

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, June 14, 2011
 Sioux City Convention Center
 801 Fourth Street
 Sioux City

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*Action Item

On Monday, June 13, 2011, the Commission and staff will tour transportation projects in western Iowa starting at 10 a.m. from the Holiday Inn, 701 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, and ending around 3 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel, 707 Fourth Street in Sioux City. The Commission and staff will hold an informal meeting at the Clarion Hotel 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-2011-60
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date June 14, 2011
Title Approve Minutes of the May 10, 2011, Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the May 10, 2011, Commission meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Cleaveland Seconded by Yanney

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

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Commission Comments

1. Commission Tour on Monday

Commission Chair Reasner said yesterday the Commission toured the area, and she expressed appreciation to the District 3 staff that assisted with the planning and guiding the group. As a part of the tour, we traveled around Sioux City, Dakota Dunes, and North Sioux City and saw the flooding and devastation. Being from Cedar Rapids, she understands what the community is going through and knows it is a difficult time. She understands the DOT staff has been ready and willing to assist. We saw the temporary ramp that was created and we understand staff has been working around the clock with city employees and volunteers in order to sand bag to protect what you can. On behalf of the Commission, Commission Chair Reasner thanked all the DOT employees who have been working diligently to assist the community in this time of need.

Commission Chair Reasner said the group also traveled I-29 to observe the various stages of construction. We also had the chance to see the Global Foods Processing area. We traveled U.S. 20 to Correctionville and also traveled U.S. 75 to Merrill so it was a very thorough visit.

Commission Chair Reasner also expressed appreciation to the DOT for the link on the Iowa DOT's website identifying road closures, detours, etc. There is also a flood hot line available daily, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and that number is listed on the DOT's website.

2. Commission Workshop on Monday

Commission Chair Reasner noted following the tour, the Commission and staff had a workshop where we reviewed the meeting materials.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2011-61
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date June 14, 2011
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Sioux City (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Sioux City submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the construction of approximately 3,000 feet of South Lafayette Street beginning at a point located approximately 600 feet south of Dace Avenue located on the southeast side of downtown, east of Interstate 29. This project is anticipated to be completed by November 2012.

Because this project will provide access to four lots totaling more than 16 acres of RISE-eligible development 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:

Based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, it is recommended the Commission reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the February 2011 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$665,677 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
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleveland	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said Sioux City submitted an immediate opportunity RISE funding request to construct approximately 3,000 feet of South Lafayette Street beginning about 600 feet south of Dace Avenue on the southeast side of town east of Interstate 29. However, based on capital investment, job creation, and lots to be opened by this proposed RISE roadway, it is better suited for a RISE local development project.

Mr. Markley said under RISE local development criteria, this project received a rating of 55 points. Total estimated project cost is \$1,331,353; and the city is requesting a RISE grant of \$665,677 and will provide a 50 percent local match. He introduced Mayor Pro Tem Tom Padgett, Sioux City.

Mayor Pro Tem Padgett said the loss of 1,400 jobs with the closing of the John Morrell plant just over a year ago was a devastating blow to the Siouxland economy so they are very excited that their economic development staff has put together a project with Global Foods, a local corporation that also does value-added agriculture. This new plant will employ over 400 workers and this road will be a great asset for that project. The requested RISE grant will supplement dollars they have secured from the EDA (Economic Development Administration) for demolition and asbestos removal.

Mayor Pro Tem Padgett expressed appreciation for the Department's past support of the Cunningham Drive project. The Sioux City stockyards were bustling many years ago but economies have changed. The way of dealing with cattle and hogs has changed and they are looking for revitalization which has already been aided by some DOT dollars. He expressed appreciation for the rail spur that will be constructed at Southbridge. They have a number of things going on that are going to be very positive projects in Sioux City through DOT partnerships. He also expressed appreciation for the temporary ramp. They have had tough times around mid-town, the Dunes and South Sioux City, etc., and that ramp is a tremendous help for folks exiting Interstate 29.

Mr. Markley reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commissioner Yanney 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 2011 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$665,677 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**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2011-62
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date June 14, 2011
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Lake View (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Lake View submitted a RISE Local Development application in the February 2011 round requesting a grant to assist in the construction of a right-turn lane on U.S. 71 and an approximately 712-foot extension of Boulder Drive located on the northeast side of town. This project is necessary to provide access to three lots totaling more than five acres for light-manufacturing, warehousing, wholesaling and corporate business office purposes. This project is anticipated to be completed by May 2012.

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 \$149,313 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
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE local development application from the city of Lake View to construct a right-turn lane on U.S. 71 and a 712-foot extension of Boulder Drive on the northeast side of town. This project will provide access to three lots totaling more than five acres for light manufacturing, warehousing, wholesaling, and corporate business office purposes. Under RISE local development criteria, the project received a rating of 39 points. The total estimated project cost is \$298,625. The city is requesting a RISE grant of \$149,313 and will provide a 50 percent local match. He introduced Scott Peterson, Lake View City Administrator.

Mr. Peterson said Lake View is a small community in Northwest Iowa with 1,142 residents. They are home to beautiful Black Hawk Lake which is the southernmost glacial lake in Iowa so they are a regional tourist destination, drawing about a quarter million visitors each year. Lake View has many wonderful community assets but lacks available business development land which this RISE project will address. This is the first time Lake View will use RISE funds and they intend to install 712 feet of road to open 5.8 acres for development where there is easy access to water, sanitary storm sewer, electric and natural gas. The land is well suited for creating value-added jobs in warehousing, wholesaling, light industrial or corporate business offices. It is less than one-quarter mile from Black Hawk Lake and they would seek environmentally friendly businesses. This RISE project is essential to the future growth of Lake View. It has been over ten years since a new industry came to town. These available lands along U.S. 71 and Iowa 175 and adjacent to Black Hawk Lake offer unique assets that businesses will find attractive. Mr. Peterson expressed appreciation for the opportunity to partner with the DOT to create some additional value, grow their tax base, create jobs, and improve the economy of Lake View, Sac county, and Iowa.

Mr. Markley reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Wiley seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$149,313 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.

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COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2011-63
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date June 14, 2011
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Holstein (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Holstein submitted a RISE Local Development application in the February 2011 round requesting a grant to assist in the construction of an approximately 900-foot extension of North Hamburg Street located on the northwest side of town. This project is necessary to provide access to three lots totaling more than five acres for industrial and manufacturing purposes. This project is anticipated to be completed by December 2011.

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 \$113,969 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
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleveland	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, presented a RISE local development application from the city of Holstein to construct a 900-foot extension of North Hamburg Street on the northwest side of town. This project will provide access to three lots totaling more than five acres for industrial and manufacturing purposes. Under RISE local development criteria this project received a rating of 37 points. Total estimated project cost is \$227,937. The city is requesting a RISE grant of \$113,969 and will provide a 50 percent local match. He introduced Rita Frahm, Ida County Economic Development.

Ms. Frahm said successful past RISE project investments have created numerous jobs in Ida county resulting in significantly increasing the county wage over the last decade. They are now one of 15 counties statewide that have an average county wage above \$16 per hour according to the Iowa Department of Economic Development. Marketing of this particular site will be successfully completed by leveraging the resources of their regional economic development group, Ida County Economic Development, and Holstein Development Authority. Each of these organizations provides a different marketing opportunity network to reach potential companies. All these organizations have, with the cooperation of the Institute for Decision Making, created a marketing and strategic plan. They continue to dedicate resources and time necessary to position Ida county for continued growth.

Ms. Frahm said they would appreciate the Commission's continuing investment in Ida county working toward a common goal of creating jobs and economic opportunities.

Mr. Markley reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Yanney moved, Commissioner Miles seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$113,969 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.

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COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2011-64
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date June 14, 2011
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Default and Proposed Settlement – New Hampton

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

On April 12, 2005, the city of New Hampton was awarded a RISE grant of \$326,720 to grade and pave approximately 1,000 feet of 225th Street and 575 feet of new roadway in the New Hampton Industrial Park South-First Addition.

Commission approval of this project was contingent on the creation of 150 jobs within two years after completion of the roadway. Associated capital investment was to be approximately \$12 million.

On Dec. 1, 2006, the roadway was opened to traffic. As of Dec. 1, 2008, the city of New Hampton had not met the job creation contingency. They requested and received a one-year extension. At the end of that period they requested and received a second extension, which expired Dec. 1, 2010. The department was advised that 147 new jobs were created.

On May 6, 2011, the city of New Hampton was notified the project was in default. The method of calculation and amount of proposed settlement was also provided to the city. The city of New Hampton has agreed to repay the proposed default settlement \$2,257.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the default and proposed settlement of \$2,257 for the city of New Hampton.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said RISE immediate opportunity projects have job creation commitments associated with receiving the funds. The Department monitors these contingencies to assure they are met within a specified time period. Extensions on that time line are granted in some instances but, ultimately, if the contingencies are not met, the Department will seek partial or full revocation of the funds.

Mr. Markley reviewed a proposed settlement with New Hampton for a RISE project awarded in April, 2005. The city received a grant of \$326,720. Road construction was contingent on the creation of 150 new jobs by Progress Casting Group Inc. within two years of project completion. In December, 2006 the roadway was open to traffic. After the two-year monitoring period and two one-year extensions, the number of new jobs created totaled 147, three short of the contingency.

Based on the default settlement policy, Mr. Markley said the city has agreed to a default settlement of \$2,257, and staff recommends the Commission approve the proposed default settlement for the New Hampton RISE project.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Wiley seconded the Commission approve the default and proposed settlement of \$2,257 for the city of New Hampton. All vote aye.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2011-65
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date June 14, 2011
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Default and Proposed Settlement – Webster County

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

On July 11, 2006, Webster County was awarded a RISE grant of \$600,000 to grade and pave approximately 2,630 feet of new roadway south of Iowa 7 and construct turning lanes on Iowa 7.

Commission approval of this project was contingent on the creation of 100 jobs within two years after completion of the roadway. Associated capital investment was to be approximately \$272 million.

On July 10, 2008, the roadway was opened to traffic. As of Aug. 30, 2010, Webster County had not met the job creation contingency. The county elected not to utilize a one-year extension due to minable change in forecasted employment. The department was advised that seven new jobs were created.

On Sept. 1, 2010, Webster County was notified the project was in default. The method of calculation and amount of proposed settlement was also provided to the county. Webster County agreed to repay the proposed \$199,656 default settlement.

On Nov. 9, 2010, the Commission approved a default settlement of \$199,656 for Webster County.

Prior to Webster County paying the default settlement, the department received additional information indicating that 90 jobs were created rather than the seven previously noted in the submitted documentation. Webster County has agreed to repay the revised default settlement of \$21,468.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the revised default settlement of \$21,468 for Webster County.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a revised RISE default settlement for Webster county for a RISE project awarded in July, 2006. The county received a grant of \$600,000 for road construction contingent on the creation of 100 new jobs by the Tate and Lyle company within two years of project completion. After the two-year monitoring period, the number of new jobs created totaled seven, 93 jobs short of the contingency. On November 9, 2010, the Commission approved a default settlement of \$199,656 for Webster county; however, prior to Webster county paying the default settlement, the Department received additional information indicating 90 jobs were created rather than the seven previously considered in the documentation.

Mr. Markley said Webster county has agreed to pay the revised settlement of \$21,468, and staff recommends the Commission approve the revised default settlement.

Commissioner Wiley moved, Commissioner Cleaveland seconded the Commission approve the revised default settlement of \$21,468 for Webster County. All voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Program Management Order No. PPM-2011-66
 Submitted by E. Jon Ranney Phone No. 515-239-1500 Meeting Date June 14, 2011
 Title 2012-2016 Transportation Improvement Program

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The 2012-2016 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 2012-2016 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 _____ Seconded by _____

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

 Division Director Legal State Director

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Jon Ranney, Office of Program Management, said the 2012 through 2016 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program was presented to the Commission at its May meeting. There have been no major changes to it and the final program has been presented to the Commission. He requested Commission approval of the program.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commission Blouin seconded the Commission approve and authorize distribution of the 2012-2016 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. All voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING
Sioux City Convention Center
801 Fourth Street, Sioux City
June 14, 2011

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DELEGATION</u>	<u>SPOKESPERSON</u>
8:30 am	Opening Remarks	Amy Reasner, Commission Chair
8:30 am	Sioux City	Mayor pro tem Tom Padgett
8:50 am	Siouxland Chamber of Commerce	Barbara Sloniker
9:10 am	US 20 Association	Ann Trimble-Ray
9:30 am	Sioux Center	Paul Clousing
9:40 am	Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corp.	Herman Richter
9:50 am	Unscheduled Delegations Irving Jensen, Jr. Dan Lewis, Knife River Midwest	