

Commission Minutes
October 10, 2023



IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

October 10, 2023
Waterfront Event Center
Arnolds Park, Iowa

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*Action Item

Public Input Meeting begins at 8:15 a.m.

On Monday, October 9, 2023, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 3:30 p.m. in the Waterfront Event Center West Lake Room in Arnolds Park. 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-2024-12
Submitted by Cindy Dorhout Phone No. 515-239-1067 Meeting Date October 10, 2023
Title Approve Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 Commission Meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Linda Juckette Seconded by Ray Gaesser

| | Aye | Vote Nay | Pass |
|----------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Arnold | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Fehrman | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Gaesser | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Juckette | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Rielly | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Stutsman | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Yanney | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Division Director Legal State Director

D-2024-12

Cindy Dorhout - Director's Office

Commissioner Yanney called the meeting to order.

She began by asking for approval of the minutes from the October 10, 2023 Commission meeting.

Commissioner Juckette moved, and

Commissioner Gaesser seconded a motion to approve.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Yanney gave a recap of the tour.

Welcome to the Iowa Department of Transportation October Commission meeting. We are here in Arnolds Park, Iowa at the Waterfront Event Center. I just want to say "Thank you", to our District 3. Dakin Schultz is our District 3 Planner, and Jessica Felix is our District 3 Engineer. They did a great job yesterday with our tour of this area. They took us through construction zones, they took us through a construction zone by a golf cart on some pretty narrow paths. It was really wonderful to see everything that you have done up here with your trails. The construction, when it's all done will be great. I know it's a tough go at this point with the detours. I've taken that detour now several times. We're very thankful for all of your cooperation and help in getting our messages out to people so they understand what's going on and are aware, the businesses especially, are aware of what issues they might have during the construction time. So we really do thank all of you for all of your help and cooperation. The trails are gorgeous and they were interesting to take yesterday. And I also want to say to you on the highway part of the venture yesterday, we went through some really tough roads, some really poor, poor roads. Our biggest thing here today is to thank everybody from the District 3 staff that were worked on this tour for us and to all of you and your hospitality. Thank you.

DOT Comments: No Comments

Commissioners present: Charese Yanney, Kathy Fehrman, Tom Rielly, Ray Gaesser, and Linda Juckette, Richard Arnold (via telephone), and Sally Stutsman (via telephone).

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Systems Planning Bureau Order No. TD-2024-13
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date October 10, 2023
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Story City

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Story City submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2023 round requesting a grant to assist in construction of approximately 1,160 feet of Rich Olive Street located on the southeast side of town.

This project is necessary to provide access to five lots totaling more than 41 acres for industrial purposes. This project is anticipated to be completed by October 2024

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 \$402,057 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: | | Aye | Vote Nay | Pass |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------|
| | | Arnold | X | _____ |
| | | Fehrman | X | _____ |
| | | Gaesser | X | _____ |
| Moved by <u>Tom Rielly</u> | Seconded by <u>Kathy Fehrman</u> | Juckette | X | _____ |
| | | Rielly | X | _____ |
| | | Stutsman | X | _____ |
| | | Yanney | X | _____ |
| _____ Division Director | _____ Legal | _____ State Director | | |

D-2024-13

Deb Arp - Systems Planning Bureau

The City of Story City submitted a local development RISE funding request to assist in construction of approximately 1,160 feet of Rich Olive Street located on the southeast side of town. This project is necessary to provide access to five lots totaling more than 41 acres for industrial purposes. Under our RISE Local Development Criteria, this project received a rating of 48 points. The total estimated cost of the project is \$804,113. The City of Story City is requesting a RISE grant of \$402,057 and will be providing 50% in local match. It is recommended the Commission based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation award a RISE grant of \$402,057 or up to 50% of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less. Funding will come from the city share of the RISE fund.

Commissioner Rielly moved, and
Commissioner Fehrman seconded a motion to approve.
The vote to approve was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Transportation Development Division

Division/Bureau/Office Systems Planning Bureau Order No. TD-2024-14

Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date October 10, 2023

Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Project Settlement – Mount Pleasant

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

On November 9, 2004, Mount Pleasant was awarded a RISE Local Development grant to grade and pave approximately 1,300 feet of Industry Avenue south of Commerce Drive in the Crossroads Industrial Park. The city received a \$112,500 grant for this project.

Mount Pleasant recently advised the department that 768 feet of Industry Avenue has been acquired for private use. Because RISE funding cannot be used for private roads, Mount Pleasant is required to repay a pro-rated amount of RISE funding for the remaining portion of the 20-year agreed upon time-period for the road to be open for public use. Mount Pleasant has agreed to repay the proposed settlement of \$6,326.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the project settlement and proposed payment to the city share of the RISE Fund of \$6,326 for the city of Mount Pleasant.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Linda Juckette Seconded by Tom Rielly

| | Aye | Vote Nay | Pass |
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| Arnold | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Fehrman | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Gaesser | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Juckette | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Rielly | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Stutsman | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Yanney | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |

Division Director Legal State Director

D-2024-14

Deb Arp - Systems Planning Bureau

This is a Project Settlement. RISE Funding for roadway improvement is conditional upon the local jurisdiction agreeing to maintaining the road as a public road for a minimum of 20 years. If a city or county vacates some or all of the RISE funded roadway, that roadway is no longer open to the public and the department will seek partial or full repayment of the grant. The City of Mount Pleasant received a grant of \$112,500 for roadway improvements in November, 2004, and has recently vacated a portion of the roadway to adjacent property owners. Based on the settlement policy, the city has agreed to a repayment of \$6,326. Staff recommends the Commission to approve the proposed settlement with the City of Mount Pleasant.

Commissioner Juckette moved, and
Commissioner Rielly seconded a motion to approve.
The vote to approve was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Transportation Development Division

Division/Bureau/Office Systems Planning Bureau Order No. TD-2024-15

Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date October 10, 2023

Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Project Settlement - Waukee

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

On July 12, 2016, the city of Waukee was awarded a RISE grant of \$865,372 to assist with the construction of approximately 650 feet of SE Esker Ridge Drive to provide access to the proposed site of Holmes Murphy.

Commission approval of this project was contingent on the creation of 83 new jobs within three years after completion of the roadway. Associated capital investment was to be \$27,901,940.

On March 27, 2018, the roadway was opened to traffic. As of September 2023, the city of Waukee had not met the job creation contingency. The department was advised that an average of 47 total jobs were created.

The method of calculation and amount of proposed settlement was provided to the city. The city of Waukee has agreed to repay the proposed settlement of \$35,847.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the project settlement and proposed payment to the city share of the RISE Fund of \$35,847 for the city of Waukee.

| | | Aye | Vote Nay | Pass |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----|-------------|------|
| COMMISSION ACTION: | Arnold | X | | |
| | Fehrman | X | | |
| | Gaesser | X | | |
| Moved by <u>Ray Gaesser</u> | Juckette | X | | |
| Seconded by <u>Tom Rielly</u> | Rielly | X | | |
| | Stutsman | X | | |
| | Yanney | X | | |
| Division Director | Legal | | | |
| | State Director | | | |

D-2024-15

Deb Arp - Systems Planning Bureau

RISE Immediate Opportunity projects are conditional on job creation commitments. The department monitors these commitments to assure that they are met within three years of the roadway being open to traffic. If the commitments are not met, the department will seek partial or full repayment of the grant. The City of Waukeee received a grant for roadway improvements in July, 2016, contingent on the creation of 83 new jobs by Holmes Murphy within three years of project completion. The roadway was open to traffic in March, 2018. However, the company created an average of 47 jobs within the allowable time frame. Based on the RISE Project Settlement Policy, the city has agreed to a repayment of \$35,847. Staff recommends the Commission approve the proposed settlement with the City of Waukeee.

Commissioner Gaesser moved, and
Commissioner Rielly seconded a motion to approve.
The vote to approve was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Systems Planning Bureau Order No. TD-2024-16
 Submitted by Scott Flagg Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date October 10, 2023
 Title State Recreational Trails Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the State Recreational Trails Program has been completed. The following recommendations will be presented.

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|---|--------------|
| Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Phase VI (Dallas County Conservation Board) | \$ 675,000 |
| Red Rock Prairie Trail: Prairie City to Mitchellville (Jasper County Conservation Board) | \$ 499,800 |
| Fontana Park Learning and Discovery Trail (Buchanan County Conservation Board) | \$ 238,534 |
| Hoover Trail Bridge #2 (Cedar County Conservation Board) | \$ 130,000 |
| Copper Creek Mountain Bike Park (Polk County Conservation Board) | \$ 400,000 |
| Little River Scenic Pathway Phase 2 (Decatur County Conservation Board) | \$ 346,913 |
| Ballpark to Ballpark Shelby County Trail Phase 2 (Shelby County) | \$ 462,868 |
| Total | \$ 2,753,115 |

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

| | | Vote Aye Nay | Pass |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| COMMISSION ACTION: | Arnold | X | _____ |
| | Fehrman | X | _____ |
| | Gaesser | X | _____ |
| Moved by <u>Kathy Fehrman</u> | Juckette | X | _____ |
| Seconded by <u>Linda Juckette</u> | Rielly | X | _____ |
| | Stutsman | X | _____ |
| | Yanney | X | _____ |
| _____ Division Director | _____ Legal | | _____ State Director |

Scott Flagg - Systems Planning Bureau

State Recreational Trails Program with created 1988 with the purpose of developing and maintaining recreational trails and trail related facilities for both motorized and non-motorized trail users. This funding's available to cities, counties, state agencies, local governments, or non-profit organizations through an annual application program. Current round of applications was due on July 1st of this year. We received 44 recreational trails applications requesting over \$21.5 million. Based on the background material provided in September and our workshop discussion yesterday, we recommend you approve the State Recreational Trails Program projects totaling \$2,753,115 as listed on the Commission order.

Commissioner Fehrman moved, and
Commissioner Juckette seconded a motion to approve.
The vote to approve was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Modal Transportation Bureau Order No. TD-2024-17
 Submitted by James Glaspie Phone No. 515 239-1066 Meeting Date October 10, 2023
 Title Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program Recommendation

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program has been completed. The following recommendations will be presented.

| <u>Targeted job creation projects</u> | <u>Loan</u> | <u>Grant</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| New Horizons Switching Track and Additions (Clinton County) | \$715,000 | \$1,404,000 |
| Shenandoah Clean Sugar Plant Rail Spur (Fremont County) | \$424,000 | \$144,000 |
| Total Awarded Funding: | \$1,139,000 | \$1,548,000 |

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program funding recommendations, as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Ray Gaesser Seconded by Tom Rielly

| | Aye | Vote Nay | Pass |
|----------|-----|-------------|-------|
| Arnold | X | _____ | _____ |
| Fehrman | X | _____ | _____ |
| Gaesser | X | _____ | _____ |
| Juckette | X | _____ | _____ |
| Rielly | X | _____ | _____ |
| Stutsman | X | _____ | _____ |
| Yanney | X | _____ | _____ |

Division Director Legal State Director

D-2024-17

James Glaspie - Modal Transportation Bureau

The review of the current round for fiscal year 2024 has been completed and we made some recommendations last month with the Commission. I'd like to put forward the Commission Order of funding two projects. One is a New Horizon Switch Track and additions in Clinton County. The loan would be \$715,000 and the grant portion would be \$1,404,000. Second project was for Shenandoah, a Clean Sugar Plant Rail Spur addition in Fremont County, a loan of \$424,000 and a grant of \$144,000. That brings the total for the RRLG for this year to \$2,000,002.69 million.

Commissioner Gaesser moved, and
Commissioner Rielly seconded a motion to approve.
The vote to approve was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Transportation Development Division
Division/Bureau/Office Modal Transportation Bureau Order No. TD-2024-18
Submitted by Kris Klop Phone No. 515-239-1108 Meeting Date October 10, 2023
Title Fiscal Year 2025 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The Modal Transportation Bureau requests approval for the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program.

The list of the proposed program projects is attached.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the FY 2025 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program as attached.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Kathy Fehrman Seconded by Tom Rielly

Division Director Legal State Director

| | Aye | Vote Nay | Pass |
|----------|----------|-------------|-------|
| Arnold | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Fehrman | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Gaesser | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Juckette | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Rielly | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Stutsman | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Yanney | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |

List of Applications Recommended

| PROJECT NAME | SPONSOR | SCORE | TOTAL PROJECT COST | REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost) | RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost) |
|------------------------------------|---|--------|--------------------|--|--|
| 695 th Avenue, 079400P | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BNSF Railroad Monroe County | 50.26 | \$475,000 | \$475,000 (100%) | \$475,000 (100%) |
| 160 th Street, 079143U | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BNSF Railroad Monroe County | 48.15 | \$375,000 | \$375,000 (100%) | \$375,000 (100%) |
| 2 nd Street, 307227V | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCP Railroad City of Parkersburg | 31.27 | \$475,000 | \$475,000 (100%) | \$475,000 (100%) |
| Oregon Street, 607211C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DME Railroad City of Muscatine | 26.31 | \$500,000 | \$500,000 (100%) | \$500,000 (100%) |
| 3 rd Street NW, 067358J | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BNSF Railroad City of Sioux Center | 22.14 | \$400,000 | \$400,000 (100%) | \$400,000 (100%) |
| 130 th Avenue, 385195D | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DME Railroad Winneshiek County | 21.47 | \$400,000 | \$400,000 (100%) | \$400,000 (100%) |
| Elm Street, 063199R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BNSF Railroad City of Creston | 20.35 | \$600,000 | \$600,000 (100%) | \$600,000 (100%) |
| Lee Street, 375644A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DME Railroad City of Seymour | 18.96 | \$400,000 | \$400,000 (100%) | \$400,000 (100%) |
| North Elk Run Road, 200775H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IANR Railroad Black Hawk County | 7.82* | \$400,000 | \$400,000 (100%) | \$400,000 (100%) |
| Zeller Avenue, 308234J | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCP Railroad Sac County | 3.05** | \$475,000 | \$475,000 (100%) | \$475,000 (100%) |

* Existing signals are constantly damaged by turning trucks. Truck traffic has increased due to new businesses in the area. Roadway is being redesigned.

** Part of an overall roadway safety improvement project consisting of modifying drive lanes and establishing new curbs.

| PROJECT NAME | SPONSOR | SCORE | TOTAL PROJECT COST | REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost) | RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost) |
|--|--|---------|--------------------|--|--|
| Bridge Street, 381610H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DAIR Railroad Lyon County | 0.28* | \$250,000 | \$250,000 (100%) | \$250,000 (100%) |
| Dogwood Avenue, 694426L | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DME Railroad Washington County | 0 ** | \$550,000 | \$550,000 (100%) | \$550,000 (100%) |
| Lane Street, 385429E | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DME Railroad City of Charles City | 0.27*** | \$500,000 | \$500,000 (100%) | \$500,000 (100%) |
| 3 projected closure incentive payments at various locations (\$100,000 per location) | TBD | N/A | \$300,000 | \$300,000 (100%) | \$300,000 (100%) |

* Upgrade of signal system to constant warning time (CWT) necessary due to consistent false activations of the existing signal equipment and recent accident.

** Degraded (RR over roadway) grade separation being eliminated along with one at-grade railroad crossing; being replaced by this new crossing that requires active warning devices.

*** This railroad crossing is interconnected to another railroad crossing that was funded for signal upgrades last fiscal year. The systems cannot communicate and upon review of the location it was discovered that this railroad crossing roadway geometry is extremely dangerous, and the existing signals are not adequate for the roadway.

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|---|------------------------------------|
| Total project costs/ FHWA funds: | \$6,100,000 |
| Annual Apportionment: | \$5,178,586 |
| Additional funds (1 cancelled project): (DME Railroad) | + \$475,000 \$5,653,586 |
| Difference: | - \$446,414 |

D-2024-18

Kris Klop - Modal Transportation Bureau

The Highway Railroad Crossing Safety Program Funds are used to upgrade active warning devices at railroad crossings across the state. The program is funded by the Federal Highway Administration, and allocation varies annually. Last month, we presented a recommendation to upgrade the active warning devices at 13 railroad crossings across the state and three crossing closure incentive matches. We did not receive any comments after the funding request was presented last month, and therefore, it is recommended the Commission approve the Fiscal Year 25 Highway Railroad Crossing Safety Repairs Projects list attached to the Commission Order.

Commissioner Fehrman moved, and
Commissioner Rielly seconded a motion to approve.
The vote to approve was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Modal Transportation Bureau Order No. TD-2024-19
Submitted by Kris Klop Phone No. 515-239-1108 Meeting Date October 10, 2023
Title Fiscal Year 2025 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The Modal Transportation Bureau requests approval for the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program.

The list of the proposed program projects is attached.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the FY 2025 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program as attached.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Tom Rielly Seconded by Linda Juckette

Division Director Legal State Director

| | Aye | Vote Nay | Pass |
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| Arnold | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Fehrman | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Gaesser | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Juckette | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Rielly | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Stutsman | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Yanney | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |

List of Applications Recommended

| PROJECT NAME | SPONSORS | SCORE | TOTAL PROJECT COST | REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost) | RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost) |
|---|--|--------------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| Wright Bros. West, 376746K | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRANDIC Railroad • Linn County | N/A Order Received | \$100,000 | \$60,000 (60%) | \$60,000 (60%) |
| North Park Drive, 385610W | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DME Railroad • City of Algona | N/A Order Received | \$180,000 | \$108,000 (60%) | \$108,000 (60%) |
| Roan Street, 386607N | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DME Railroad • City of Algona | N/A Order Received | \$175,000 | \$105,000 (60%) | \$105,000 (60%) |
| Main Street, 385606G | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DME Railroad • City of Algona | N/A Order Received | \$295,000 | \$177,000 (60%) | \$177,000 (60%) |
| Main Street, 385606G | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DME Railroad • City of Algona | N/A Order Received | \$295,000 | \$177,000 (60%) | \$177,000 (60%) |
| 73 rd Street, 377213D | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAIS Railroad • City of Windsor Weights | N/A Order Received | \$165,000 | \$99,000 (60%) | \$99,000 (60%) |
| T-61 / Monroe Wapello Road, 375736B | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DME Railroad • City of Algona | N/A Order Received | \$170,000 | \$102,000 (60%) | \$102,000 (60%) |
| Big Sioux River Road, 381531W | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DME Railroad • City of Akron | N/A Order Received | \$55,000 | \$33,000 (60%) | \$33,000 (60%) |

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|-------------------------------------|---|----|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 11 th Street, 607576J | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IANR Railroad • City of Waterloo | 24 | \$170,000 | \$102,000 (60%) | \$102,000 (60%) |
| South Expressway, 074403T | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BNSF Railroad • City of Council Bluffs | 24 | \$150,000 | \$90,000 (60%) | \$90,000 (60%) |
| North Elk Run Road 200775H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IANR Railroad • Black Hawk County | 24 | \$80,000 | \$48,000 (60%) | \$48,000 (60%) |

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Total program funding request: | \$951,000 |
| In order received: | \$711,000 / 75% |
| Scored: | \$240,000 / 25% |

TD-2024-19

Kris Klop - Modal Transportation Bureau

The Highway Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program serves to repair the railroad crossing surfaces at railroad crossings across the state. This program is funded through the state road use tax fund with an annual allocation of \$900,000. Last month, I presented a recommendation to replace the crossing surfaces at 11 railroad crossings across the state. We did not receive any comments after the funding request was presented, and therefore, it is recommended that the Commission approve the Fiscal Year 25 Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Projects list attached to the Commission Order.

Commissioner Rielly moved, and
Commissioner Juckette seconded a motion to approve.
The vote to approve was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division Order No. TD-2024-20
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date October 10, 2023
 Title Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Implementation Policies

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

After extensive stakeholder outreach and input, policies to implement the IIJA were adopted by the Commission on July 12, 2022. Following initial policy adoption, additional policies have been developed to implement the new National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program. These additional policies are also based on extensive stakeholder outreach and input.

The attached document includes all the original policies along with the additional policies for implementing the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the attached IIJA implementation policies.

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| COMMISSION ACTION: | | | Aye | Vote Nay | Pass |
| Moved by <u>Kathy Fehrman</u> | Seconded by <u>Tom Rielly</u> | Arnold | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| | | Fehrman | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| | | Gaesser | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| | | Juckette | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| | | Rielly | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| | | Stutsman | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| | | Yanney | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| _____ Division Director | _____ Legal | _____ State Director | | | |

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Implementation Policies
Iowa Transportation Commission
October 10, 2023

Freight funding

- Allocate a maximum of 10 percent of Iowa’s annual apportionment of National Highway Freight Program funding for freight intermodal or freight rail projects. This funding to be administered through the Linking Iowa’s Freight Transportation System (LIFTS) Program.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

- The federal Recreational Trails Program set-aside will be utilized for annual applications administered by the Systems Planning Bureau.
- Allocate \$5 million of funding available for any area of the state for a Statewide Iowa’s Transportation Alternatives program to be administered by the Iowa DOT’s Systems Planning Bureau. Eligible projects include Iowa Byways and Safe Routes to School related projects.
- All other TAP funding will be allocated by population to metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and regional planning affiliations (RPAs) to program on eligible projects.

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)

- Allocate \$3 million of CMAQ funding for public transit bus replacement administered by the Iowa Department of Transportation’s Modal Transportation Bureau.
- Allocate \$4 million of CMAQ funding for Iowa’s Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) to be administered by the Iowa DOT’s Systems Planning Bureau.
- Remaining CMAQ funds are allocated to the department for eligible CMAQ activities to be programmed by the Iowa Transportation Commission.

Carbon Reduction Funding

- The suballocated amounts as defined in IIJA for areas with population over 50,000 are allocated to each of Iowa’s MPOs based on share of population.
- Remaining Carbon Reduction funds are allocated to the department for eligible activities to be programmed by the Iowa Transportation Commission.
- Carbon Reduction funds may be used instead of CMAQ funds for all or part of the \$3 million allocation for bus replacement and/or the \$4 million allocation for ICAAP.

PROTECT Funding

- PROTECT funds are allocated to the department for eligible activities to be programmed by the Iowa Transportation Commission.

Highway Safety Improvement Program

- Allocate \$5 million per year for a Highway Safety Improvement Program – Local Program to be administered by the Iowa DOT’s Traffic and Safety Bureau.
- Remaining Highway Safety Improvement Program funds are allocated to the department for eligible activities to be programmed by the Iowa Transportation Commission.

Bridge Formula Program (BFP)

- Allocate \$25,986,436 of BFP funding annually to the Iowa Department of Transportation for eligible activities to be programmed by the Iowa Transportation Commission.
- Allocate \$67,423,744 of BFP funding annually to the Local Public Agencies, to be administered by the Iowa DOT’s Local Systems Bureau.

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program

- At least 55 percent of the STBG Program funding available to the state is required to be utilized in areas based on population. The mechanism utilized in Iowa to distribute this funding is by providing allocations to MPOs and RPAs.
- The STBG Program funding available to areas based on population will include the required 55 percent (\$78,212,259 in FFY 2022) as well as a portion of the funding available to any area of the state.
- The STBG Program funding available to any area of the state will be allocated as follows,
 - 45.7 percent (see third bullet) to Iowa DOT for eligible projects to be programmed by the Iowa Transportation Commission and to support local initiatives such as asset management implementation through collection of pavement condition data, administration of bridge inspection training, construction inspection and contract administration software for use by local public agencies, and funding the Statewide Urban Design and Specifications program.
 - 54.3 percent (see third bullet) for MPOs, RPAs, Farm-to-Market supplement, and city and county off-system bridge set-aside.
 - The IIJA includes an increase in STBG Program funding over the five-years of the act; however, the Bridge Formula Program does not increase. This results in different growth rates of funding allocated for local public agencies compared with the amount allocated for the Iowa DOT. Therefore, from the STBG Program allocation available to any area of the state, the amount allocated to RPAs/MPOs, and the amount allocated for the Iowa DOT will vary by year to assure equal percent growth in overall allocations between the LPAs and Iowa DOT. As defined in the previous two bullets, for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022, the distribution of the any area of the state allocation of STBG Program funding is 54.3 percent for local distribution and 45.7 percent for Iowa DOT use. Beginning in FFY 2023, those percentage allocations will be modified annually to provide equal percent growth in overall IIJA funding to local public agencies and the Iowa DOT.
- STBG Program funds for RPAs and MPOs are allocated to four categories: 1) Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) – MPOs with more than 200,000 population; 2) MPOs with population less than 200,000; 3) RPA areas with population from 5,000 to 49,999; and 4) RPA areas with population less than 5,000. Each category is allocated STBG Program funding based on each category's share of total statewide population.
- Within the RPA category of STBG program funding, 50 percent of STBG Program funds are allocated based on each RPA's share of total statewide RPA population and 50 percent based on each RPA's share of farm-to-market distribution factors.
- Within the TMA category, each TMA is allocated STBG Program funds based on their share of total statewide TMA population.
- Within the MPOs with less than 200,000 population category, each MPO is allocated STBG Program funds based on their share of total statewide non-TMA MPO population.

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program

- NEVI funds are allocated to the department for use on projects that are directly related to the charging of a vehicle and only for EV charging infrastructure that is open to the public.
- Governmental entities and municipal utilities are not eligible applicants for this program.
- Maximum reimbursement of operations and maintenance costs shall not exceed a total of \$200,000 or up to 80 percent of eligible operations and maintenance costs, whichever is less.
- NEVI funds to be awarded through a competitive procurement process, administered by the department, with proposals meeting the minimum technical requirements being evaluated on a competitive basis according to scoring criteria for technical and cost elements of each proposal.
- Evaluation results to be presented for information to the Iowa Transportation Commission, after which the department will execute agreements with successful applicants.

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Stuart Anderson - Director - Transportation Development Division

Back in July of 2022 you approved policies to implement the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Following the initial policy adoption, additional policies have been developed to implement the new federal program titled the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program. After extensive public outreach and stakeholder input we have developed these additional policies and we presented them to you last month in draft form. Those policies are attached to the Commission Order, along with the original policies you approved, again back in July of 2022. Those policies provide the direction necessary to move forward with implementing this funding program. Therefore, it is recommended the Commission approve the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Implementation Policies as attached to the Commission Order.

Commissioner Fehrman moved, and
Commissioner Rielly seconded a motion to approve.
The vote to approve was unanimous.