

COMMISSION MINUTES
October 8, 2024

IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

October 8, 2024
Hotel Winneshiek
Decorah, Iowa

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* Action Item

Public input meeting begins at 8:15 a.m.

On Monday, October 7, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 3:30 p.m. at the Hotel Winneshiek, 104 E. Water Street, Decorah. 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-2025-17
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date October 8, 2024
Title Approve Minutes of the September 10, 2024 Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024 Commission meeting.

		Vote		
		Aye	Nay	Pass
COMMISSION ACTION:	Anderson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Arnold	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Gaesser	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Juckette	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Mulgrew Gronen	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Rielly	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Stutsman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Moved by <u>Arnold</u>	Seconded by <u>Mulgrew Gronen</u>			
_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director		

Commissioner Stutsman called the meeting to order at 8:00 am on October 8, 2024, at the Hotel Winneshiek in Decorah, Iowa.

Commissioners present: Sally Stutsman, Ray Gaesser, Bill Anderson, Rich Arnold, Linda Juckette, Mary Mulgrew Gronen, and Tom Rielly.

Commissioner Stutsman began the meeting by expressing appreciation to the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) District 2 team for their work in preparing for and guiding the Commission on their tour of northeast Iowa on Monday. Commissioner Stutsman stated the highlight of the tour was visiting the construction site of the bridge over the Mississippi River at Lansing.

As this is the last tour of the year, Commissioner Stutsman also expressed appreciation for those at the Iowa DOT that support and organize their tours.

Commissioner Stutsman also acknowledged and send her thoughts and prayers to those in the southeastern part of the United States that are being impacted by another hurricane.

D-2025-17

Stuart Anderson, Director, Transportation Development Division

Commissioner Stutsman asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2024, Commission meeting.

Commissioner Arnold moved and Commissioner Mulgrew Gronen seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

Commission Comments

None

DOT Comments

None

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Location and Environment Bureau Order No. TD-2025-18
 Submitted by Gary Harris Phone No. 515-239-1459 Meeting Date October 8, 2024
 Title Corridor Preservation Zone: Iowa 12 Gordon Drive Viaduct in Sioux City

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

At the August 13, 2024, Commission meeting, the Commission approved the renewal of a corridor preservation zone along the Iowa 12/Gordon Drive Viaduct in Sioux City. However, the map attached to the August 12, 2024, Commission Order did not fully reflect the additional necessary corridor preservation zone coverage that has been identified through recently completed preliminary design. Therefore, Commission action is requested to approve the designation of a corridor preservation zone as described below and shown on the attachment.

The corridor preservation zone area for the Iowa 12/Gordon Drive Viaduct project is from Virginia Street to Rustin Street, in Sioux City, Iowa. Width of the corridor preservation zone varies depending upon the location within the corridor. Development adjacent to the Gordon Drive Viaduct is increasing and there are several areas that have high potential for growth in the near future.

If a decision is made to acquire property within the corridor preservation zone, the Iowa Department of Transportation will use emergency and contingency funds in the Five-Year Program or funds that are programmed for project right of way acquisition. Commission approval to renew this corridor preservation allows us to receive notice of intended development of property within the proposed right-of-way and gives us the opportunity to take action to acquire it before the development occurs.

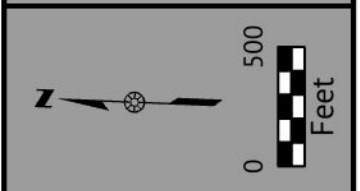
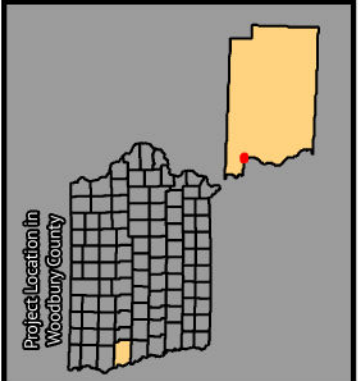
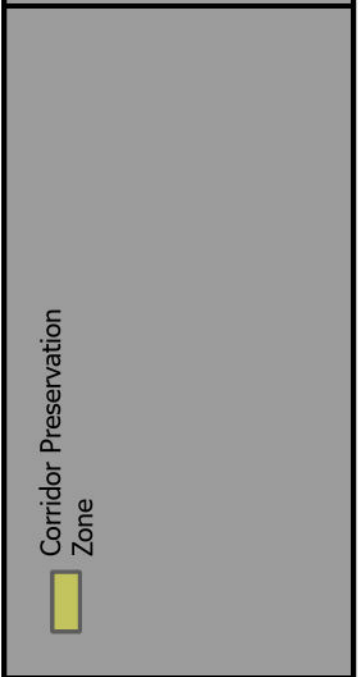
PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the corridor preservation zone along the Iowa 12/Gordon Drive Viaduct from Virginia Street to Rustin Street, in Sioux City, Iowa as shown on the attachment.

COMMISSION ACTION:		Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
	Anderson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Arnold	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Gaesser	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Moved by <u>Juckette</u>	Juckette	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Seconded by <u>Rielly</u>	Mulgrew Gronen	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Rielly	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Stutsman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director		



Corridor Preservation Zone
 Gordon Drive Location Study
 Woodbury County
 Sioux City, Iowa



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 Created September 2024

TD-2025-18

Stuart Anderson, Director, Transportation Development Division, on behalf of Gary Harris, Location and Environment Bureau

Stu reminded the Commission that at the August 13, 2024, Commission meeting, the Commission approved the renewal of a corridor preservation zone along the Iowa 12/Gordon Drive Viaduct in Sioux City. The termini of the Corridor Preservation Zone renewal was correctly described in that Commission Order, however the map attached to the Commission Order did not fully reflect the additional necessary corridor preservation zone coverage that has been identified through recently completed preliminary design. We have now updated that map to show three additional areas in the zone that will be impacted by the project. Therefore, Commission action is requested to approve the designation of a corridor preservation zone as described below and shown on the attachment to the Commission Order.

Therefore, it is recommended the Commission approve the corridor preservation zone along the Iowa 12/Gordon Drive Viaduct from Virginia Street to Rustin Street, in Sioux City, Iowa as shown on the map attached to the Commission Order.

Commissioner Juckette moved and Commissioner Rielly seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2025-19
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date October 8, 2024
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Policies

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Policies used to evaluate and administer RISE projects have been reviewed by department staff. The attached document describes those policies. Changes to the RISE policies will take effect on RISE projects approved by the Commission in October 2024 or later.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the attached RISE policies.

		Vote		
COMMISSION ACTION:		Aye	Nay	Pass
	Anderson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Arnold	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Gaesser	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Moved by <u>Rielly</u>	Juckette	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Seconded by <u>Anderson</u>	Mulgrew Gronen	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Rielly	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Stutsman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

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Division Director	Legal	State Director

Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Policies
Effective October 8, 2024, Iowa Transportation Commission Business Meeting

Annual laborshed wage rate

- A company's ability to meet 100 percent of the annual laborshed rate for their area will be used to assist in determining RISE participation.

Project Completion Settlement Process

- First 50 percent of RISE funding not subject to settlement calculation.
- Settlement prorated against RISE funding beyond first 50 percent.
- In evaluating job contingency requirements, consideration will be given to jobs created from a different company that locates at the site of the original RISE-supported development. These jobs are subject to the same monitoring period as the original RISE development and will be evaluated based on wage rate, benefits and other RISE eligibility requirements.
- If at least 90 percent of the job creation and/or retention contingency is met at the wage rate established at the time of project approval, the project is considered substantially complete.
- Settlement installment payments calculated based on the prime interest rate minus 3 percent.

Monitoring process

- In monitoring job contingency requirements, initial payroll is required to establish baseline data.
- Three years after the roadway is open to traffic, the job creation and/or retention along with the wage rate contingencies must be met. Review and calculate average number of jobs created and/or retained using payrolls from the beginning and end of any six-month period from the time funding is awarded to three years after the RISE infrastructure improvement is complete.
- Submittal of documentation in cases of job turnover for establishing compliance with agreement contingency is allowable.

RISE cost per job increase

- \$14,000 per job maximum.

Local development funding

- Funding used for speculative RISE-eligible (nonretail) development.
- RISE participation held to 50 percent of eligible project costs.

Iowa's Certified Sites Program (IEDA) RISE Local Development applications

- Maximum RISE participation awarded is variable depending on the acreage of the Certified Site:
 - 50-499 acres; up to 60 percent RISE participation
 - 500-999 acres; up to 65 percent RISE participation
 - 1,000 acres or more; up to 70 percent RISE participation
- A funding commitment may be considered by the Commission following receipt and review of an application for RISE funding. Final details of RISE project scope and maximum RISE award dollar amount will be finalized and brought for consideration by the Commission as a modification to the RISE award once determined through further discussion between the applicant and Iowa DOT staff.
- Projects awarded RISE Local Development assistance may be modified in the event that a business location decision is imminent. Following submission of the necessary information, the roadway project may be converted at the Commission's discretion to a more typical RISE Immediate Opportunity project qualifying for up to 80 percent RISE participation.
- A RISE Local Development funding commitment for a Certified Site under these policies will expire according to the same schedule as the certification of the site expires through the IEDA Certified Sites program.

Transportation Facilities

- Interpretation that transportation facilities, such as regional airports, can be seen as an economic unit. In order to be eligible, the project sponsor would need to provide documentation that the transportation facility is an economic unit. At a minimum the project sponsor would submit:

1. How the facility is a critical link to the overall transportation system in the area.
2. Documentation from area businesses that state an expansion and/or continued growth is a direct result of the transportation facility. Supporting documentation should include jobs created/retained, average wages and other specific details on what and when the growth is for that business. Businesses providing documentation must be a RISE eligible development in order to be considered.
3. Documentation that the business concerns/decisions hinge on the facility and the access. Businesses providing documentation must be a RISE eligible development in order to be considered.

- Agreement would not be contingent on jobs but follow typical Local Development procedures.

University Research Park RISE Local Development applications

- RISE participation held to 70 percent of eligible project costs
- Project monitoring will be accomplished through the submission of annual reports by the research park documenting business development and job creation in the park, the relocation of businesses and jobs to other locations in Iowa, and use of interns.

Business Relocation & Job Retention RISE Local Development applications

- Purpose is to retain jobs, sustain local business through relocation within the community, stimulate investment, promote future growth, and preserve the economic viability of the community.
- Eligible communities must satisfy all of the following:
 1. Be located within a county that has been included in a proclamation of disaster emergency by the Governor, and
 2. Be located within a county that has been included in a Presidential Disaster Declaration within the last 12 months, and
 3. Provide evidence that damage sustained by the community negatively affected existing businesses which require permanent relocation within the community to continue operation.
- Applications must include both:
 1. Letters of interest from area businesses considering permanent relocation within the community due to impacts of the disaster so that they can continue operation.
 2. Letters of support for the project from other area businesses describing how the project will sustain the local economy and positively impact their business.
- RISE participation held to 70 percent of eligible project costs
- In addition to submission of an Accomplishment Report, reporting on other RISE-eligible job creation or retention in the community is required.

Double access issue

- Interpretation has been to not fund RISE projects that create more than one access unless necessary to support additional entrances to a business or the project is the last link in the street/highway network. RISE funding will not be provided for more than one access unless necessary to support RISE-eligible development or where necessary to support an IEDA designated Certified Site.

Loan interest rate

- RISE loan installment payments calculated using an interest rate between zero percent and the 10-year U.S. Treasury bond rate based on the quality of the RISE project.

Addition of RISE funding to a previously awarded project

- Allow the addition of RISE funding by Iowa Transportation Commission approval if the road construction has not started yet or the RISE-supported company construction has not been completed.

Roads/streets previously improved with RISE funding

- Additional funding for previously RISE-funded projects not allowed. However, new projects for capacity improvements necessary to support immediate job creation decision will be considered.

Commission and Delegation Input

- Commission will be provided RISE application background material the Tuesday before the workshop and business meetings. If a Commissioner has a question or would like additional information prior to the workshop, they will send the request to the Office of Systems Planning by 5:00 pm on the Thursday before the workshop and business meetings. The Office of Systems Planning will provide a response to all of the Commissioners by 5:00 pm the following day.
- While no delegation input is required at the workshop or the business meeting, delegations will be informed that they are welcome to attend either or both meetings (as is all of the public). In addition, the delegations will be informed that their presence at the workshop may be beneficial if the Commission has any questions about the project.

TD-2025-19

Deb Arp, Grant Team Manager, Local Systems Bureau

Deb explained that as a result of flooding in northwest Iowa, the Commission discussed at their August and September workshops the framework of a new RISE Business Relocation & Job Retention Program was refined and program policies have been revised to define this program as limited to communities that have experienced state and federally recognized emergency events, requiring documentation of existing businesses seeking permanent relocation within the community, and a maximum RISE participation of 70 percent of eligible costs.

Based on these discussions, we recommend the Commission approve these revised RISE Policies used to evaluate and administer projects as attached to the Commission Order.

Commissioner Rielly moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2025-20
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date October 8, 2024
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Rock Valley

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Rock Valley submitted a RISE Business Relocation & Job Retention Local Development application in the September 2024 round requesting a grant to assist in construction of approximately 2,570 feet of Summit Drive and 541 feet of Tower Road located on the east side of town.

This project is necessary to provide access to 14 lots totaling approximately 25 acres. This project is anticipated to be completed by July 2025.

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 \$1,482,758 or up to 70 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund

		Vote		
COMMISSION ACTION:		Aye	Nay	Pass
	Anderson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Arnold	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Gaesser	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Moved by <u>Anderson</u>	Seconded by <u>Arnold</u>	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Juckette	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Mulgrew Gronen	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Rielly	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Stutsman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director		

TD-2025-20

Deb Arp, Grant Team Manager, Local Systems Bureau

Deb explained that the city of Rock Valley submitted a RISE Business Relocation & Job Retention Local Development funding request to assist in construction of approximately 2,570 feet of Summit Drive and 541 feet of Tower Road located on the east side of town.

This project is necessary to provide access to 14 lots totaling approximately 25 acres for light industrial purposes. This project meets the requirements of the RISE Business Relocation & Job Retention Local Development Program. The project received a rating of 61 points and the total project cost is \$2,118,225. The city of Rock Valley is requesting a RISE grant of \$1,482,758 and will be providing 30 percent local match.

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$1,482,758 or up to 70 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund

Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Arnold seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2025-21
Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date October 8, 2024
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – City of Boone

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Boone submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the construction of approximately 1,700 feet of Hancock Drive including turn lanes and a traffic signal at the intersection of Corporal Roger Snedden Drive and Hancock Drive as well as a multi-lane roundabout at the intersection of U.S. 30 and Corporal Roger Snedden Drive all located on the southeast side of town. The Hancock Drive and related intersection improvements are necessary to provide access to the proposed site of Daisy Brands and the roundabout improvements at U.S. 30 are necessary to provide improved access to Daisy Brands and additional economic development in the area. Therefore, the application was evaluated as both a RISE Immediate Opportunity and a RISE Local Development application. The Hancock Drive project is anticipated to be completed by November 2026 and the schedule of the U.S. 30 roundabout project is under development.

This project is necessary to provide improved access to the proposed site of Daisy Brands, a manufacturer of soft dairy products. This company conforms to the legislative requirements of the RISE program.

The roadway improvement is necessary to serve Daisy Brands and will support a commitment of the creation of 217 new full-time jobs out of 255 RISE eligible created jobs and \$729,831,563 in associated capital investment.

The total cost of this portion of the project is \$3,781,913 and a RISE grant of \$3,025,530 is recommended. This results in a RISE cost per job assisted of \$13,942.53 and a total capital investment of \$241.22 for each RISE dollar recommended.

The remaining roadway improvement is necessary to provide improved access for Daisy Brands as well as additional economic development in the area. The total cost of this improvement is \$5,500,000 and a RISE grant of \$2,750,000 is recommended.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for job creation, consider the project as both a RISE Immediate Opportunity and a RISE Local Development and award a RISE grant of \$5,775,530 or up to 62 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
		X	_____	_____
		X	_____	_____
		X	_____	_____
Moved by	<u>Gaesser</u>	X	_____	_____
Seconded by	<u>Mulgrew Gronen</u>	X	_____	_____
		X	_____	_____
		X	_____	_____
		X	_____	_____

_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director
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TD-2025-21

Deb Arp, Grant Team Manager, Local Systems Bureau

Deb explained that the city of Boone submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the construction of approximately 1,700 feet of Hancock Drive including turn lanes and a traffic signal at the intersection of Corporal Roger Snedden Drive and Hancock Drive as well as a multi-lane roundabout at the intersection of U.S. 30 and Corporal Roger Snedden Drive all located on the southeast side of town.

The Hancock Drive and related intersection improvements are necessary to provide access to the proposed site of Daisy Brands and the roundabout improvements at U.S. 30 are necessary to provide improved access to Daisy Brands and over 30 acres of additional economic development in the area. Therefore, the application was evaluated as both a RISE Immediate Opportunity and a RISE Local Development application. The Hancock Drive project is anticipated to be completed by November 2026 and the schedule of the U.S. 30 roundabout project is under development.

The estimated total cost of the RISE Immediate Opportunity component to the proposed site of Daisy Brands is \$3,781,913 with a recommended RISE grant of \$3,025,530. The proposed RISE grant will support a commitment of the creation of 217 new full-time jobs within three years of roadway completion out of an anticipated 255 RISE eligible created jobs through 2032 and almost \$730 million in associated capital investment. The anticipated average wage of \$32.75 per hour is 143 percent of the Boone laborshed average wage rate of \$25.04 per hour. This results in a RISE cost per job assisted of \$13,943 and a total capital investment of \$241.22 for each RISE dollar recommended.

The total estimated costs of the RISE Local Development roundabout project at US 30 is \$5,500,000 with a recommended RISE grant of \$2,750,000.

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for job creation, consider the project as both a RISE Immediate Opportunity and a RISE Local Development and award a RISE grant of \$5,775,530 or up to 62 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund.

Commissioner Gaesser stated he sees a lot of value in this project, not only for the increased jobs, but also the increased opportunities for agriculture in Iowa and the area. He also stated he's traveled on US 30 in the Boone area and the four-way stop would benefit from a roundabout.

Commissioner Gaesser moved and Commissioner Mulgrew Gronen seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2025-22
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date October 8, 2024
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Sioux Center

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Sioux Center submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in construction of approximately 1,650 feet of Frontage Road NW located on the northwest side of town. This project is anticipated to be completed by July 2026.

Because this project will provide improved access to more than 12 acres for industrial purposes and to maximize RISE support for this project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project.

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, reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the September 2024 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$942,294 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
		<u>X</u>	_____	_____
		<u>X</u>	_____	_____
		<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Moved by	<u>Juckette</u>	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Seconded by	<u>Rielly</u>	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
		<u>X</u>	_____	_____
		<u>X</u>	_____	_____
		<u>X</u>	_____	_____

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Division Director	Legal	State Director

TD-2025-22

Deb Arp, Grant Team Manager, Local Systems Bureau

Deb explained that the city of Sioux Center submitted a RISE funding request to assist in construction of approximately 1,650 feet of Frontage Road NW located on the northwest side of town. Because this project will provide improved access to more than 12 acres for industrial purposes and to maximize RISE support for this project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project.

Under our RISE Local Development criteria, this project scored 57 points. The total estimated project cost is \$1,884,588 and the city of Sioux Center is requesting a RISE grant of \$942,294 and will be providing 50 percent in local match.

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the September 2024 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$942,294 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund.

Commissioner Juckette moved and Commissioner Rielly seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Modal Transportation Bureau Order No. TD-2025-23
 Submitted by James Glaspie Phone No. 515-239-1066 Meeting Date October 8, 2024
 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>
A-line EDS Rail Spur (Black Hawk County)	\$1,249,000	\$60,000
Appanoose Country Rail Extension (Appanoose County)		\$600,000
<u>Rail Network Improvement projects</u>	<u>Loan</u>	<u>Grant</u>
BJRY Rail Yard and Transload (Des Moines County)	\$257,349	
Heartland Co-op Greenfield Rail Loading Elevator (Wayne County)	\$1,840,000	
Reid Line Dexter Rail Yard Improvements (Dallas County)	\$957,000	
<u>Rail Port Planning & Development projects</u>	<u>Loan</u>	<u>Grant</u>
Webster City Rail Port Planning and Development (Hamilton County)		\$100,000
Total Awarded Funding:	\$4,303,349	\$760,000

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

COMMISSION ACTION:

		Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Moved by <u>Rielly</u>	Seconded by <u>Gaesser</u>	Anderson <u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		Arnold <u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		Gaesser <u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		Juckette <u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		Mulgrew Gronen <u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		Rielly <u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		Stutsman <u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Division Director Legal State Director

TD-2025-23

James Glaspie, Modal Transportation Bureau

Jim stated that last month a recommendation was presented for awarding funds for the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program totaling \$5.1 million for six projects across the state. No questions or comments were received and no changes have been made to the recommendation.

Therefore, it is recommended the Commission approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program funding recommendations, as listed on the Commission Order.

Commissioner Rielly moved and Commissioner Gaesser seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Modal Transportation Bureau Order No. TD-2025-24
 Submitted by Kristopher Klop Phone No. 515-239-1108 Meeting Date October 8, 2024
 Title Fiscal Year 2026 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The Modal Transportation Bureau requests approval for the fiscal year (FY) 2026 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 2026 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program as attached.

COMMISSION ACTION:			Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
			Anderson	<u>X</u>	_____
			Arnold	<u>X</u>	_____
			Gaesser	<u>X</u>	_____
Moved by	<u>Juckette</u>	Seconded by	<u>Arnold</u>	Juckette	<u>X</u>
				Mulgrew Gronen	<u>X</u>
				Rielly	<u>X</u>
				Stutsman	<u>X</u>
_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director			

Project Requests

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Prairie Street, 079126D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BNSF Railroad Webster County 	28.25	\$500,000	\$500,000 (100%)	\$500,000 (100%)
Samson Avenue, 196530G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UP Railroad Webster County 	26.52	\$500,000	\$500,000 (100%)	\$500,000 (100%)
W 2 nd Street, 375781V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DME Railroad City of Ottumwa 	16.91	\$450,000	\$450,000 (100%)	\$450,000 (100%)
North Quincy Avenue, 375779U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DME Railroad City of Ottumwa 	14.69	\$500,000	\$500,000 (100%)	\$500,000 (100%)
Paragon Avenue, 200941X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UP Railroad Webster County 	11.50	\$500,000	\$500,000 (100%)	\$500,000 (100%)
Mill Road, 271600Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UP Railroad Webster County 	10.44	\$500,000	\$500,000 (100%)	\$500,000 (100%)
IA 76, 376179V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DME Railroad Iowa DOT 	9.38	\$450,000	\$450,000 (100%)	\$450,000 (100%)
4 th Street NW, 067359R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BNSF Railroad City of Sioux Center 	2.83 *	\$500,000	\$500,000 (100%)	\$500,000 (100%)
80 th Avenue, 307520L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN Railroad Buena Vista County 	0.58 **	\$550,000	\$550,000 (100%)	\$550,000 (100%)
IA 3, 381516U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D&I Railroad Iowa DOT 	0.34 ***	\$300,000	\$300,000 (100%)	\$300,000 (100%)
6 th Street SW, 840201J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIC Railroad City of Cedar Rapids 	0.66 ****	\$300,000	\$300,000 (100%)	\$300,000 (100%)
3 rd Street, 307288C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCP Railroad City of Parkersburg 	1.19 *****	\$550,000	\$550,000 (100%)	\$550,000 (100%)
3 projected closure incentive payments at various locations (\$100,000 per location)	TBD	N/A	\$300,000	\$300,000 (100%)	\$300,000 (100%)

- * Signals must be constructed in conjunction with adjacent railroad crossing signals funded in FY2025
- ** RISE & RRLG soybean crushing facility project caused increased truck and vehicle AADT, which is not yet reflected in the benefit-cost formula
- *** Signals being installed as part of a highway IA 3 roadway project
- **** Roadway widening project necessitates relocating the existing signal lights and upgrading to lights / gates with constant warning time (CWT)
- ***** Signals must be constructed in conjunction with adjacent railroad crossing signals funded in FY2025

Annual Apportionment:		\$5,178,586
Additional funds (3 cancelled projects):	+	<u>\$1,170,000</u>
		\$6,348,586
Total Requested Projects cost:		\$5,900,000
Difference:		\$448,586

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Amanda Martin, Rail Director, Modal Transportation Bureau on behalf of Kristopher Klop, Modal Transportation Bureau.

Amanda stated that last month a recommendation was presented to upgrade the active warning devices at 12 railroad crossings across the state and three crossing closures. No questions or comments were received.

Therefore, it is recommended the Commission approve the FY 2026 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program as attached to the Commission Order.

Commissioner Juckette moved and Commissioner Arnold seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Modal Transportation Bureau Order No. TD-2025-25
 Submitted by Kristopher Klop Phone No. 515-239-1108 Meeting Date October 8, 2024
 Title Fiscal Year 2026 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The Modal Transportation Bureau requests approval for the fiscal year (FY) 2026 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 2026 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program as attached.

		Vote		
COMMISSION ACTION:		Aye	Nay	Pass
	Anderson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Arnold	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Gaesser	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Moved by <u>Mulgrew Gronen</u>	Juckette	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Seconded by <u>Gaesser</u>	Mulgrew Gronen	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Rielly	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
	Stutsman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
_____ Division Director	_____ Legal			_____ State Director

Requested Projects

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Forevergreen Road, 840258K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRANDIC Railroad City of Coralville 	N/A Order Received	\$147,000	\$88,200 (60%)	\$88,200 (60%)
Baxter Ave. / V-62, 200856H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IANR Railroad Buchanan County 	N/A Order Received	\$120,000	\$72,000 (60%)	\$72,000 (60%)
Pearl Street, 382043W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BNSF Railroad City of Sioux City 	N/A Order Received	\$208,000	\$124,800 (60%)	\$124,800 (60%)
205 th Street, 079442B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BNSF Railroad Jefferson County 	N/A Order Received	\$240,000	\$144,000 (60%)	\$144,000 (60%)
190 th Street, 078279D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BNSF Railroad Lee County 	N/A Order Received	\$140,000	\$84,000 (60%)	\$84,000 (60%)
Douglas Avenue, 377204E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IANR Railroad City of Urbandale 	25	\$253,000	\$151,800 (60%)	\$151,800 (60%)
Meredith Drive, 377203X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IAIS Railroad City of Urbandale 	25	\$135,000	\$81,000 (60%)	\$81,000 (60%)
William Street, 380054C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DME Railroad Mitchell County 	31	\$325,000	\$195,000 (60%)	\$195,000 (60%)

Annual Appropriation: \$900,000

Cancelled Projects (1) \$48,000

\$948,000

Total program funding request: **\$940,800**

Difference: \$7,200

In order received: \$513,000 / 55%

Scored: \$427,800 / 45%

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Amanda Martin, Rail Director, Modal Transportation Bureau, on behalf of Kristopher Klop, Modal Transportation Bureau.

Amanda stated that last month a recommendation was presented to replace the crossing surfaces at eight railroad crossings across the state. No questions or comments were received.

Therefore, it is recommended the Commission approve the FY 2026 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program as attached to the Commission Order.

Commissioner Mulgrew Gronen moved and Commissioner Gaesser seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 am.