

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, July 15, 2008
Materials Conference Room
Ames DOT Complex

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*Action Item

On Monday, July 14, 2008, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 1:00 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-2009-1
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date July 15, 2008
Title Approving Minutes of the June 10, 2008, Commission Meeting in Coralville

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the June 10, 2008, Commission meeting in Coralville.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Cleaveland Seconded by Sawtelle

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

Division Director Legal State Director

Commission Comments

1. Commission Appreciation to DOT Employees

Commissioner Sawtelle said the Commission heard a lot yesterday about the Department's flood efforts and he expressed appreciation for the great job our DOT employees have done to help out across the state; not just about roads, but disaster relief in general. He was really, really pleased to hear good comments about the tremendous job folks are doing.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Aviation Order No. PPM-2009-2
Submitted by Kay Thede Phone No. 515-239-1048 Meeting Date July 15, 2008
Title Approval of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 State Aviation Program

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Approval is requested for the FY 2009 State Aviation Program, including project recommendations for the Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure, General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure and the Airport Improvement Program as previously presented. A copy of the recommended projects with estimated costs is attached.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the FY 2009 State Aviation Program be approved as presented.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Division Director Legal State Director

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

PPM-2009-2

Chairwoman Crawford said the Commission was thoroughly briefed on the FY 2009 state aviation program last month.

Kay Thede, Office of Aviation, requested Commission approval of the state aviation program with \$1.5 million for commercial service vertical infrastructure, \$835,903 for general aviation vertical infrastructure, and \$2.4 million for the airport improvement program.

Commissioner Durham moved, Commissioner Wiley seconded the Commission approve the FY 2009 State Aviation Program as presented. All voted aye.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Modal Division - Office of Public Transit Order No. PPM-2009-3
Submitted by Peter Hallock Phone No. 515-239-1765 Meeting Date July 15, 2008
Title FY 2009 Public Transit Program (Transit Infrastructure, Job Access/Reverse Commute, New Freedom)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Much of the public transit funding is distributed by formulas established in administrative rules. The three named programs are discretionary. Applications were received on May 1 and reviewed by staff. Last month staff shared the results of those reviews with the Commission and recommended the projects under the discretionary programs as summarized below:

Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program: four projects totaling \$1,782,240.

Job Access/Reverse Commute Program: 11 projects in small urbanized areas totaling \$595,671, and 17 projects in non-urbanized areas totaling \$475,397.

New Freedom Program: three projects in small urbanized areas totaling \$153,440, and 14 projects in non-urbanized areas totaling \$224,895.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the FY 2009 Transit Program be approved as presented.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Division Director Legal State Director

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

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Chairwoman Crawford said the Commission was thoroughly briefed on these programs in June.

Peter Hallock, Office of Transit, requested Commission approval of the three discretionary pieces of the transit program – the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant program for \$1.78 million, the Job Access/Reverse Commute program for \$1.07 million, and the New Freedom program for \$378,335.

Commissioner Wiley moved, Commissioner Sawtelle seconded the Commission approve the FY 2009 transit program as presented. All voted aye.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2009-4
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1312 Meeting Date July 15, 2008
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Cherokee County (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Cherokee County submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist the paving of approximately 5,400 feet of G Avenue from Iowa 3 north to 480th Street.

The improvement is necessary to provide access to the proposed Soy Energy, LLC's biodiesel facility on the east side of Marcus. This company conforms to the legislative requirements of the RISE program.

The roadway will support:

- The creation of 24 new jobs at Soy Energy, LLC's biodiesel facility.
- \$45,206,000 in associated capital investment.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be \$6,000, and there will be a total capital investment of \$313.93 for each RISE dollar requested.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, it is recommended the Commission award a RISE grant of \$144,000 or up to 80 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
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Crawford	_____	_____	_____
Durham	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Sawtelle	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____

Division Director Legal State Director

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Stuart Anderson, Office of Systems Planning, presented a RISE immediate opportunity application from Cherokee county to assist in the paving of approximately 5,400 feet of G Avenue from Iowa 3 north to 480th Street. Using a map he reviewed the location of the project. This improvement is necessary to provide adequate access for the proposed site of a 15-million gallon per year biodiesel facility to be operated by Soy Energy LLC. Soy Energy is a start-up company and this will be their first facility.

Mr. Anderson said this proposed development will result in the creation of 24 new jobs within two years of project completion and an associated capital investment of approximately \$45.2 million. The average starting wage of the positions to be created is \$14.91 per hour which is 116 percent of the Cherokee county average wage rate.

Using \$6,000 of RISE funding per job to be created, as consistent with past practice for renewable fuel developments and high capital investment projects, Mr. Anderson said we are recommending a RISE grant of \$144,000 which goes toward a total road cost of \$402,000. RISE funding will be contingent on the creation of 24 new jobs within two years of project completion resulting in a total capital investment per RISE dollar of \$313.93. He introduced Dave Shanahan, Cherokee County Engineer.

Mr. Shanahan introduced Ron Wetherell, Cherokee County Supervisor, and Mark Buschkamp, Economic Development Coordinator for Cherokee county. Mr. Shanahan said they have graded the road to get to the facility and changed the access to make it safer for vehicles coming on and off Iowa 3. The RISE project would pave the roadway. They are looking to let a contract this fall.

Chairwoman Crawford noted the Commission was briefed on this project yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Durham moved, Commissioner Reasner seconded the Commission, based on capital investment and job creation commitments, award a RISE grant of \$144,000 or up to 80 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 Svstems Planning Order No. PPM-2009-5
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1312 Meeting Date July 15, 2008
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Independence (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Independence submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist the paving of Henley Avenue south of 232nd Street.

The improvement is necessary to provide access to the site of the proposed Monsanto Company's facility. This company conforms to the legislative requirements of the RISE program.

The roadway will support:

- The creation of 47 new jobs at this facility.
- \$103,540,000 in associated capital investment.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be \$6,000, and there will be total capital investment of \$367.16 for each RISE dollar requested.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, it is recommended the Commission award a RISE grant of \$282,000 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	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	_____	_____	_____
Cleaveland	_____	_____	_____
Crawford	_____	_____	_____
Durham	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Sawtelle	_____	_____	_____
Wiley	_____	_____	_____

Division Director Legal State Director

PPM-2009-5

Stuart Anderson, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE immediate opportunity application from the city of Independence to assist in the paving of Henley Avenue south of 232nd Street. Using a map, he reviewed the location of the project. This improvement is necessary to provide adequate access to a proposed site for a Monsanto Company seed corn processing facility just to the east of the proposed roadway improvement.

Mr. Anderson said Monsanto Company is an international agricultural product company with headquarters in Saint Louis, Missouri. This proposed development will result in the creation of 47 new jobs within two years of project completion and has an associated capital investment of approximately \$103.5 million. The average starting wage of the positions to be created is \$16.29 per hour which is 127 percent of the Buchanan county average wage rate.

Mr. Anderson said using \$6,000 of RISE funding per job which is consistent with high capital investment projects such as this, staff recommends a RISE grant of \$282,000 going toward a total project cost of \$597,730. RISE funding will be contingent on the creation of 47 new permanent jobs within two years of project completion with a total capital investment per RISE dollar of \$367.16. He introduced Alan Johnson, Independence City Manager.

Mr. Johnson introduced Frank Brimmer, Mayor of Independence. He expressed appreciation for this opportunity and said they look at this as a tremendous responsibility as well as an opportunity to have Monsanto come to the Independence community and Buchanan county. "America's fame is in our name" is the community's slogan. Independence is a proud community and wishes to continue to be an integral part of the state.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the recommendation of staff. Commissioner Reasner moved, Commissioner Blouin seconded the Commission, based on capital investment and job creation commitments, award a RISE grant of \$282,000 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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 a.m.