

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, March 9, 2010
Materials Conference Room
Ames DOT Complex

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D-2010-48 8:00 a.m.	*Approving Minutes of the February 9, 2010, Commission Meeting Commission Comments Staff Comments	Connie Page	1
PPM-2010-49 8:05 a.m.	*Passenger Rail Service Revolving Fund - Funding for Chicago to Omaha Planning Study	Stuart Anderson	2
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8:20 a.m.	Adjourn		

*Action Item

On Monday, March 8, 2010, the Commission and staff will meet informally at **1:30 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 Planning, Programming and Modal Division Order No. PPM-2010-49
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date March 9, 2010
 Title Passenger Rail Service Revolving Fund – Funding for Chicago to Omaha Planning Study

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

In State Fiscal Year 2010, Iowa's Infrastructure Investment Initiative (I-JOBS) provides \$3 million to the passenger rail service revolving fund.

The department is requesting to program up to \$1 million of these funds to support the Chicago to Omaha Planning Study. This funding will be used to provide the required 50 percent state match for the \$1 million grant Iowa received from the Federal Railroad Administration under the High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail program.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve programming up to \$1 million from the Passenger Rail Service Revolving Fund for the Chicago to Omaha Planning Study.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

Division Director Legal State Director

PPM-2010-49

Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division, said on January 28, 2010, Iowa was notified of a \$1 million award from the High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program of the Recovery Act to conduct a planning study to evaluate and further develop proposed passenger rail service from Chicago to Omaha. This planning study will include identification of a preferred route through this heavily populated corridor, completion of environmental studies, evaluation of ridership potential, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and cost estimates for capital expenditures and operations.

Mr. Anderson said the completion of this planning study will position Iowa to be eligible to apply for future federal funding opportunities for passenger rail service expansion. This funding requires a \$1 million state match, and staff requests Commission approval to program up to \$1 million of the fiscal year 2010 appropriation to the Passenger Rail Service Revolving Fund for the Chicago to Omaha planning study.

Commissioner Miles moved, Commissioner Durham seconded the Commission approve programming up to \$1 million from the Passenger Rail Service Revolving Fund for the Chicago to Omaha planning study. All voted aye.

