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INSTRUCTIONAL MEMORANDUMS TO LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCIES AND THE FEDERAL-AID PROJECT DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

FEDERAL-AID PROJECT DEVELOPMENT GUIDE FOR LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCIES

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## Instructional Memorandums to Local Public Agencies

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Meetings and Presentations

- APWA Exec Board
- APWA Conferences
- ICEA Exec Board
- ICEA Conferences
Sample Local Road Safety Plan 9/6/2017
If you've been curious as to what an LRSP is all about, Wapello County has shared their Local Road Safety Plan as an example plan, so other counties can see what the plans entail. If you haven't already signed up to receive your own plan, you can decide you would like one, please email Chris Postle at the DOT | Download Wapello County LRSP
Map showing participating in the LRSP program: View PDF plot

2017 APWA Operator Training & Roadshow 9/6/2017
The Iowa Chapter of APWA invites interested snow plow drivers to participate in their annual training event. More info.

2018 Committee assignments 9/6/2017
Solicitation of candidates to fill upcoming (2018) vacancies in ICEA Committees will commence on September 13. Listings of district by district opportunities will be sent out to all counties on that date. If an engineer or, in some cases, a staff member is interested in filling an opening, please communicate that to your district ICEA Exec Board rep. The 2018 committee assignments will be made at the Exec Board meeting to be held on October 13.

Service Bureau Fall training schedule 9/6/2017
The ICEA Service Bureau will offer seven training sessions around the state in October and early November as follows: Oct 6 at ISAC, WDM; Oct 19 Fairfield, Oct 20 Cedar Rapids; Oct 25 Fontana Park, Oct 26 Mason City; Nov 2 Atlantic, Nov 3 Cherokee. This year's agenda will cover a number of current topics and upcoming projects, plus an SETE report. Agenda, locations, and how to register. For assistance with registration, call Jenni at 515-369-7029

ICEA website news 9/6/2017
There have been several updates to the ICEA site recently.

Local Road Safety Workshop registration is now open. 8/25/2017
These workshops are FREE and provide the most current information and advice for Improving safety on local agencies’ roads and streets in terms of engineering, law enforcement, education, and planning. Locations: Cedar Rapids (10/11), Ottumwa (10/12), Charles City (10/18), Ames (10/19), Storm Lake (10/24), Atlantic (10/25).
Information and registration.

ASCE Land Surveying conference 8/21/2017
ASCE will host a Land Surveying conference at the Scheman Bldg in Ames on Oct 18. Agenda and registration.

2017 Excavation Safety Workshops 8/20/2017
Registration is now open for the 2017 Excavation Safety Workshops hosted by Iowa LTAP. These workshops explain the hazards of excavation and trenching and also provides assurance that all relevant duties of a competent person at an excavation site will be fully covered. Registration Link Dates and locations: Storm Lake - Monday, October 23; Tripoli - Tuesday, October 24; Sycamore - Wednesday, October 25 Atlantic - Thursday, October 26.

2017 Iowa Streets and Roads Workshop and Annual Conference 7/26/2017
The 2017 Iowa Streets and Roads Workshop and Annual Conference will be on September 19 (workshop) and 20-21 (conference) in Ames. Click HERE for more information and the registration link. Also contact Beth Richards (brich@lafayette.edu or 515-294-2859) if you have a Tom McDonald Safety Award nomination or a mosquitogadget nomination.

FY 2018 RUTF Distribution Factors 7/24/2017
Iowa TPMS
Research and LPA’s

VANESSA GOETZ – IOWA DOT RESEARCH
Iowa Legislature set aside funding in 1949 for Secondary Road Research – 1.5% of County RUTF

First meeting - May 18, 1950

Initially county and state funding
  - City RUTF added in 1989

Iowa DOT Commission allocates funds annually

Since 2015 serves as the Statewide Transportation Innovation Council (FHWA)
IHRB Goals

- Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of highway transportation and engineering in Iowa
- Identify needed research and engineering development activity
- Encourage collaborative involvement
- Support research implementation
- Serve at the STIC for IA
IHRB Organization

- 15 Members / Alternates
  - 7 County Engineers (Six Districts + TRB Rep.)
  - 2 City Engineers
  - 2 University Civil Engineering Department Chairs (U of I, ISU)
  - 4 Iowa DOT Engineers

- 3 year terms
IHRB Funding

Street Research Fund
$200,000
From city RUTF

Secondary Road Research Fund
$1,750,000
(1.5% FM-RUTF)

Primary Road Research Fund
$750,000
(50% of Primary Research Fund)

STIC Implementation
80% - $100,000

Iowa Highway Research Board
$2,800,000
Statewide Transportation Innovation Council (STIC)

- IHRB serves as the STIC for Iowa
- $100,000 Federal grant annually for implementation per FFY.
  - Implementation of 3D Modeling in Bridge Design
  - Implementation of Design for Column/Footing/Pile System for Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC)
  - Training for Implementation of Self-Cleaning Box Culvert solutions
  - Implementation of E-Construction at Iowa DOT
  - Pilot project for Open Data Services for Smart Work Zone Implementation
  - Support for Innovations in Transportation Conference
  - In Situ Modulus Measurement Using Automated Plate Load Testing for Statewide Mechanistic-Empirical Design Calibration
FHWA AID Grant

$1M Available to apply per FFY for State Projects and $1M Available for City, County, Tribal or MPO projects.

- Iowa DOT Silver Creek Project - Awarded
- Iowa DOT Box Beam with UHPC for Short Span Bridges – Pending
- Dubuque MPO STREETS Project – Pending
- Automatic Plate Load Testing and Intelligent Compaction – To apply in FFY18
- Clinton County Road F-12 Cape Seal – To apply in FFY18
Key to Success is Partnership!

- Between Highway Agencies
- Within Industry
- Between Universities!
- All Disciplines
Engaging Locals in Research

- Secondary Road Research Engineer
  - Danny Waid, ICEA Service Bureau, 515-239-1419, danny.waid@iceasb.org
- County Engineers Research Focus Group
  - Held annually in February
  - Forum for exchange of ideas, prioritized research topics for IHRB submittal
- City Engineers Research Focus Group
  - First one held in 2017 - Spring APWA Conference
- IHRB Funds travel for City and County members to attend TRB Annual Meeting
- Participation in Technical Advisory Committee for Research Projects
- Meetings and presentations at various regional meetings: PI's, Peers, SRRE
- Research News section at ICEASB Page
- New project to develop City Service Bureau
2017 New Projects

- TR-732 : Develop and Improved Selection Methodology for Safety Improvements at public Highway-Railroad Grade Crossings
- TR-731 : Improving Concrete Patching Practices on Iowa Roadways
- TR-730 : Advanced Testing and characterization of Iowa Soils and Geomaterials
- TR-729 : Development of Granular Roads Asset Management system
- TR-728 : Role of coarse Aggregate Porosity on Chloride Intrusion in HPC Bridge Decks
- TR-727 : Optimizing Maintenance Equipment Life Cycle for Local Agencies
- TR-726 : Modernization of Iowa Transportation Program Management System
- TR-725 : Low-Cost Rural Surface Alternatives Phase IV: Forst Depth Monitoring and Prediction
- TR-724 : Self-Heating Electrically Conductive Concrete Demonstration Project
2017 New Projects

- TR-723: Implementation of the Negative Moment Reinforcing Detail Recommendations
- TR-722: Increase Service Life at Bridge Ends through Improved Abutment and Approach Slab Details and Water Management Practices
- TR-721: Low-cost Rural Surface Alternatives Phase III
- TR-720: Development of Bio-Based Polymers for Use in Asphalt - Phase 2
- TR-719: Development of Self-Cleaning Box Culvert Design - Phase 3
- TR-718: Evaluation of Alternative Abutment Piling for Low Volume Road Bridges
- TR-717: Use of Polymer Overlays or Sealers on New Bridges
- TR-716: Construction of New Substructure Beneath Existing Bridges
- TR-715: Beam End Repair for Pre-Stressed Concrete Beams
- TR-714: Guide to Life-Cycle Data and Information Sharing Workflow for Transportation Assets
- TR-712: Evaluate, Modify and Adapt the Concrete Works Software for Iowa's Use
2018 New LPA Projects

- Evaluate development and costs to operate an Urban Service Bureau
- Development of Iowa Secondary Roads Operations Management System
- Optimal Timing to Perform Crack Sealing in HMA Pavement
- Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones) in Surveying and Construction Works for Iowa Transportation Infrastructure System
- Galvanized and Painted Steel Piling
- Light-emitting diode (LED) lighting
- Two Way Left Turn Lane (TWLTL) Width and Context Sensitive Design and Regular Lane Width and Safety/Operational Impacts
Questions?

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