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March 8, 2016

IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

March 8, 2016
Materials Conference Room
Ames DOT Complex

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*Action Item

On Tuesday, March 8, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 9:30 a.m. in the Materials conference room at the DOT complex in Ames. 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-2016-54
Submitted by Danielle Griggs Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date March 8, 2016
Title Approve Minutes of the February 9, 2016 Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 Commission meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Amy Reasner Seconded by Loree Miles

Division Director Legal State Director

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

The March 8, 2016 Iowa Transportation Commission meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Commission Comments

No Commissioner comments.

DOT Comments

No DOT employees presented topics for discussion.

Boswell: Reminder to those listening we have met all morning in workshop and discussed these items in detail and Q & A and lots of information. I would like to thank our staff for presenting, so we will go through these items very quickly.

Commissioner Reasner made a motion to approve the February 20106 meeting minutes; Commissioner Miles seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Program Management Order No. PPM-2016-55
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date March 8, 2016
Title 2016-2020 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

A proposed amendment to the highway section of the 2016-2020 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program (Program) will be presented. The proposed amendment will allow the addition or advancement of highway and bridge projects with an estimated cost of \$91.7 million to fiscal year 2016 of the Program. This includes six interstate construction projects; nine noninterstate pavement modernization projects; four noninterstate bridge modernization projects; three safety projects; and two noninterstate system enhancement projects.

This Program amendment is possible because additional funding was made available after the Program was initially approved in June. The additional funding is available due to favorable construction project lettings, Iowa DOT budget savings, and receipt of federal funding that exceeded forecast amounts.

The construction projects included in this amendment are planned to begin in calendar year 2016.

A list of project changes recommended for the highway section of Program is attached

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve changes to the 2016-2020 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program as listed. It is also recommended the Commission approve the use of condemnation, if necessary, to acquire property for the projects included in this amendment.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Charese Yanney Seconded by Loree Miles

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Huber	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Miles	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Putney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Reasner	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Rose	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Yanney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

Division Director Legal State Director

PPM-2016-55

Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division presented Due to project cost savings, Iowa DOT budget savings, and receipt of federal funding that exceeded forecast amounts we recommend this amendment to the 2016-2020 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed amendment totals approximately 91.7 million dollars and will allow six interstate construction projects, nine noninterstate pavement modernization projects; four noninterstate bridge modernization projects; three safety projects; and two noninterstate system enhancement projects in fiscal year 2016 of the program. All of these projects are planned to begin in calendar year 2016. Therefore it is recommended that the Commission approve the changes to the 2016-2020 Iowa transportation improvement program as listed on the attachment to the commission order. It is also recommended the commission approve the use of condemnation if necessary to acquire property for projects included in this amendment.

Commissioner Yanney moves to approve as presented; Commissioner Miles seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed FY 2016 Iowa Highway Program Revisions

March 8, 2016

Project estimated costs X \$1000

<u>County</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of work</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Interstate stewardship</u>							
Cass	80	County Road N-16, County Road N-28, and Iowa 148/County Road F-58 interchanges	Grade and pave	5000			
Cass	80	County Road M-56 and Iowa 173 interchanges	Pavement rehab	1200			
Cedar	80	Cedar River to Scott County (east- and westbound)	Pavement rehab	4000			
Decatur	35	Missouri to south of the Decatur County rest area (northbound)	Grade and pave	13308			
Polk	35	Warren Count to I-80/235	Fencing	683			
Polk	80	West I-35/235 interchange to east I-35/235 interchange	Pavement markings	600			
<u>Noninterstate pavement modernization</u>							
Black Hawk/Buchanan	20	I-380 interchange to County Road V-65 (Jesup) (east- and westbound)	Pave rehab/widen	11156			
Black Hawk	21	Shaulis Road to U.S. 20 in Waterloo (state share)	Pave rehab/widen	397			
Cherokee/Buena Vista	7	Iowa 3 to east of Northwestern Drive in Storm Lake	Pave rehab/widen	10796			
Clay	71	Buena Vista County line to Clay County Road B-53	Pavement rehab	4740			
Jackson	64	In Maquoketa at Main Street (state share)	Grade and pave	300			
Polk	415	East of Southwest Irvinedale Drive in Ankeny to the Mile Long Bridge (state share)	Pavement rehab	3700			
Poweshiek	6	Penrose Street in Grinnell to U.S. 63	Pavement rehab	2900			
Poweshiek	146	South of U.S. 6 to north city limits in Grinnell (state share)	Grade and pave	660			
Webster/Hamilton	20	County Road P-59 to 0.5 mile east of County Road P-73 (east- and westbound)	Grade and pave	15173			

Proposed FY 2016 Iowa Highway Program Revisions

March 8, 2016

Project Estimated Costs X \$1000

<u>County</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Work</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Noninterstate bridge modernization</u>							
Benton	150	Cedar River overflow 0.1 mile south of County Road E-16	Bridge rehab	1113			(1108)
Greene	30	Union Pacific Railroad 1.3 miles east of Iowa 144	Bridge replacement	5698	(6196)		
Greene	30	West Beaver Creek 0.9 mile east of Grand Junction	Culvert replacement	534	(567)		
Linn	1	Approximately 1 mile north of Mount Vernon	Culvert replacement	1015	(961)		
<u>Safety specific</u>							
Fayette	150	Iowa 187 to north of Otter Creek	Pavement widening	2400			
Henry	218	Big Creek to north of Mount Pleasant	Pavement widening	2590			
Webster	169	East junction Iowa 175 to 'O' Avenue in Fort Dodge	Pavement widening	3135			
<u>Noninterstate system enhancement</u>							
Clayton	3	0.2 mile west of west city limits of Strawberry Point	Culvert replacement	55			
Linn	100	In Cedar Rapids from Covington Road (County Road W-36) to east of Edgewood Road	Fencing	502			
Totals				91,655	(7724)		(1108)

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Rail Transportation Order No. PPM-2016-56
 Submitted by Tammy Nicholson Phone No. 515-239-1052 Meeting Date March 8, 2016
 Title Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant (RRLG) Program Policies

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

A review of the current policies for the RRLG Program has been completed. The following modifications to the RRLG Program Targeted Jobs Creation project category are recommended.

- Increase the maximum amount of grant per job from \$6,000 to \$12,000.
- Eliminate the \$12,000 maximum amount of loan per job.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the modifications to the RRLG Program policies listed above.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Amy Reasner Seconded by David Rose

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Huber	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Miles	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Putney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Reasner	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Rose	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Yanney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

 Division Director Legal State Director

PPM-2016-56

Tammy Nicholson, Office of Rail Transportation presented the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program (RRLG) – this recommendation is regarding the program policies for the Job Creation Program. The RRLG provides assistance to railroads to create jobs, and for economic development, and to provide assistance to railroads for the conservation and improvement of the Rail Transportation System. Funding is also available for railroad planning and development studies. Applications may be submitted at anytime and reviewed as funding is available. We presented our recommendation to the Commission at last month's commission workshop along with the applications to the RRLG Program Targeted Jobs Creation project category. The recommendation is to increase the maximum amount of grant per job from \$6000 to \$12,000 per job. Also we recommend eliminating the \$12,000 cap for the maximum amount per targeted job creation project. We recommend to approve the RRLG program funding recommendations as listed on the commission order.

Commissioner Reasner made a motion to approve as recommended; Commissioner Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Rail Transportation Order No. PPM-2016-57
 Submitted by Tammy Nicholson Phone No. 515-239-1052 Meeting Date March 8, 2016
 Title Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant (RRLG) Program: Modification to Boone Scenic Valley Railroad
Industrial Park Line Phase I

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

In November 2015, RRLG funds were awarded to the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad Industrial Park Line Phase I project. The award amount was based a commitment to retain and create a total of 40 jobs; however, the job creation/retention commitment has increased to 55. Because project construction has not started, the increased job commitment supports a modification to the award to provide additional grant funding as summarized below. The total award amount will not change.

Modified award

Grant: \$330,000
 Loan: \$226,050
 Total: \$556,050

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the modification of the RRLG Program award for the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad Industrial Park Line Phase I project as listed above.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by John Putney Seconded by Loree Miles

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Huber	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Miles	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Putney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Reasner	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Rose	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Yanney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

 Division Director Legal State Director

PPM-2016-57

Tammy Nicholson, Office of Rail Transportation said this is in regards to the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant (RRLG) program modification to the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad Industrial Park Phase I project. In November of 2015 the Commission awarded the RRLG funds to the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad for this project. The award amount was based on a commitment to retain and create a total of 40 jobs. However the job creation retention commitment has increased to 55. So because the project construction has been started the increased job commitment supports a modification to the award to provide additional grant funding. The total award amount will not change. The recommendation is to modify the funding for a grant of \$330,000 for 55 jobs based at \$6000 per job and a loan of \$226,050 be awarded; for a total amount that remains the same of \$556,050. We recommend you approve the modification to the RRLG award to the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad Industrial Park Phase I as listed in the commission order.

Commissioner Putney made a motion to approve the RRLG program modification as presented; Commissioner Miles seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2016-58
Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date March 8, 2016
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Mitchell County/Osage (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Mitchell County and the city of Osage submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in roadway improvements of approximately 1,962 feet of 13th Street and 1,888 feet of 350th Street located on the southeast side of town. This project is anticipated to be completed by October 2018.

Because this project will provide improved access to more than 43 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 February 2016 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$349,868 from the county share of the RISE Fund and \$116,624 from the city share of the RISE Fund for a total of \$466,492 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Amy Reasner Seconded by David Rose

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Huber	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Miles	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Putney	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Reasner	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Rose	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Yanney	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Division Director Legal State Director

PPM-2016-58

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning said we have one RISE project for your review this afternoon from Mitchell County and the city of Osage. There is a delegation present that I will introduce following my presentation of background information. The county and city submitted an immediate opportunity RISE funding request to assist in roadway improvements of approximately 1,962 feet of 13th Street and 1,888 feet of 350th Street located on the southeast side of town. This project will provide access to more than 43 acres for industrial purposes and to maximize RISE support for this project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project. Under RISE Local Development criteria, the project scored 56 points, total estimated cost \$932,983. A RISE grant of \$466,492 is being requested, with \$349,868 from the county share of the RISE Fund and \$116,624 from the city share of the RISE Fund. The city and county will be providing 50 percent of the total in match. Before stating the staff recommendation I'd like to invite Brenda Dryer, Mitchell County Economic Development Director to introduce the rest of the delegation.

Brenda Dryer – Good Afternoon, like Craig said I'm Brenda Dryer and I get the opportunity to work as the Economic Developer for Mitchell County and the communities that are part of that county. I'm joined this afternoon with Joel Voaklander is one of our Mitchell County Supervisors and Jerry Dunlay who works as the Public Works Director for Osage. We are very excited about this RISE project, this will support the expansions of two outstanding Iowa companies; Valant BioSciences Corporation and A to Z Drying. Both are very strong bioscience companies. VBC we recruited to the state of Iowa and Osage just a couple of years ago. They've been in production about a year, and they are already discussing expanding in our state. While Mitchell County is the applicant for this project, this is indeed a project based on a strong project with the city of Osage. Both entities understand just how important this road is to support expansions at both of these companies now, and into the future. We also look to the state of Iowa as a partner because the RISE funding that you are considering today is key to moving these expansion projects along. We are here today if you have any last minute questions you would like to ask us, we are available to talk about those as it relates to the roadway project, and I can talk about the expansion projects at either industry. Before I let Jerry and Joel say a few words I would like to extend my thanks to Craig and Jennifer who have been most helpful working with us on this application. Thank you again for your consideration of our project in Mitchell County.

Joel Voaklander: I'm a Supervisor from Mitchell County, I would like to thank The Transportation Commission for considering this RISE project as they have in the past, which helps move our economy forward.

Jerry Dunlay – I would like to interject the same, this is a very important project for us with the joint county and city project and all of the jobs that will be coming in the future, we have already begun quite a few with this project and there is expansion in the works. We really appreciate the cooperation that we get with the state and the DOT and look forward to working with Jennifer on the project.

Craig – 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 February 2016 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$349,868 from the county share of the RISE Fund and \$116,624 from the city share of the RISE Fund for a total of \$466,492 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less.

Commissioner comment – Commissioner Rose: I'd like to comment that we are just as excited about the RISE grant as you are and we thank you for coming.

Commissioner Reasner made a motion to approve as recommended;
Commissioner Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Iowa Transportation Commission meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

RISE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING
February 2016
SUMMARY

Applicant: Mitchell County and Osage

Multiyear?: No

Multijurisdiction?: Yes

ROAD PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Roadway improvements of approximately 1,962 feet of 13th Street and 1,888 feet of 350th Street located on the southeast side of town.

ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: This project will provide access to more than 43 acres for industrial purposes.

PROJECT FINANCING:

Roadway Project Cost:	\$932,983	Local Match (Total):	\$466,491
RISE (Total):	\$466,492	Up-Front:	\$466,491
Grant:	\$466,492	NPV of Loan Repayment:	0
Loan:	0	Effective Match Percent:	50
Loan Terms:			
Yrs.	0	Up-front Participation Sources:	
Int.:	0 %	Private:	
		Public:	\$466,491
		Local Match (Total):	\$466,491

PROJECT EVALUATION:

Development Potential (35):	30
Economic Impact and Cost Effect. (20):	8
Local Commit. and Initiative (35):	15
Transportation Need (4):	1
Local Economic Need (6):	2

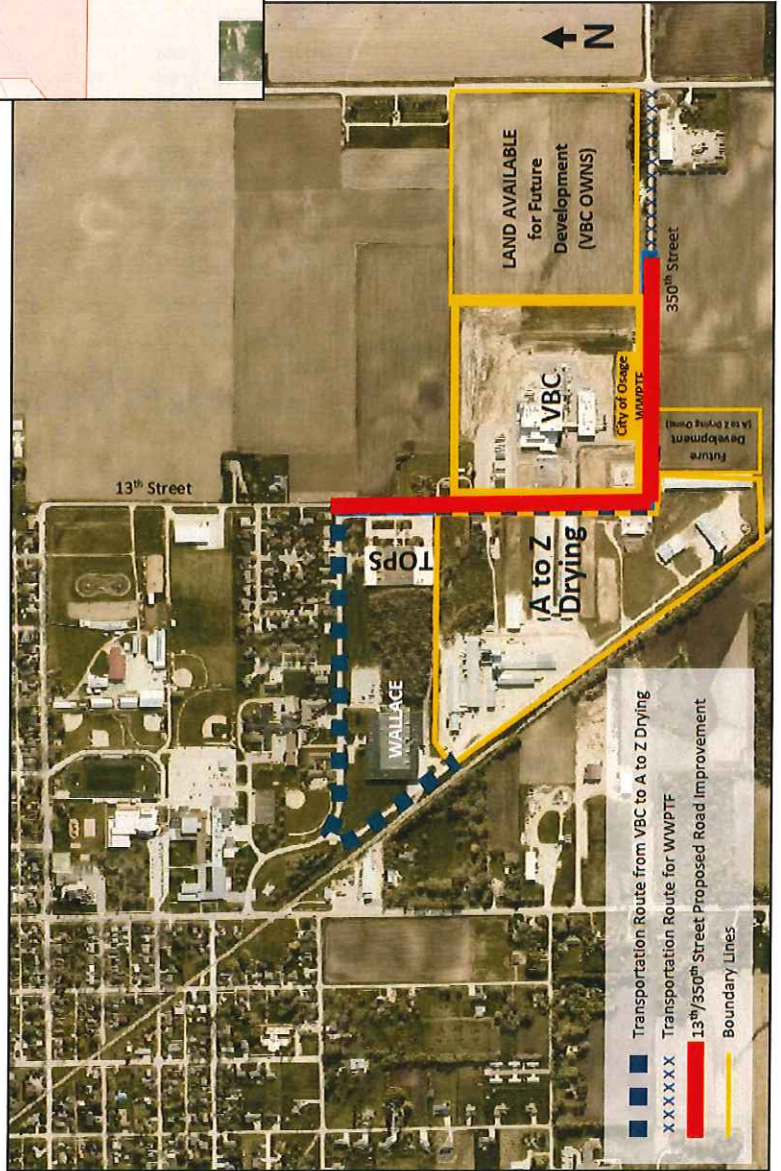
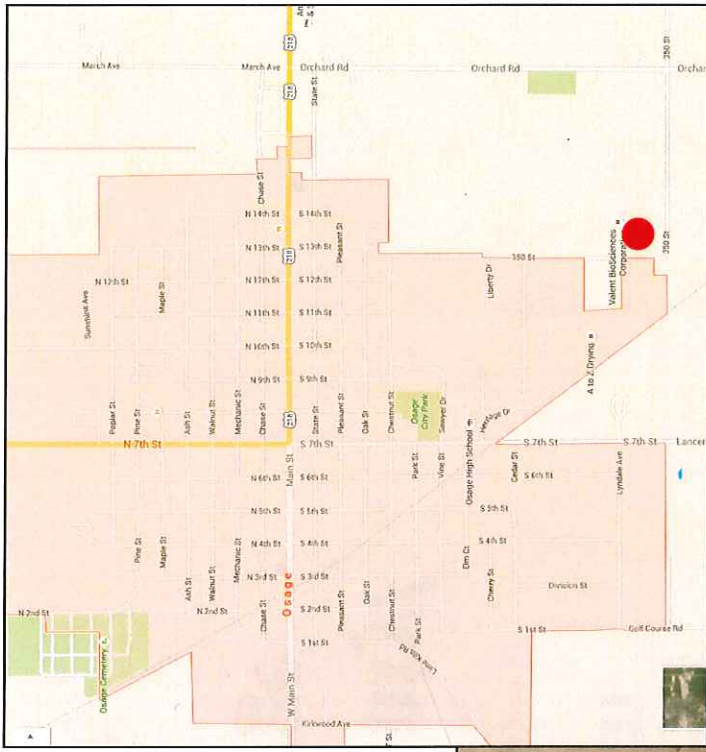
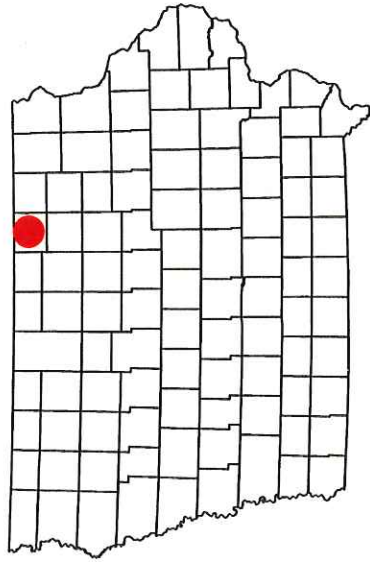
Total Rating: 56

Jobs: 23

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Award a RISE grant of \$349,868 from the county share of the RISE Fund and \$116,624 from the city share of the RISE Fund for a total of \$466,492 or up to 50 percent of the RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less.

Mitchell County/City of Osage



- Transportation Route from VBC to A to Z Drying
- Transportation Route for WWPTE
- 13th/350th Street Proposed Road Improvement
- Boundary Lines