


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>21-042</b>	Meeting:	<b>January 25, 2021</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>7</b>	Roll Call:	<b>21-0070</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to submit a Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy Program (RISE) Grant Application to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Des Moines Airport Authority's (Authority) Cowles Drive Reconstruction - Phases 2 and 3 (Project).

### SYNOPSIS:

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

### FISCAL IMPACT:

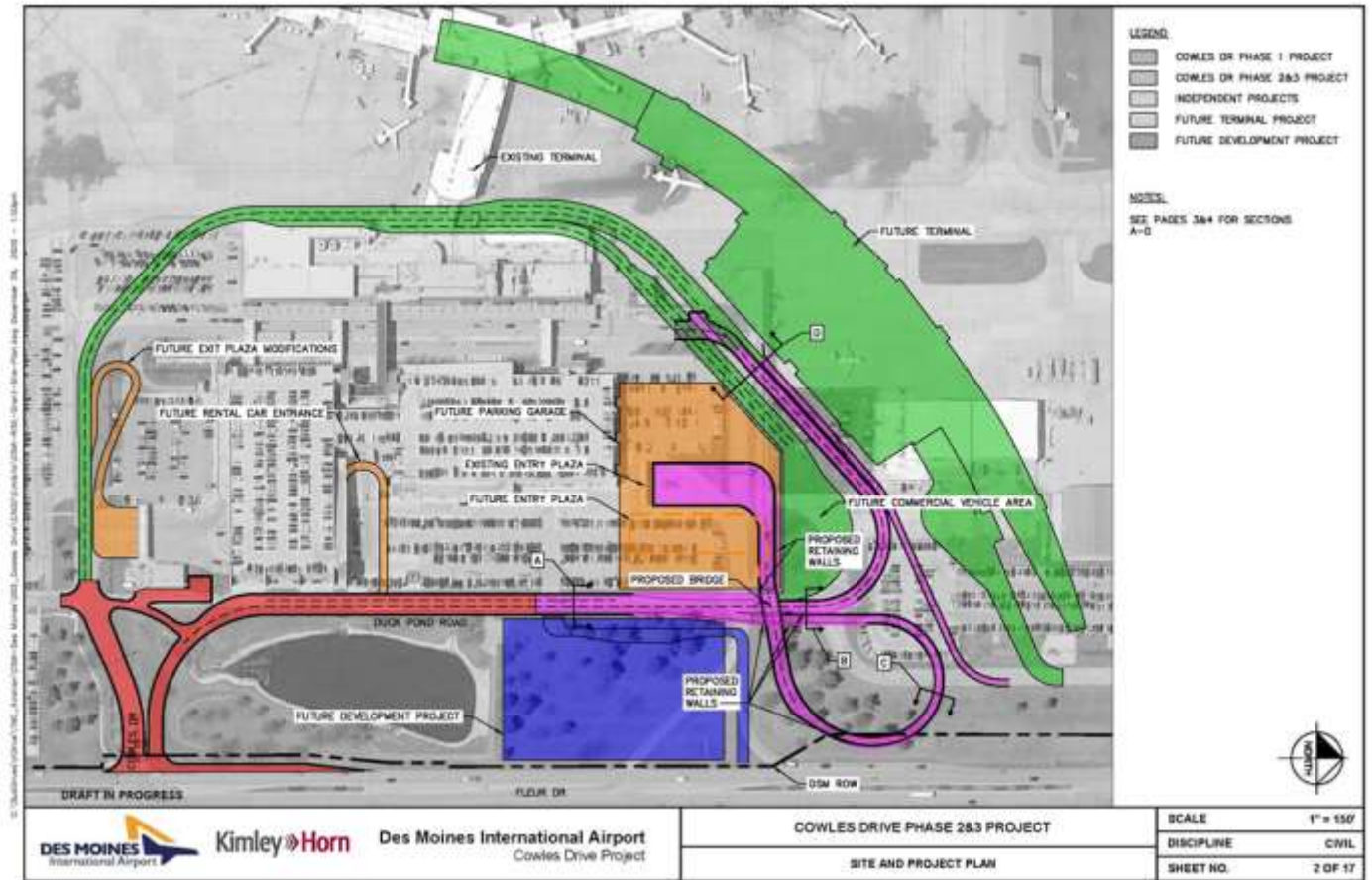
Amount: N/A

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

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Authority is proposing to expand the Des Moines International Airport (Airport) in response to rapid business growth that it has been experiencing over the past several years prior to the pandemic, and in anticipation of projected additional growth in the coming years.
- The Authority is currently in the process of reconstructing a first phase of 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. Additional improvements to Cowles Drive are necessary to complete the entire Airport expansion project.
- The Authority desires to utilize grant funding to assist with the implementation of the overall Project. As a result, the Authority is seeking a series of RISE grants to support the Project.

- The Authority was awarded a RISE Grant in 2020 to complete the first phase of improvements, which are currently under construction and shown in red in the attached “Site and Project Plan”.
- This RISE grant application is requesting funding assistance to complete the second and third phases of needed improvements. Additional 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 Authority has prepared a RISE grant application and has generated and provided all the information regarding the Project that is shown within the application.
- The 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 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 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 Authority Project. Prior to the RISE grant agreement being executed, there will need to be an agreement between the City and the Authority to address obligations of the grant agreement.
- After completion of the Project, the roadways within the Authority’s lease will be private roadways under the jurisdiction of the Authority, solely maintained by the Authority, but open for public use.
- Once completed, the Phase 2 and Phase 3 Projects will construct vehicular access to the Airport’s parking garage structure and will construct the roadway lanes that will be in front of the future terminal. These lanes will connect to the existing curbside terminal lanes at the end of construction, but will be used as the future curbside lanes when the new terminal is constructed. Phases 2 and 3 comprise of the roadway shown in pink in the attached “Site and Project Plan”.
- A January 2015 report completed on behalf the 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):**

Date: July 13, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-1087](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement (IDOT) for a Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy Program (RISE) and related agreement between the City of Des Moines and Des Moines Airport Authority for the Cowles Drive Reconstruction Program (Phase 1) at the Des Moines International Airport. ([Council Communication No. 20-313](#)) Motion by Gatto to adopt. Motion passes 6-1. Absent: Boesen.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Board: Des Moines Airport Authority Board

Date: January 12, 2021

Resolution Number: A21-003

Action: Motion to approve the IDOT RISE Grant application for Cowles Drive Phases 2 & 3, authorize the Executive Director to sign the grant application and to accept and sign the grant award once received from the IDOT, and authorize the Director of Engineering and Planning to accept and close out this grant when completed in accordance with the contract documents. Moved by Levy. Seconded by Christensen. Motion Carried: 5-0-0-0.

#### **ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

- Anticipated actions and future commitments include a RISE funding agreement with the IDOT and an agreement with the Authority specifying the roles, responsibilities and obligations of each entity regarding the RISE grant and implementation and future maintenance of the Project.
- The 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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