

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, December 8, 2009
Materials Conference Room
Ames DOT Complex

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8:25 a.m.	Adjourn		

*Action Item

On Monday, December 7, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 1 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.

Commission Comment

1. Teleconference Meeting

Chairman Sawtelle expressed appreciation for the opportunity to do this meeting by telephone this morning due to the weather.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2010-32
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date December 8, 2009
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application –West Union (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of West Union submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2009 round requesting a grant to assist in the reconstruction of approximately 1,870 feet of Vine Street, 870 feet of Elm Street and intersection improvements on Plum Street within the downtown business district.

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 \$2,237,034 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE funds.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

 Division Director Legal State Director

PPM-2010-32

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE Local Development application from the city of West Union to reconstruct approximately 1,870 feet of Vine Street, 870 feet of Elm Street, and intersection improvements on Plum Street within the downtown business district. The project received a rating of 43 points; total estimated project cost is \$4,654,068. The city is requesting a RISE grant of \$2,327,034 and will provide a 50 percent local match. He introduced Martin Games, West Union City Administrator.

Mr. Games said other members participating in the discussion by telephone are West Union Mayor Merlin Dunt and Mike Van Sickel, representative from the local newspaper. They appreciate the time and effort DOT staff has put into their application for this exciting project in downtown West Union. He noted Jeff Geerts from the Iowa Department of Economic Development (DED) is also participating in the call. He said Mr. Geerts visited with the city about 1½ years ago about an opportunity to become one of two green pilot projects in Iowa. Since that time, they have had meeting after meeting, applied for various grants, and worked toward putting together this one-of-a-kind project not only in the state of Iowa but in the United States. They are getting close to breaking ground on this exciting project.

Mr. Geerts said DED has made an investment in both finances and time and are excited about the opportunity to work with West Union and the Department of Transportation on this project.

Mr. Markley reviewed the recommendation of staff.

Commissioner Blouin moved, Commission Reasner seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$2,327,034 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE funds. All voted aye.

RISE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING
September 2009
SUMMARY

Applicant: City of West Union

Multiyear?: No
Multijurisdiction?: No

ROAD PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Reconstruct approximately 1,870 feet of Vine Street, 870 feet of Elm Street and intersection improvements on Plum Street within the downtown business district.

ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The city of West Union is one of two designated pilot green communities in Iowa that are demonstrating sustainable community practices to support the economic revitalization of their downtown. This project is a key component of West Union's concept for green improvements that will support the retention and creation of jobs. In addition, this project is unique in its implementation of green and sustainable components so it is expected to also be a tourism draw.

PROJECT FINANCING:

Roadway Project Cost:	\$4,474,068	Local Match (Total):	\$2,237,034
RISE (Total):	\$2,237,034	Up-Front:	\$2,237,034
Grant:	\$2,237,034	NPV of Loan Repayment:	0
Loan:	0	Effective Match Percent:	50
Loan Terms:	Yrs.: 0	Up-front Participation Sources:	
	Int.: 0 %	Private:	
		Public:	\$2,237,034
		Local Match (Total):	\$2,237,034

PROJECT EVALUATION:

Development Potential (35):	15
Economic Impact and Cost Effect. (20):	7
Local Commit. and Initiative (35):	15
Transportation Need (4):	3
Local Economic Need (6):	3

Total Rating: 43

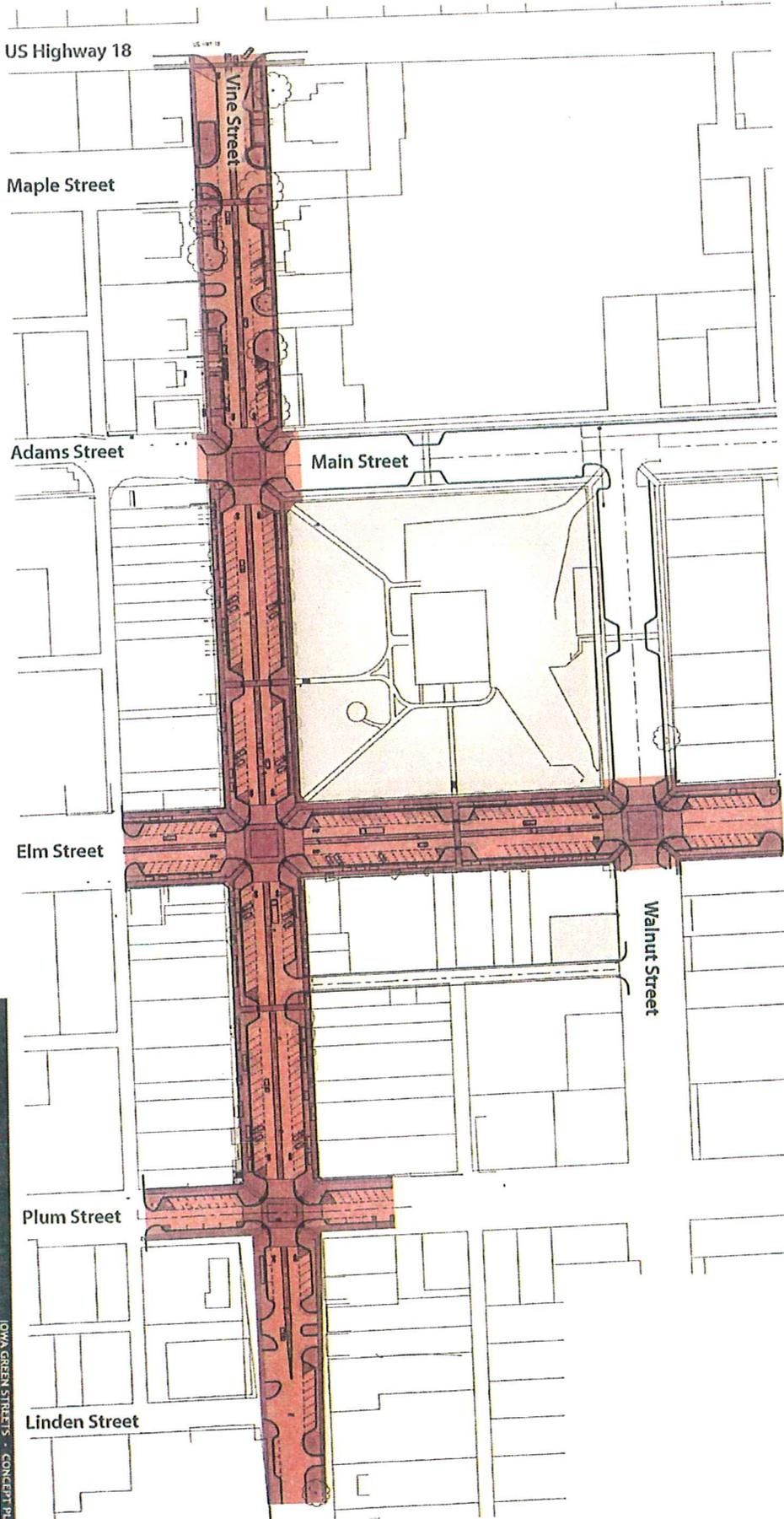
Jobs: 1

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Award a grant of \$2,237,034 or up to 50 percent of the RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less. Funding will come from the city share of the RISE fund.

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IOWA GREEN STREETS - CONCEPT PLAN

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Public Transit Order No. PPM-2010-33

Submitted by Peter Hallock Phone No. 515-239-1765 Meeting Date December 8, 2009

Title Transit Programs Funding Recommendation (Public Transit Infrastructure, New Freedom, Job Access/Reverse Commute, and Intercity Bus Assistance)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Approval is requested for the three discretionary portions of the FY 2010 Transit Program and the CY 2010 Intercity Bus Assistance program. Specific project recommendations for the Public Transit Infrastructure, Job Access/Reverse Commute, New Freedom, and Intercity Bus Assistance programs are listed on the attachment with estimated cost projections.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the transit programs funding recommendations as provided to the Commission.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

Division Director Legal State Director

Fall Transit Program (discretionary projects)

Transit System	Type	Project Description	Recommendation
Public Transit Infrastructure Grants (FY10 second round)			
Coralville		Phase II: Facility relocation	\$494,323 *
Des Moines		Rehab masonry and energy system upgrade	\$80,000
Region 15 (Ottumwa)		Maintenance shop expansion	\$188,000
Region 2 (Mason City)		Facility expansion	\$140,800
Region 5 (Fort Dodge)		Hamilton County satellite maintenance facility	\$574,320
Region 9 (Davenport)		Replace bus wash system	\$104,000
Region 16 (Burlington)		Transit administration building	\$237,000
			\$1,818,443
* Up to \$880,000, if additional funds become available through closeout of earlier projects			
New Freedom -- Projects in Nonurbanized Areas (FY10 second round)			
Fort Dodge	Continuation	Paratransit hours expansion	\$4,383
Region 3 (Spencer)	Continuation	Sheldon night service	\$13,000
Region 5 (Fort Dodge)	Continuation	Demand-response service into Fort Dodge	\$11,432
Region 8 (Dubuque)	Continuation	Six separate county projects	\$8,346
Region 8 (Dubuque)	Continuation	Dialysis route – Maquoketa to Dubuque	\$16,000
Statewide	New	Mobility Manager Program	\$300,000
			\$353,161
Job Access/Reverse Commute -- Projects in Small Urbanized Areas (FY10 second round)			
Dubuque	New	Expanded service hours	\$29,700
			\$29,700
Job Access/Reverse Commute -- Projects in Nonurbanized Areas (FY10 second round)			
Region 3 (Spencer)	Continuation	Night dial-a-ride – Dickinson County	\$60,000
Region 3 (Spencer)	Continuation	Night dial-a-ride – Buena Vista County	\$15,000
Region 5 (Fort Dodge)	New	Electrolux employee shuttle	\$11,131
Region 8 (Dubuque)	Continuation	Service continuation	\$99,246
Region 12 (Carroll)	Continuation	Partnership 4 Families school-to-work	\$28,000
			\$213,377
Intercity Bus Assistance (calendar 2010)			
Burlington Trailways		Support for existing service	\$190,185
Burlington Trailways		New service: Des Moines-Grinnell-Iowa City-Davenport	\$65,884
Burlington Trailways		Marketing existing service	\$7,500
Burlington Trailways		Marketing new service	\$12,000
Burlington Trailways		Purchase new intercity coach	\$410,905
Burlington Trailways		Purchase training simulator	\$310,000
Fort Dodge DART		Marketing existing route (Fort Dodge to Boondocks)	\$7,500
Greyhound Lines		Support for existing service	\$108,799
Jefferson Lines		Support for existing service	\$163,831
Jefferson Lines		Premium new service	\$83,950
Jefferson Lines		New service: Mason City-Waterloo	\$37,960
Jefferson Lines		Marketing existing service	\$7,500
Jefferson Lines		Marketing premium service	\$12,000
Jefferson Lines		Marketing new service	\$12,000
Jefferson Lines		Marketing: Iowa Travel Information Center	\$39,680
Jefferson Lines		Purchase new intercity coach	\$424,000
Jefferson Lines		Purchase new medium-duty bus	\$96,000
Royal Charters		New service: Le Mars-Sioux City-Orange City-Sioux Center	\$59,359
Royal Charters		New service: Fort Dodge-Sioux City	\$82,560
Royal Charters		Marketing: Le Mars new service	\$12,000
Royal Charters		Marketing: Fort Dodge new service	\$12,000
			\$2,155,613

PPM-2010-33

Peter Hallock, Office of Public Transit, said last month he reviewed the candidate projects for this year's second round of funding for the public transit infrastructure grant program, federal new freedom program, and federal job access/reverse commute program. We also reviewed the calendar 2010 projects for intercity bus assistance. He requested Commission approval of those recommendations.

Commissioner Durham moved, Commissioner Miles seconded the Commission approve the transit programs funding recommendations as provided. All voted aye.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Highway Div./Engineering Bureau/Office of Traffic & Safety Order No. H-2010-34
 Submitted by Tom Welch Phone No. 515-239-1267 Meeting Date December 8, 2009
 Title FY 2011 Traffic Safety Improvement Program Projects

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

In 1987 the Iowa Legislature provided that one-half percent of the Road Use Tax Fund be used for traffic safety improvements or studies on public roads under city, county or state jurisdiction.

The program provides three funding areas for candidate safety projects:

1. Traffic control devices;
2. Site-specific; and
3. Research studies and safety initiatives.

The candidate projects and recommendations from department staff and the state/county/city safety program advisory group will be presented to the Commission for review and approval.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the FY 2011 Traffic Safety Improvement Program.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

 Division Director Legal State Director

H-2010-34

Tom Welch, Office of Traffic and Safety, said in November he reviewed the fiscal year 2011 traffic safety program consisting of 54 projects for a total of \$5,765,657, and he requested Commission approval of that program.

Commissioner Cleaveland moved, Commissioner Wiley seconded the Commission approve the FY 2011 Traffic Safety Improvement Program. All voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Rail Transportation

Division/Bureau/Office _____ Order No. PPM-2010-35
Submitted by Tamara Nicholson Phone No. 515-239-1052 Meeting Date December 8, 2009
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.

	Loan	Grant
1. Burlington Junction Railway Industrial Park Line Rehabilitation (Mount Pleasant)	\$30,400	\$25,000
2. Schau Recycling Industrial Spur Construction (Denison)	\$195,000	\$30,000
3. Shine Brothers Industrial Track Rehabilitation (Spencer)	\$206,071	\$105,000
4. Waterloo for Secor Specialty (Waterloo)	\$0	\$126,000
5. Webster County Supervisors: Industrial Park (Fort Dodge)	\$600,000	\$300,000
6. CRANDIC Railway Walford Bridge Replacement (Walford)	\$700,000	\$0
7. Waterloo Bridge Reconstruction (Union Pacific/Iowa Northern Railway Company) (Waterloo)*	\$0	\$1,000,000
Total	\$1,731,471	\$1,586,000

*Per direct legislation appropriation.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

Division Director Legal State Director

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Tamara Nicholson, Office of Rail Transportation, said the railroad revolving loan and grant program provides assistance to rail facilities that create jobs and spur economic development and to railroads for the preservation and improvement of the rail transportation system. Applications may be submitted any time and are reviewed as funding is available. A recommendation was reviewed at the November Commission workshop for the October, 2009, round of funding. The recommendation is to fund seven rail improvement projects for a total of \$3,317,473. The rail projects are expected to support the creation of 84 new jobs and leverage nearly \$25 million in new capital investment and provide \$1 million to reconstruct a rail bridge destroyed by flood waters in 2008. This year \$1.5 million of the total \$3.3 million of the awards come from I-JOBS.

Ms. Nicholson requested Commission approval of the railroad revolving loan and grant program.

Commissioner Blouin moved, Commissioner Durham seconded the Commission approve the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program funding recommendation as listed. All voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.