


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	<b>8</b>	Roll Call:	<b>20-131</b>
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### AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to submit a Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Grant application to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Des Moines Airport Authority's (Airport Authority) Cowles Drive Reconstruction Program (Project).

### SYNOPSIS:

Grant authorization to the City Manager to submit a RISE Grant application to the IDOT for the Airport Authority's Project (Kevin Foley, Executive Director; 5800 Fleur Drive, Room 207, Des Moines, Iowa 50321).

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: N/A

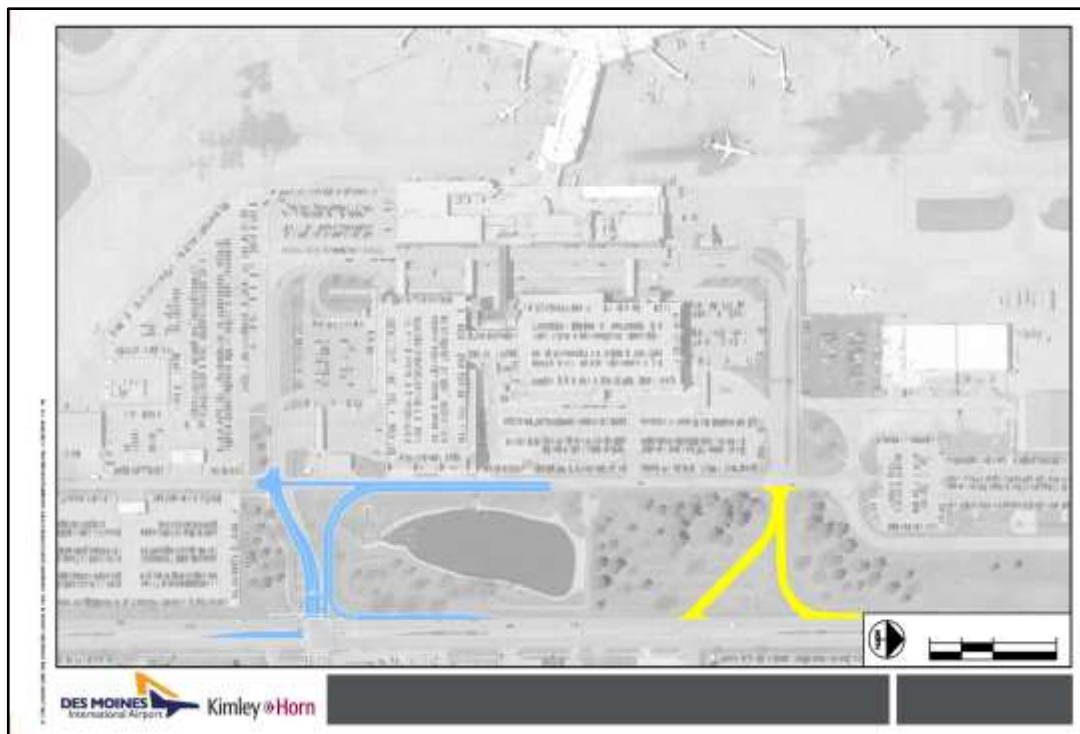
Funding Source: All costs for the Project are to be paid by the Airport Authority, which will need to be addressed in an agreement with the Airport Authority prior to entering into a RISE grant agreement between the City and IDOT.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Airport Authority is proposing to expand the Des Moines International Airport in response to rapid business growth that it has been experiencing over the past several years, and in anticipation of projected additional growth in the coming years. As part of the expansion plans, the Airport Authority is intending to reconstruct Cowles Drive to improve how it intersects with Fleur Drive, and portions of Duck Pond Road as it traverses through the airport grounds, to prepare for the proposed construction of a new, larger terminal building.
- The Airport Authority desires to utilize grant funding to assist with the implementation of the Project. As a result, the Airport Authority is seeking a RISE grant to support the Project.
- This RISE grant application is initially requesting funding assistance to complete the first phase of needed improvements. Subsequent phases of improvements, and associated funding, will be necessary to complete the overall project.

- In accordance with Iowa Administrative Rules, all incorporated cities and counties are eligible to apply for and receive funds under the RISE grant program.
- The Airport Authority has prepared a RISE grant application and has generated and provided all the information regarding the Project that is shown within the application. Additionally, the Airport Authority will be the lead entity for the Project including design, administration, letting, construction, construction observation and maintenance.
- Due to the restrictions in the current Iowa Administrative Rules regarding eligible applicants, the Airport Authority has requested the City to submit the RISE grant application on its behalf in an effort to obtain funding for use in completing the Project.
- The RISE grant application has been modified to accurately reflect the Airport Authority's and the City of Des Moines' relative responsibilities for the Project. The City is unable to make certifications, commitments, and physical and financial commitment of resources, as this is an Airport Authority Project. Prior to the RISE grant agreement there will need to be an agreement between the City and the Airport Authority to address obligations of the grant agreement.
- After completion of the Project, the roadways within the Airport Authority's lease will be a roadway under the jurisdiction of the Airport Authority, solely maintained by the Airport Authority, but open for public use.
- Once completed, the Project combines the entrance and exit to the Airport at the intersection of Fleur Drive and Highview Drive. Currently, the Airport entrance and exit locations are offset by approximately 1,150 feet along Fleur Drive. The portion of roadway shown in blue in Exhibit 1 (current exit) is to be reconstructed and the portion of roadway shown in yellow in Exhibit 1 (current entrance) is to be removed as part of the first phase of the overall project.

Exhibit 1



- A January 2015 report completed on behalf the Airport Authority indicated the airport supports 1,814 employees on-airport with a payroll of more than \$99M, producing \$239M in economic output. When considering the combination of all impacts, the airport accounts for 5,144 employees and nearly \$184M in payroll, and creates more than \$446M in direct economic output.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

- A RISE funding agreement with the IDOT and an agreement with the Airport Authority specifying the roles, responsibilities and obligations of each entity regarding the RISE grant and implementation and future maintenance of the Project.
- The Airport Authority intends to complete the reconstruction of Cowles Drive in multiple phases over several years. As a result, subsequent amendments to the RISE funding agreement are anticipated to be requested for future approval by the Council.

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