. Monday’s Commission Tour

Commission Chair Yanney said yesterday the Commission and staff took a tour from Atlantic to the new bridge at Plattsmouth and then to and around Council Bluffs. She expressed appreciation to the District 4 staff for making this the best tour she has been on. The information staff provided before the tour with the animated movie of the bridge was fantastic and educational. She appreciates all the effort staff put into that tour and meeting yesterday. That made a big difference; you’ve raised the bar for future tours.

2. Welcome to Commissioner Rielly

Commissioner Cleaveland welcomed the Commission to his hometown of Council Bluffs and a special welcome to Commissioner Rielly.

Commissioner Rose said we are excited about Commissioner Rielly coming on board. He has worked on transportation issues for about six years so he will be an asset to the staff and Commission.

Commissioner Rielly expressed appreciation for the kind welcome. He said the tour was fantastic. Council Bluffs is a great community; he likes what is going on by the river. It is exciting to watch. Council Bluffs is a real gem and he plans to return many times.

Commission Chair Yanney said living in northwest Iowa and coming to Omaha on numerous occasions, she has really watched the community changed. The city has done a wonderful job with the riverfront; the improvements are tremendous. Hats off to Council Bluffs.

STAFF COMMENTS

1. Freight Advisory Council

Director Trombino III said the Department held a Freight Advisory Council meeting on May 15. We are working toward a statewide freight plan. We are making progress with many businesses helping us work through that.

2. Upper Mississippi River Workshop

Director Trombino III said on June 27 the Department will host an Upper Mississippi River workshop in Bettendorf. We are trying to build a coalition around the Mississippi River to deal with operations, improvements, etc., as it is critical for us in the future.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning

Order No. PPM-2013-64

Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date June 11, 2013

Title Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Clarion (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Clarion submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the construction of an approximately 395-foot right-turn lane on Iowa 3 located on the west side of town. This project is anticipated to be completed by December 2013.

The improvements are necessary to provide improved access to Hagie Manufacturing Co., a manufacturer of crop protection and application solutions, and will support:

- The creation of 50 new full-time jobs.
- $22 million in associated capital investment.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be $2,545.50, and there will be a total capital investment of $172.85 for each RISE dollar requested.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, award a RISE grant of $127,275 or up to 80 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  Nay  Pass

Cleaveland
Miles
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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE Immediate Opportunity application from the city of Clarion to assist in the construction of an approximate 395-foot right-turn lane on Iowa 3 on the west side of town. The proposed improvement will provide improved access to Hagie Manufacturing Co., a manufacturer of crop protection and application solutions. The proposed improvements will result in the creation of 50 new full-time jobs within three years along with $22 million in associated capital investment. Average wage of the created positions is $14.55 per hour which is 100 percent of the Wright county average labor shed wage rate of $14.55.

Mr. Markley said the RISE grant recommended is $127,275. Local participation is 20 percent or $31,819. The RISE cost per job is $2,545.50 and total capital investment per RISE dollar is $172.85. He introduced Shelly Pohlman, Clarion City Administrator.

Ms. Pohlman expressed appreciation for the Commission’s consideration of their RISE application. Hagie Manufacturing is a great asset to their community.

Melissa Hagie, Hagie Manufacturing Co., said Hagie is a third-generation, family-owned business. They manufacture agricultural high clearance sprayers, etc. and are excited about this project and look forward to growing the community.

Brad Hicks said Hagie Manufacturing is an important part of the Wright county economy and is a locally-owned, family-owned business; the kind of business that helps rural Iowa. He said they appreciate any help they can get to keep those types of companies doing well in rural Iowa.

Mr. Markley reviewed staff’s recommendation.

Commissioner Reasner moved, Commissioner Rose seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, award a RISE grant of $127,275 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE fund. All voted aye.
GENERAL INFORMATION
Applicant: Clarion

Project Location and Description: Construction of an approximately 395 foot right-turn lane on Iowa 3 located on the west side of town.

Associated Economic Development: The project provides improved access to Hagie Manufacturing Company, a manufacturer of crop protection and application solutions. The project will result in the creation of 50 new jobs and $22 million in associated capital investment.

ECONOMIC IMPACT
Total Roadway Project Cost: $159,094

RISE Funds Requested: $127,275; Grant; $127,275; Loan $----
Effective Project Cost to RISE Program: $127,275
Local Participation: $31,819; Sources: City of Clarion
Non-RISE Total Capital Investment: $22,000,000
  (Public: $0; Private: $22,000,000)

Direct Jobs Created: 50; (Other, Potential Future Jobs: 0)
Direct Jobs Retained: 0; Total Direct Jobs Assisted, Short-Term: 50
Number of Existing Jobs: 412
Project Average Wage Rate of New Jobs: $14.55/hr.
100% Wright County Average Laborshed Wage Rate: $14.55/hr.

KEY RATIOS
Local Match Ratio: 20% ($31,819/$159,094)
RISE Cost Per Job Assisted (Created): $127,275/50 = $2,545.50
Total Capital Investment Per RISE Dollar: $22,000,000/$127,275 = $172.85

CONCLUSIONS
Narrative: Based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, staff recommends a grant of $127,275 or up to 80 percent of total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund.
DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Ottumwa submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in construction of a right-turn lane on U.S. 34 and reconstruction of approximately 2,500 feet of Iowa Avenue from U.S. 34 north to Kay Avenue located on the east side of town. This project is anticipated to be completed by August 2014.

The improvements are necessary to provide improved access to the expansion of Cargill Meat Solutions and more than 36 acres for future manufacturing and industrial development.

Expansion of the Cargill Meat Solutions facility will support:

- The creation of 120 new full-time jobs.
- $95,884,530 in associated capital investment.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be $9,768.29, and there will be a total capital investment of $81.80 for each RISE dollar requested.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, award a RISE grant of $1,172,195 of the RISE Fund or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less. A maximum of $193,689 is to come from the county share of the RISE Fund and a maximum of $978,506 is to come from the city share of the RISE Fund.
Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE Immediate Opportunity application from the city of Ottumwa to construct a right-turn lane on U.S. 34 and reconstruct approximately 2,500 feet of Iowa Avenue from U.S. 34 north to Kay Avenue located on the east side of town. Proposed improvements will result in the creation of 120 new full-time jobs within three years along with almost $96 million in associated capital investments. Average wage rate of the retained and created positions is $15.24 which is 101 percent of the Wapello county average labor shed wage rate. RISE grant recommended is $1,172,195 of which $193,689 is from the county RISE fund and $978,506 is from the city RISE fund. Local participation is 20 percent or $293,049. Total cost is $1,465,244. The RISE cost per job assisted is $9,768.29, and total capital investment per RISE dollar is $81.80. He introduced Nick Klimek, Ottumwa City Planning Director.

Mr. Klimek said the subject of this proposal is the modernization of the Iowa Avenue corridor to enable job creation and retention in the food processing sector. RISE funding would serve as a catalyst to fully modernize this corridor. Improvements separate from the RISE project include storm water infrastructure to separate the currently combined system, a redundant water line, and possibly fiber optics to support the businesses located in the corridor. Overall project investment will be the total eligible roadway cost included in the proposal; roadway improvements from Kay Avenue to Main Street not directly included in the proposal; related infrastructure improvements as previously mentioned; and approximately $95 million in capital investment by Cargill Meat Solutions.

Mr. Klimek said Ottumwa has a positive track record of successfully implementing RISE projects including Kay Avenue and the 6th Street project at the Industrial airport. Both projects have been completed and are on track for job creation. They have strong partnerships with Indian Hills Community College as well as the Ottumwa Economic Development Corporation. Also, they have targeted an EPA brownfield assessment grant project to prepare an area of approximately 36.5 acres for redevelopment. This worthwhile project will serve as a catalyst for a $95 million capital investment in a private industry, creation of 120 jobs, and will modernize an already highly productive economic development corridor.

Mr. Markley reviewed staff’s recommendation.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commissioner Cleaveland seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, award a RISE grant of $1,172,195 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less. A maximum of $193,689 is to come from the county share of the RISE fund and a maximum of $978,506 is to come from the city share of the RISE fund. All voted aye.
RISE Immediate Opportunity Funding
Economic Analysis Summary

GENERAL INFORMATION
Applicant: Ottumwa

Project Location and Description: Construction of a right-turn lane on US 34 and reconstruction of approximately 2,500 feet of Iowa Avenue from US 34 north to Kay Avenue located on the east side of town.

Associated Economic Development: The project provides improved access to the proposed expansion facility of Cargill Meat Solutions and more than 36 acres for future manufacturing and industrial development. The project will result in the creation of 120 jobs and capital investment nearly $96 million.

ECONOMIC IMPACT
Total Roadway Project Cost: $1,465,244

RISE Funds Requested: $1,172,195; Grant: $1,172,195; Loan $----
Effective Project Cost to RISE Program: $1,172,195
Local Participation: $293,049; Sources: City of Ottumwa, Wapello County
Non-RISE Total Capital Investment: $95,884,530
(Public: $884,530; Private: $95,000,000)

Direct Jobs Created: 120; (Other, Potential Future Jobs: 0)
Direct Jobs Retained: 0; Total Direct Jobs Assisted, Short-Term: 120
Number of Existing Jobs: 2,220
Project Average Wage Rate of Created Jobs: $15.24/hr.
100% Wapello County Average Wage Rate: $15.12/hr.

KEY RATIOS
Local Match Ratio: 20% ($293,049/$1,465,244)
RISE Cost Per Job Assisted (Created): $1,172,195/120 = $9,768.29
Total Capital Investment Per RISE Dollar: $95,884,530/$1,172,195= $81.80

CONCLUSIONS
Narrative: Based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, staff recommends a grant of $193,689 from the county share of the RISE Fund and $978,506 from the city share of the RISE Fund or up to 60 percent of total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less.
DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Allison submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in construction of an approximately 720-foot extension of Oak Street north from the end of the existing pavement located on the southeast side of town in their industrial park. This project is anticipated to be completed by August 2014.

Because this project will provide access to more than 10 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 February 2013 round of applications and award a RISE grant of $155,475 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund.
Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE Immediate Opportunity application from the city of Allison to assist in construction of an approximate 720-ft. extension of Oak Street north from the end of the existing pavement located on the southeast side town in their industrial park. Because this project will provide access to more than 10 acres for industrial purposes and to maximize RISE support for the project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project. Under RISE Local Development criteria, this project scored 44 points. The total estimated project cost is $310,950, and the city is requesting a RISE grant of $155,475 and will provide a 50 percent local match. He invited Tim Junker, Allison City Council member, to provide comments.

With no response from the delegation, Mr. Markley continued by reviewing staff’s recommendation.

Commissioner Reasner moved, Commissioner Miles 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 February 2013 round of applications and award a RISE grant of $155,475 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.
RISE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING
February 2013
SUMMARY

Applicant: City of Allison
Multiyear?: No
Multijurisdiction?: No

ROAD PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: To construct an approximately 720-foot extension of Oak Street north from the end of the existing pavement located on the southeast side of town in their industrial park.

ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: This project will provide access to more than ten acres for industrial purposes.

PROJECT FINANCING:
Roadway Project Cost: $310,950
RISE (Total): $155,475
Grant: $155,475
Loan: 0
Loan Terms: Yrs. Int.: 0 0%
Local Match (Total): $155,475
Up-Front: $155,475
NPV of Loan Repayment: 0
Effective Match Percent: 50
Up-front Participation Sources:
Private: 
Public: $155,475
Local Match (Total): $155,475

PROJECT EVALUATION:
Development Potential (35): 15
Economic Impact and Cost Effect. (20): 8
Local Committ. and Initiative (35): 16
Transportation Need (4): 2
Local Economic Need (6): 3
Total Rating: 44

Jobs: 20

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Award a grant of $155,475 or up to 50 percent of the RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less. Funding will come from the city share of the RISE Fund.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning
Order No. PPM-2013-67

Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date June 11, 2013

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.

Central Corridor Complete Streets and Capacity Improvements (Marion) $1,000,000
Davenport Traffic Operations Center (Davenport) $240,000
Des Moines B-cycle Program Expansion (Des Moines and Des Moines Bicycle Coalition) $125,000
East Region Public Improvements (Fort Dodge) $300,000
U.S. 6 Traffic Signal Coordination Project (Coralville) $180,500
Kimberly Road Traffic Signal Interconnection and Coordination Project (Davenport) $199,000
Meredith Drive and Northwest Urbandale Drive Intersection Improvements (Urbandale) $750,000
Ozone Outreach Program (Metropolitan Area Planning Agency) $196,320
Route No. 91 Merle Hay Road Express Service Improvements (Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority) $198,043
Shopping Circulator (Dubuque doing business as The Jule and East Central Intergovernmental Association) $187,836
SmartTransit (Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study and Dubuque doing business as The Jule) $614,105
Traffic Adaptive Signal Control System - 22nd Street (West Des Moines) $172,000

Total $4,162,804

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 ______________________

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Cleaveland Miles Reasner
Rielly Rose Wiley Yanney

Division Director
Legal
State Director
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 ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act). We have $4 million in CMAQ funding set aside annually for ICAAP; although, for this round we are reallocating some recently returned funds due to a project not materializing. 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 and single occupant 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.

Mr. Markley said in this round we received 15 applications requesting over $7.5 million in funding. Last month the Commission heard staff’s recommendation to fund 12 projects with $4,162,804, and he requested Commission approval of the ICAAP funding recommendations.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Reasner seconded the Commission approve Iowa’s Clean Air Attainment Program funding recommendations as listed. All voted aye.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning

Order No. PPM-2013-68

Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date June 11, 2013

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.

- Documenting Iowa's Pre-Settlement Roads and Trails (The University of Iowa’s Office of the State Archaeologist and The University of Iowa’s Division of Sponsored Programs) $ 96,315
- Education and Encouragement Activities (Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority and Iowa Bicycle Coalition) $ 60,000
- Enhancing I-WALK: Iowa Participatory Evaluation and Documentation of Sidewalks – I-PEDS (Iowa State University) $ 92,602
- Iowa's Living Roadway Project Program (Trees Forever) $400,000
- Roadside Beautification/Maintenance Reduction: County Highways (University of Northern Iowa) $250,000
- *Urban Youth Corps (Iowa Department of Transportation) $ 78,585

Total $977,502

*Previously approved at the April 9, 2013, Commission meeting.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by __________________________ Seconded by __________________________

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Division Director Legal State Director
Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the Transportation Alternatives program was created in MAP-21 legislation to provide funding for a variety of alternative transportation projects and replaces the funding from pre-MAP-21 programs including Transportation Enhancements, Federal Recreational Trails, Safe Routes to School and several other discretionary programs such as the National Scenic Byway Program. This funding supports community-based projects to expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by supporting bicycle, pedestrian, cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental projects relating to surface transportation infrastructure. Based on a Transportation Commission decision, the Department has reserved $1 million for statewide projects with the remaining funds distributed to Iowa’s nine metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and 18 regional planning affiliations (RPAs) for their selection of projects of regional significance.

Mr. Markley said in this round we received 16 applications requesting almost $4.5 million. Last month staff reviewed with the Commission our recommendation to fund six projects with $977,502, and he requested Commission approval.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commissioner Rielly seconded the Commission approve the statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendations as listed. All voted aye.
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.

Maquoketa River Water Trail – Mon Maq Dam Modification
  (Jones County Conservation Board and Monticello) $ 184,625
Pottawattamie County Multiuse Trail: Phase I (Pottawattamie County Conservation Board) $ 300,000
Purchase Maintenance Equipment (Iowa Department of Natural Resources) $ 112,000
Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connection – Hiawatha Trail (Dallas County Conservation Board) $ 139,103
Railbanking of IANW Railroad (Dickinson County Trails Board and Osceola County Conservation Board) $ 305,872
Snowmobile Grooming Equipment Replacement (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

Total $1,300,000

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by ______________________ Seconded by ______________________

Division Director ______________________ Legal ______________________ State Director ______________________

Aye ____________ Nay ____________ Pass ____________
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 users. Examples include hiking, bicycling, water trails, equestrian, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, and all-terrain vehicles. We received 25 applications requesting almost $7 million. Last month staff shared a recommendation with the Commission to fund seven projects at $1.3 million. He requested Commission approval of the federal Recreational Trails program.

Commissioner Reasner moved, Commissioner Rose seconded the Commission approve the federal Recreational Trails program funding recommendations as listed. All voted aye.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning

Order No. PPM-2013-70

Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date June 11, 2013

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
Northeast Iowa Safe Routes to School Program (Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission) $ 26,664
Noninfrastructure costs for recommended infrastructure projects $ 1,000

Total noninfrastructure $ 27,664

Infrastructure
Hill Avenue Sidewalk Extension (Spirit Lake) $206,864
North Manning Safe Route to School (Manning) $245,584
Oakland Road Northeast Sidewalk (northwesterly side) Golf Street to Golfview Drive (Cedar Rapids) (plus $1,000 for noninfrastructure activities) $125,883
Safe Routes K-8 Center Point-Urbana Schools (Center Point) $100,656
U.S. 65/Lincoln Street Pedestrian/Bicycle Underpass (Bondurant) $ 80,000

Total infrastructure $758,987

Grand total $786,651

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 _____________________________

Cleaveland Miles Reasner Rielly Rose Wiley Yanney
Aye Nay Pass

Division Director Legal State Director
Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said with MAP-21 legislation, the Safe Routes to School program was combined with the Statewide Transportation Alternative program; however, there are some left-over funds from previous project under runs and canceled projects that need to be programmed. 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, regional organizations, or public and private schools through an application-based program. The funding can be used for non-infrastructure or infrastructure activities.

Mr. Markley said we received 42 applications from this round of funding requesting over $5.7 million. Last month we reviewed with the Commission our recommendation to fund six projects at $786,651, and he requested Commission approval of the program.

Commissioner Rose moved, Commissioner Rielly seconded the Commission approve the Safe Routes to School program funding recommendations as listed. All voted aye.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Program Management

Order No. PPM-2013-71

Submitted by E. Jon Ranney Phone No. 515-239-1500 Meeting Date June 11, 2013

Title 2014-2018 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The 2014-2018 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program will be presented for final review and approval.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve and authorize distribution of the 2014-2018 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program. It is also recommended the Commission approve the use of condemnation, if necessary, to acquire property for the projects listed in the highway section.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Cleaveland Seconded by Reasner

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Message from the Commission:
Welcome to the Iowa Transportation Commission (Commission) public input meeting. The Commission travels to different locations in the state every April, June, August and October in an effort to review ongoing or proposed projects. This is also our opportunity to hear from any member of the public who wants to address the Commission about any transportation topic. We welcome those comments.

Many of you in the audience are representatives of cities, counties, planning organizations or coalitions organized around a particular transportation goal. And, many of you representatives occasionally attend these public input meetings in order to thank the Commission for past project assistance, or to propose new partnerships. We welcome those comments, as well. However, please understand that in some cases the Commission is hearing about a proposed project for the first time, so that we may have questions about the project, but we would not have any ability to comment on the merits of the proposal until we receive staff input and until we begin our planning sessions (typically held every January to April). And, in some cases, the Commission is hearing about a proposed project that it has reviewed in the past but will have no comment as the project is not in the five year program at this time and we cannot say until our planning sessions whether the project will become eligible for funding in the five year program. Please consider this an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and concerns with us, and for us to consider those thoughts and concerns as well as review them with staff after gathering necessary information about how the issues may impact our various grant programs or our five year transportation program.

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