

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, December 14, 2010
Materials Conference Room
Ames DOT Complex

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8:30 a.m.	Adjourn		

*Action Item

On Monday, December 13, 2010, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 3:00 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.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Director's Office Order No. D-2011-24
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date December 14, 2010
Title Approve Minutes of the November 9, 2010, Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the November 9, 2010, Commission meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Reasner Seconded by Miles

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Cleveland	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Durham	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Miles	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Reasner	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Sawtelle	<u>absent</u>	_____	_____
Wiley	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2011-25
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date December 14, 2010
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Orange City (Delegation)

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Orange City submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in constructing the intersection of 14th Street Southeast and Frankfort Place Southeast and approximately 255 feet of Frankfort Place Southeast in the Orange City Industrie Centrum.

This improvement is necessary to provide access to the site of the proposed expansion of Tec Industries LLC (doing business as Quatro Composites). This company conforms to the legislative requirements of the RISE program.

The roadway will support:

- The creation of 55 new jobs at this facility.
- \$5,601,184 in associated capital investment.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be \$1,845.49, and there will be a total capital investment of \$55.18 for each RISE dollar requested.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the capital investment commitment and potential for job creation, it is recommended the Commission award a RISE grant of \$101,502 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE fund.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, reviewed a RISE immediate opportunity application from the city of Orange City to assist in constructing the intersection of 14th Street Southeast and Frankfort Place Southeast and approximately 255 feet of Frankfort Place Southeast in the Orange City Industrie Centrum. These improvements are necessary to provide access to the site of the proposed expansion of Tec Industries. The proposed improvements will result in the creation of 55 new jobs within two years and an associated capital investment of more than \$5.6 million. The average starting wage of the positions to be created is \$17.20 which is 120 percent of the Sioux County average wage rate of \$14.35 per hour.

Mr. Markley said the RISE grant recommended is \$101,502; local participation is 20 percent or \$25,375. The project cost is \$126,877. The RISE cost per job assisted is \$1,845.49, and the total capital investment per RISE dollar is \$55.18. He introduced Gary Blythe, Assistant City Administrator.

Mr. Blythe said the city of Orange City is excited about this project. Tec Industries is a relatively new startup company, starting in 2004. This company is an advanced manufacturer of composite products for the aero space industry. The company has had tremendous growth in their short existence and their future looks bright. This project will double the workforce and is one of several projects already on the drawing board for this company. The site is relatively small; the company is looking to utilize a small spec building that the development corporation owns and having full access to the site for employees as well as raw and finished goods is critical. This is a prize project that they are working hard to develop, and the Commission's partnership is important to that. He noted the city is finalizing the finance package for this project and is hoping to complete that in the next 30 days.

Commissioner Durham said she had the opportunity to tour this company Friday afternoon, and they were very complimentary of Mr. Blythe's efforts. It certainly has a robust growth curve and is very exciting for the state.

Mr. Markley reviewed staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Durham moved, Commissioner Miles seconded the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for job creation, award a RISE grant of \$101,502 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE fund. Commissioner Sawtelle absent; remaining Commissioners voted aye.

Date Submitted: November 16, 2010

Commission Date: December 14, 2010

RISE Immediate Opportunity Funding Economic Analysis Summary

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant: City of Orange City

Project Location and Description: The project is located on the southeast side of town just east of County Road K-64. The city proposes to construct the intersection of 14th Street S.E. and Frankfort Place S.E. and construct approximately 255 feet of Frankfort Place S.E. in the Orange City Industrie Centrum.

Associated Economic Development: The project provides the necessary access to support expanding Tec Industries L.L.C. (doing business as Quatro Composites) current facility located on the west side of the proposed roadway. The project will result in the creation of 55 new jobs and a capital investment of more than \$5.6 million.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Total Roadway Project Cost: \$126,877

RISE Funds Requested: \$101,502; **Grant:** \$101,502; **Loan** \$----

Effective Project Cost to RISE Program: \$101,502

Local Participation: \$25,375; **Sources:** City of Orange City

Non-RISE Total Capital Investment: \$5,601,184
(**Public:** \$1,130,000; **Private:** \$4,471,184)

Direct Jobs Created: 55; (**Other, Potential Future Jobs:** 0)

Direct Jobs Retained: 0; **Total Direct Jobs Assisted, Short-Term:** 55

Number of Existing Jobs: 0

Project Average Wage Rate of New Jobs: \$17.20/hr.

100% Sioux County Average Wage Rate: \$14.35/hr.

KEY RATIOS

Local Match Ratio: 20% ($\$25,375/\$126,877$)

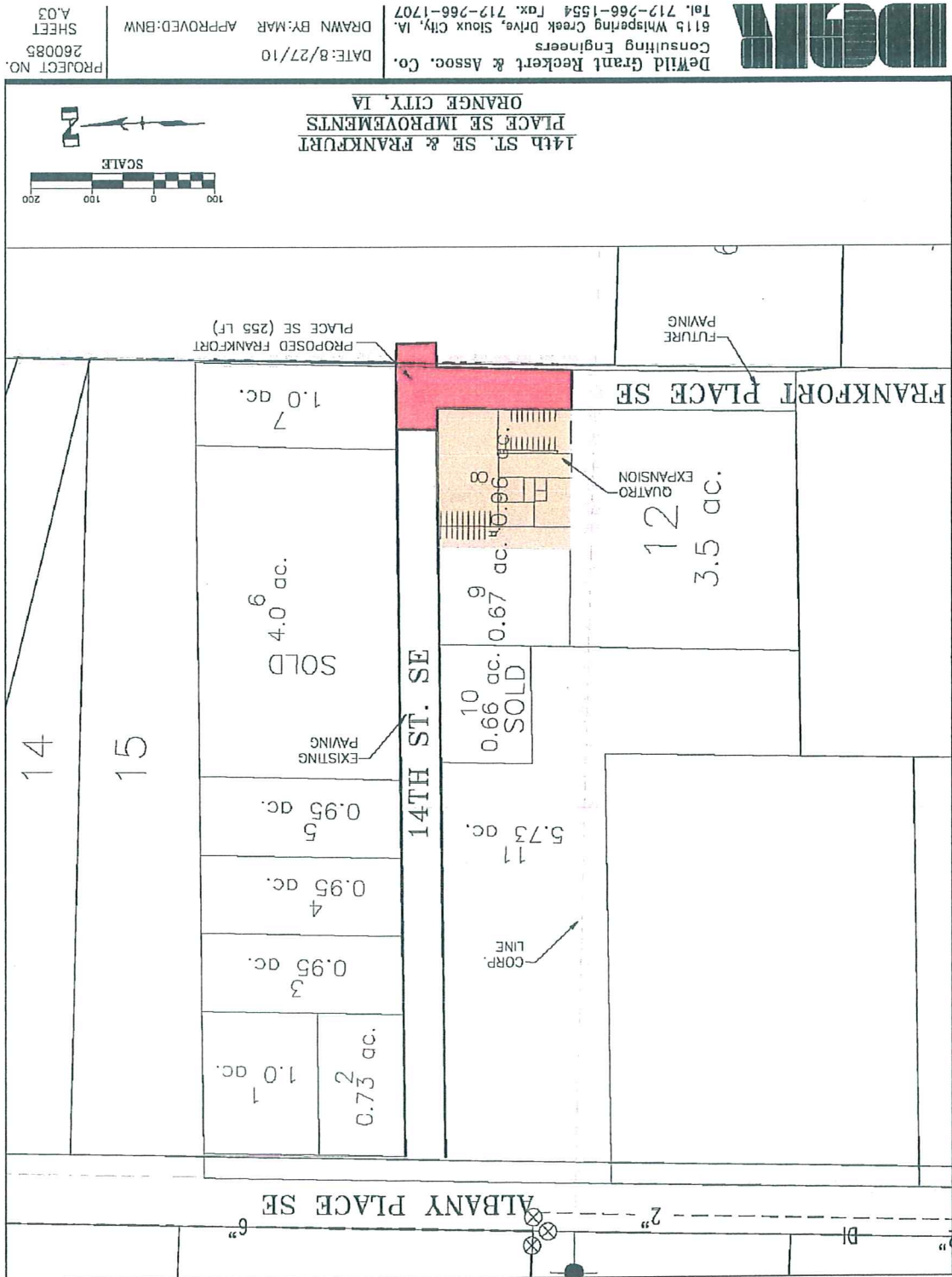
RISE Cost Per Job Assisted (Created): $\$101,502/55 = \$1,845.49$

Total Capital Investment Per RISE Dollar: $\$5,601,184/\$101,502 = \$55.18$

CONCLUSIONS

Narrative: Based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, staff recommends a grant of \$101,502 or up to 80 percent of total RISE-eligible project costs, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE fund.

Orange City



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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Rail Transportation Order No. PPM-2011-26
 Submitted by Tamara Nicholson Phone No. 515-239-1052 Meeting Date December 14, 2010
 Title Rail Port Program Recommendation

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of applications for funding from the Rail Port program has been completed. The following recommendations will be presented.

Project	Grant
1. Wind Energy Supply Chain Industrial Park (Iowa City)	\$1,056,200
2. Southbridge Rail Yard (Sioux City)	\$3,000,000
3. Manly Terminal Wind Rail Port (Worth County)	\$3,000,000
4. Lincoln Way Rail Port (Clinton)	\$ 443,800
Total	\$7,500,000

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the Rail Port program funding recommendations as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

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Tamara Nicholson, Office of Rail Transportation, said the Rail Port program was created by legislation in 2010 with \$7.5 million in funding for fiscal year 2011. The purpose of this program is to provide grants for rail port projects designed to serve the manufacture and distribution of wind energy located in rail industrial parks in Iowa. This is expected to be a one-time only program. A funding recommendation reviewed with the Commission at the November Commission workshop is to fund four rail improvement projects for a total of \$7.5 million. These projects are expected to support the creation and retention of over 750 jobs and leverage millions of dollars in capital investments including nearly \$10 million in rail construction.

Ms. Nicholson requested Commission approval of the Rail Port funding recommendation as listed in the Commission order.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commission Cleaveland seconded the Commission approve the Rail Port program funding recommendations as listed. Commissioner Sawtelle absent; Commissioner Durham abstained; remaining Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Rail Transportation Order No. PPM-2011-27
 Submitted by Tamara Nicholson Phone No. 515-239-1052 Meeting Date December 14, 2010
 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.

Project	Loan	Grant
5. Eastern Iowa Industrial Center (Davenport)*	\$ 0	\$2,000,000
6. Adams County Rail (Corning)	\$ 0	\$ 879,461
7. Nypro Kánaak (Mount Pleasant)	\$122,839	\$ 51,183
8. Lomont Molding Inc. (Mount Pleasant)	\$110,848	\$ 0
Total	\$233,687	\$2,930,644

*Direct legislative appropriation

Total recommended funding: \$3,164,331

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	_____	_____	_____

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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, spurs economic development, and preserves and improves the rail transportation system. Applications may be submitted at any time and are reviewed as funding is available. A recommendation was reviewed with the Commission at the November Commission workshop for the fall 2010 round of funding. The recommendation is to fund four rail improvement projects for a total of \$3,164,331. The rail projects will support the creation and retention of over 300 jobs and also spur the development of an industrial park in eastern Iowa.

Ms. Nicholson recommended the Commission approve the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program as shown in the Commission order.

Commissioner Durham moved, Commissioner Reasner seconded the Commission approve the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program funding recommendations as listed. Commissioner Sawtelle absent; Chairman Wiley abstained; remaining Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Highway Division/Engineering Bureau/
Office of Traffic and Safety Order No. H-2011-28
Submitted by Jeremey Vortherms Phone No. 515-239-1267 Meeting Date December 14, 2010
Title FY 2012 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,
3. Research studies and safety initiatives.

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

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the FY 2012 Traffic Safety Improvement Program.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Cleaveland Seconded by Reasner

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Cleaveland	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Durham	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Miles	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Reasner	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Sawtelle	<u>absent</u>	_____	_____
Wiley	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Highway Division Order No. H-2011-29
 Submitted by John Adam Phone No. 515-239-1124 Meeting Date December 14, 2010
 Title Transfer of Jurisdiction - Sac County Road N14

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

District 3 has negotiated the transfer of jurisdiction for a portion of Sac County Road N14 to the state. The transfer segment extends from existing U.S. 20 north to the ramp terminals north of relocated U.S. 20.

The state has examined the physical condition of the roadway segment proposed for transfer and has agreed that the segment will be transferred in its present condition. The proposed transfer to the state will take place during spring 2012 following the execution of the transfer of jurisdiction agreement by both the county and the state.

If the state has not acquired the underlying fee title to the right of way prior to the transfer, the state will prepare and forward a quitclaim deed to the county for the proposed transfer segment.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the transfer of jurisdiction for Sac County Road N14 as described above to the state.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Cleaveland Seconded by Durham

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Blouin	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cleaveland	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Durham	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Miles	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Reasner	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Sawtelle	<u>absent</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Wiley	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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Transfer of Jurisdiction
Location

SAC COUNTY

Description: That portion of County Road N14 from existing U.S. 20 north to the ramp terminals north of relocated U.S. 20, a total length of approximately 2.33 miles.

