Strengthening Southeast Iowa Since 1973

Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission

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SEIRPC SERVICE AREA
(2010 Population 107,719)

Des Moines County

Henry County

Lee County

Louisa County

And their municipalities
SEIRPC FREIGHT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

- What we have done?
- What we are working on?
- What opportunities do we have to do more?
What we have done?

LIFTS – In 2015 prepared grant for ~$500,000 for warehouse and transload facility for Hall Towing in Fort Madison, IA
What we have done?

Rail Revolving Loan and Grant Program (RRLG)

In 2011 prepared loan application for ~$150,000 to rehab short line rail operations provided by Burlington Junction Railway to CASE New Holland in Burlington, IA.
What we have done?

RRLG - In 2011 prepared loan application for ~$220,000 to rehab rail spur and switch along BNSF mainline for new location of Valley Distribution Company (Exxon Mobile distributor) in Burlington, IA.
What we have done?

RRLG - In 2012 prepared grant for Burlington Junction Railway to complete a planning study to evaluate rail-truck-barge transfer feasibility
What we have done?

Revitalize Iowa Sound Economy Grant (RISE) –

In 2015 prepared grant for ~$1,320,000 for roadway improvements related to a 412,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Burlington (Silgan Containers)
What we have done?

RISE – In 2015 prepared grant for ~$1,536,000 for roadway improvements related to a expansion of an existing GE switch gear line manufacturing facility in Burlington/West Burlington
What we have done?

RISE – In 2012 prepared grant for ~$4,000,000 for roadway improvements and roadway extension to the newly constructed Iowa Fertilizer Company in Lee County.
What we have done?

TIGER - In 2017 submitted grant for ~$8,000,000 improvements to the Keokuk Mississippi River Rail Bridge crossing the Mississippi River.
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What we are working on?

- Contracted to manage the Southeast Iowa Regional Economic and Port Authority (SIREPA) starting in late 2013
  - Only Port Authority in Iowa established through process outlined in Iowa Code 28J (Established in 2006)

- Administering federal aid process for Fort Madison Bridge Study
  - BNSF owned bridge that include road and rail
  - Currently has embargo due to roadway approaches onto the bridge
What we are working on?

- Corridor Study of US Highway 61 through Burlington
  - Result from previous work with Iowa DOT relating to the development of the Iowa Fertilizer Company just south of Burlington
  - Participation in steering committee, providing data collection, input into alternatives
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What we are working on?

- **Long Range Transportation Plan**
  - Outlines short term and long term transportation priorities, strategies, and action items for the region to focus on
  - Significant amount of public input and data analysis
  - Specific freight data included in the plan
    - Evaluation of all modes of transportation
    - Evaluate road and bridge conditions
    - Evaluate traffic counts and bottleneck locations
    - Evaluation of freight movement by mode/commodity
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What we are working on?

- Involvement in organizations
  - Iowa DOT Freight Advisory Committee
  - Highway 61 Coalition
  - Highway 34 Coalition
  - Mid American Intermodal Port Authority

  - Developed in 1999 by 3 state compact and encompasses 26 counties covering Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri

  - Initial study looking at locations for developing a physical port (Quincy, IL) and mostly focus on continued development of this site
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What opportunities do we have to do more?

- Southeast Iowa Regional Economic and Port Authority
  - Iowa Code 28J allows for similar powers as a municipality – no taxing authority or police powers
  - How do we utilize this unique structure?

- Regional Freight Roundtable
  - Opportunity to present, review and discuss data/issues at a regional level
  - Specific modal improvements for safety or efficiency, policy issues, or just opportunity to network/communicate
QUESTIONS

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