Linking Iowa’s Freight Transportation System Program

• Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act signed into law in 2015.

• Expands the eligibility of multimodal freight projects for federal transportation funding through the establishment of the National Highway Freight Program (NHFP)

• The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL-2021) allows up to 30% of a state’s NHFP to be used on freight intermodal or freight rail projects.

• Transportation Commission chose to award up to 10% of Iowa’s NHFP through the administration of the LIFTS competitive funding program.

• Current funding round has up to $1.7 million available.
The purpose of the LIFTS program is to provide grants for projects that help meet the changing demands of Iowa’s multimodal freight system. The funding program is designed to:

- Enhance economic development by improving the multimodal freight transportation system.
- Provide flexible funding for the changing demands of the freight transportation system.
- Enhance the ability to provide competitive transportation options for shipment of products and moving goods.
- Provide incentives to alternate modes for economic development opportunities.
LIFTS Project Requirements:

All FHWA federal aid funding requirements apply, including:
• Federal Requirements, Standards and Guidelines
• Environmental reviews
• Compliance with FHWA Buy America
• Letting through the Iowa DOT

Match Requirements:
• Public applicants or public/private partnership applicants are eligible for up to 80% project cost reimbursement
• Private applicants are eligible for up to 50% project cost reimbursement

Horizontal infrastructure for construction of surface transportation facilities is eligible. Vertical infrastructure, such as buildings, is not eligible.
Project Evaluation Criteria

• Freight mobility Benefits (25%)
• Economic Benefits (25%)
• Public Benefits (20%)
• Project Readiness (20%)
• Innovation/Process Improvement (10%)
Available Funding and Application Summary

- **Available Funding**
  - 2022 $1.7 million

- **Application Summary**
  - Total number of projects: 5
  - Total project costs: $17,009,573
  - Total amount requested: $8,504,787
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Map of Applications Received

Application received and award recommended

Application received and not recommended for funding
QUESTIONS?

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ISRY Tie Rehabilitation Project (Appanoose County): Iowa Southern Railway Company (ISRY)

ISRY began leasing this rail line from Appanoose County Community Railroad in 2016. With the increase in business over the last several years, there has been more wear and tear on the track and in order to continue the level of service and continue to grow the customer base it is imperative that ties are replaced in several areas that are at a higher risk of derailments that in turn cause service disruptions and create a safety issue. The scope of work for this project involves tie replacement and anchoring of up to 5,000 new cross ties (8’x6’x9’x7”), 10,000 new rail anchors and 20,000 new track spikes between Mile Post 9 to Mile Post 19 that spans between Centerville, IA and Moravia, IA. Within the 10-mile area there are approximately five (5) separate locations where the ties would be installed.

Total Cost: $661,869
Requested: $330,935 (50%)
Hancock Grain Expansion (Pottawattamie County): The Scoular Company

Project is to increase grain storage and grain unloading/loadout capacity at the Hancock, Ia train loading facility. The project includes the construction of two steel bins of 300,000 bushels capacity each, one 25,000-bushel bin, a 25,000 BPH receiving/loadout leg on the east side of the railroad tracks and two truck receiving pits. The project includes the construction of a steel building around our main grain receiving and loadout area. Lastly, the project includes hard surfacing of many of our roads.

Total Cost: $8,300,000
Requested: $4,150,000 (50%)
Central Iowa’s Railport & Logistics Park - Phase 2 (Polk County): Ten D / Merchants Distribution Service

This railport site is directly connected to UP Railroad in Central Iowa. Phase 2 would add 5,015 foot of new rail, plus make more accessible 8500 ft of other track (current and future), plus add market-needed yard, services, and storage options. This Project would also add additional trans-loading service capacities and capabilities. The site design also makes it easier, more flexible, safer, and faster for the RR to serve this location by adding siding-tracks and a south connection to the mainline (enabling the site to be served from the North and South).

Total Cost: $3,400,000
Requested: $1,700,000 (50%)
North Fleet, William E Dock & South Fleet (Jackson County): Lawson Marine Services

The project would provide a place for towboats to tie up between Lock 12 & 13 for work to be done on barges, during emergencies and weather issues when needed. The project would build the North Fleet allowing towboats to tie up for tow work, the William E Dock to allow for tugboat (Savanna-Sabula bridge) assists and barge work, and the South Fleet to allow for fleeting barges for repair, cleaning and waiting for tows.

Total Cost: $4,544,304
Requested: $2,272,152 (50%)
Rail Spur Improvement in Stuart (Adair County): Wausau Supply Company

The project would improve the grounds around the existing rail spur to facilitate a more safe and efficient work environment. This improved work area directly correlates to greater use of rail to reduce the amount of on-highway truckload mode usage.

Total Cost: $103,400
Requested: $51,700 (50%)