LOCAL SYSTEMS CULTURE

- Service Mentality – WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU…
- Who We Serve and Collaborate With:
  - Cities: 941
  - Counties: 99
  - Consultants: numerous
- Provide Training and Guidance
- Be a Spokesperson for Iowa’s Cities and Counties (LPAs) – their “Voice”
- Opportunity to BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS with Cities, Counties, Consultants, Others
- Local Systems can play a beneficial role in the County, City and Consulting Industry
WANT TO HEAR FROM US?!

https://iowadot.gov/local_systems/Local-Systems-Emails/Local-Systems-Emails

Reminder: We can send job advertisements through our Job Opportunities list.

LOCAL SYSTEMS TRAINING

FEDERAL-AID OVERVIEW SEMINARS

• WHO SHOULD ATTEND? CITIES, COUNTIES, CONSULTANTS, MPO, RPA, OTHERS
• MAPS
• AGENDAS
• IN-PERSON TRAININGS
• PLEASE ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOUR STAFF WHO WORK ON FEDERAL-AID PROJECTS TO ATTEND, AT LEAST FOR ONE DAY DEPENDING ON THEIR JOB DUTIES.
• DATES AND LOCATIONS:
  • BOONE (CENTRAL REGION) – JANUARY 23-24, 2024
  • HIAWATHA (EASTERN REGION) – JANUARY 30-31, 2024
  • DENISON (WESTERN REGION) – FEBRUARY 21-22, 2024
• TO REGISTER IN IOWA DOT U, GO TO THE WEBSITE AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS.

https://iowadot.gov/local_systems/Trainings-Videos
POST-LETTING RESOURCES

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Number of Local Systems Contracts Let at DOT (2020 - 2023)

FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY GRANT REMINDERS

- Timely project closeouts remain a priority to create capacity going into the 2024 construction season
- Active Swap project numbers are decreasing as Federal-aid project numbers increase
- Currently 561 active local agency construction projects across Iowa, with a total as-award value of > $1 Billion

https://iowadot.gov/local_systems/Post-Letting-Resources/Helpful-Links
FEDERAL-AID FORMULA FUNDS VS GRANTS

**FEDERAL-AID “FORMULA” FUNDS:**
- STBG
- HRP (COUNTY & CITY)
- TAP
- ICAA

“Business as Usual”: These Federal Funds are distributed through pre-established formulas to the various states and then to the Cities and Counties through Iowa-defined processes. Local Systems I.M.’s and the Stewardship and Oversight Agreement govern processes and procedures with Iowa DOT acting as the “pass through” with oversight responsibilities. Funding Agreements from Field Engineer.

**FEDERAL-AID GRANTS:**
- TIGER/BUILD/RAISE
- BIP
- SS4A
- INFRA
- MANY MORE...

“Grant Specific Requirements”: All discretionary grants are application based, unique, and come with additional strings (reporting and such) above and beyond typical formula funded Federal-aid projects. Read the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) carefully. Those additional strings become the grant recipient’s responsibility. Most grant agreements will mimic grant applications, including proposed funding set-ups. Grant agreements are between the grant recipient and FHWA.

CITY BRIDGE PROGRAM UPDATE

**FFY 2024 CITY BRIDGE PROGRAM**
- Funding Cap was RAISED to $1.5 Million
- Cities Offered Bridge Funding = 51
- Cities Accepted Offers = 37
- Cumulative City Bridges Funded since 1979 = 527

**FFY 2025 CITY BRIDGE PROGRAM**
- Included requests received from Oct 2, 2022 - Oct 1, 2023
- 33 bridges added to the candidate list this cycle
- Will use the new Priority Points Calculations

PER I.M. 1.100, SUBMIT REQUESTS TO:
JENIFER.BATES@IOWADOT.US
- On City Letterhead
- FHWA Bridge Number
- Route Carried
- Feature Crossed
- Cost Estimate
- City Official Contact Info

Minimum Requirements to Qualify
- Only Federal Bridges (>20’)
- Located Within City Limits
- Open to Traffic or Closed <10 years
- Rated “Poor” condition
- ADT > 25 vpd

Apply for DOT Grants
Resources to help understand the federal grant-making process and key federal requirements.

PHWA Grant Navigator
CITY BRIDGE PROGRAM UPDATE

UPDATED PRIORITY RANKING SHEET

- With NBIS changes, Sufficiency Rating can no longer be calculated
- Worked with APWA Transportation Committee to change the ranking method based on data availability while keeping the rankings consistent with previous method
- Added Bonus Points to help boost the rankings of Fracture Critical Structures

QUALIFIED BRIDGE LIST (QBL) FOR CITIES ADDED TO WEBSITE:
https://iowadot.gov/local_systems/Bridge-Information-Resources

NEW ALL-SYSTEMS OVERWEIGHT PERMIT

- New Annual All-Systems Overweight Permit
  - Annual All-Systems Oversize Permit already exists for $160
  - Different than the Governor’s Harvest/Planting Proclamation
  - Increases gross weights by 12% over tables in Iowa Code 321.463
  - Maximum axle weights remain unchanged
  - Legal dimensions may not be exceeded
  - Indivisible and divisible loads
  - Not limited to ag commodities
  - Does not apply to implements of husbandry
  - Permits issued by the State
  - Annual permit (12 months from date of issuance)
- Fact sheet available at
  HTTPS://IOWADOT.GOV/MVD/MOTORCARRIERS/ALL-SYSTEMS-OVERWEIGHT-PERMIT-FACT-SHEET.PDF

Available for purchase by haulers 01/01/23
ALL-SYSTEMS OVERWEIGHT PERMIT - REVENUE

- $500 PERMIT FEE
  - First 75% of permit fees taken off-the-top and deposited into the Counties’ Secondary Road Funds
  - Cities will receive 20% of the remaining 25% which will be distributed as part of the RUTF
  - Guidance was emailed out through Local Systems Email list on May 31, 2023

ALL-SYSTEMS PERMIT AMENDMENT (SF 527)

- Paved Point-to-Market Routes and “Designated Truck Routes” shall be valid for the permit starting July 1, 2025.
  - For the purposes of this permit, Truck Routes are either:
    1. those routes designated in the City’s Code of Ordinances [Chapter 66] as a Truck Route or
    2. those routes physically signed as Truck Routes.
  - Any valid route must connect “with a highway or street under the jurisdiction of the state, or with another highway or street upon which movement under an all-systems permit is valid that ultimately connects with a highway or street under the jurisdiction of the state”.
    - In other words, a valid route must provide a valid path to a state route.
  - Permit holders may “operate a permitted vehicle over the most direct route between the location where the vehicle is loaded or is to be unloaded and the nearest highway or street upon which movement under and all-systems permit is valid.”
    - This piece effective now.

ALL-SYSTEMS OVERWEIGHT PERMIT - PARTICIPATION

- Participating route updates must be communicated to Analytics at the DOT
  - Truck routes sooner rather than later
  - FM Extensions in cities < 2,500
    - Cities need to work with/through counties
    - Counties should submit route decisions
  - Routes displayed on map for carriers on MVE website
    - Roads are color coded
    - https://iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/Maps
    - Bridge restrictions will be displayed on the map
      - Bridge restriction information needs to be entered into the All-systems Permit field in SIIMS
      - The map pulls the information from SIIMS and displays it automatically.
  - Guidance to cities – letter sent 5/31/23
    - FM extensions in cities < 2,500
    - Cities are directed to work with their counties.

NEW LOCATION FOR ALL-SYSTEMS OVERWEIGHT PERMIT INFO

- County Reports, Funding, Resources
- City Reports, Funding and Resources
- City Resources

ALL-SYSTEMS ANNUAL OVERWEIGHT PERMIT

- Letter to Cities – Summary of Legislation (GO-3120)
- Motor Vehicle Division: International Map B 20-22
- Fact Sheet
- All-Systems Annual Overweight Permit Map
- All-Systems Annual Overweight Permit (City Municipal Form)
- Senate File 527 (referred to perfect committee)
- Senate File 527 (remains in perfect committee)
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INFO AND UPDATES

NEPA CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION
- As part of the Federal-Aid process, NEPA/SHPO clearances must be in place before check plans are submitted.
- The dates in lm. 3.010 are minimums.
- Most recent historic bridge survey was completed in 2011 for bridges constructed 1970 and earlier.
- Allow time for cultural resource investigation per lm. 4.120.
- NEPA reviews are still taking longer than normal due to staff turnover.
- NEPA reviews are currently taking approximately 16-20 weeks, on average.

APPIA UPDATES/REMINDERS
Required for use by counties since April 2022 letting - City's can use, but not required at this time.

Some reminders for if you are using APPIA:
- Email Niki Stinn if you have training needs (niki.stinn@iowadot.us).
- Contact Doug Heeren (douglas.heeren@iowadot.us) for “easy button” set-up files (*.json) on DOT let projects.
- Project setup review required prior to advancing to construction.
  - Niki Stinn or Doug Heeren.
- Step by step picture instruction manuals are available on local systems website.
- Consultants must purchase their own licenses.
  - Cities should not add Consultants to their accounts.
  - Cities should set up the project and then give the Consultant access to the project.
  - If that is not practical, Consultants may set up the project with written correspondence saying they will give the City project files in the event of a dispute.

LOCAL SYSTEMS
INSTRUCTIONAL MEMORANDUMS & FEDERAL-AID GUIDE

Revision Notices
When the guide sections are revised, a revision notice is issued and provides a brief description of each. The following sections were revised:
- Section 2.3.0: Project Numbers
- Section 3.2.15: Urban Design Guidelines
- Section 3.3.10: Federal-Aid Participation in Consultant Costs
- Section 3.3.20: Consultant Evaluations
- Simplified Form 517024
- Section 4.1.10: Threatened and Endangered Species
- Clarifying the need to list whether species or habitats are being impacted by the project, then whether they will require mitigation.
- Adding information on guidance from U.S. Fish and Wildlife.
- There will also be a new Determination of Effect of Threatened and Endangered Species form, Form 760005, on https://iowadot.seamlessdocs.com/cx.
SIGN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR CITIES AND COUNTIES (SRPFCC)

- **PURPOSE:** Funding to purchase REPLACEMENT signs, posts, and hardware for warning, regulatory, and school signs.
  - Reflective strips (for chevron and stop sign posts only)
  - $1,000 annually for Cities (of the annual grant max)
  - $2,000 annually for Counties (of the annual grant max)
  - Only signs in need of replacement are eligible.
- **WHO:** Counties and Cities
- **HOW TO APPLY:** Complete application
  - Turn in list of replaced or proposed signs (with financial hardship waiver only)
  - Only one application allowed per year per agency
- **AMOUNT:** Annual grant maximum: counties = $10,000, cities = $5,000
  - Reimbursement based on list of submitted signs replaced over the preceding year
  - Standard costs per sign set by program administrator
- **MORE INFO:** [https://iowadot.gov/local_systems/city-reports-funding-and-resources/sign-replacement-program](https://iowadot.gov/local_systems/city-reports-funding-and-resources/sign-replacement-program)
- **DETAILS:**
  - First year, open statewide
  - Thereafter, first come, first serve on a regional “early bird” basis

INTERACTIVE MAPS

[https://iowadot.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html](https://iowadot.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION

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HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - HSIP-LOCAL

- **PURPOSE:** Funding for low-cost, systemic safety improvements on rural roads
  - Goal of reducing lane departure and intersection crashes
- **WHO:** Counties and Cities
- **HOW TO APPLY:** Application available at [https://iowadot.gov/traffic/sections/hsip](https://iowadot.gov/traffic/sections/hsip)
  - Deadline: November 15
    - Funding available in following fiscal year
- **AMOUNT:** $5 million annually (whole program)
  - Funds are still swap
  - Funds up to 110% of engineer’s estimate (no match required)
- **MORE INFO:** [https://iowadot.gov/traffic/sections/hsip](https://iowadot.gov/traffic/sections/hsip)