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### **FIVE-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL ROADS PROGRAM**

**Action Requested:** Consider recommending to the Board approval of the Five-Year Institutional Roads Program with capital projects totaling \$7.5 million for calendar years 2007 through 2011, including projects totaling \$1.5 million for 2007.

**Executive Summary:** Funds for improvements and maintenance of the roads and streets at the Regent institutions and other State agencies are provided annually by the State Parks and Institutional Roads Program, which is administered by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT).

The Program provides funding (65/100 of one percent) of the State's Road Use Tax Fund for the construction, reconstruction, improvement and maintenance of roads and streets located on state land where institutions or other state governmental agencies are located. The specific funding amount is adjusted annually based on actual road use tax receipts; the annual allocation to the Regents is 30 percent of this amount, as specified in the Iowa Code.

The Iowa Code authorizes the State Transportation Commission of the IDOT to fund Institutional Roads projects "upon the request of the state board, department, or commission which has jurisdiction over such roads . . ." Accordingly, the Board is asked each year to approve the Regents Institutional Roads Program to be forwarded to the IDOT by its September 1 deadline for review of the projects for funding.

**Overview of Board of Regents Institutional Roads Program:** The Five-Year Institutional Roads Program presented annually for Board approval reflects:

- The IDOT's estimate of available Institutional Roads funding for the Regent institutions for the next calendar year (which is the focus of the Five-Year Program); this amount is calculated for each of the five years to reach the total Five-Year Program amount.
- The allocation of the funds in each year between two components: 1) general and routine maintenance and repairs (minor street patching and snow plowing), and 2) capital improvement, reconstruction and special (non-routine) maintenance projects; the estimated general maintenance and repair funds are set aside before funds are programmed for capital projects.
- A distribution of the capital project funding allocation among the institutions for each year, first for specific projects at the special schools and Lakeside Laboratory, with the remainder distributed and programmed among the three universities (40 percent each to the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, and 20 percent to the University of Northern Iowa); these projects represent the institutions' most urgent roadway needs.

### **2007 – 2011 Institutional Roads Program**

- For calendar year 2007, the IDOT's total estimated program funding available to the Regent institutions is \$2.1 million (consistent with the 2006 funding amount); after an allocation of \$600,000 for maintenance and repairs, the \$1.5 million balance can be programmed for capital improvement, reconstruction and special maintenance projects.

- The following table lists the projects programmed by the institutions for 2007 funding; this includes capital projects planned to be undertaken in the next calendar year (indicated in bold), and continued funding for ongoing special maintenance and previously approved projects which have been completed.

SUI	Mormon Trek Roadway Improvements (completed)	\$ 422,700	
	Highway 6 Overpass (completed)	54,642	
	Special Maintenance (ongoing)	50,000	
	Oakdale Realignment/Reconstruction – Phase 1 (new)	33,158	
	Pavement Management (ongoing)	15,000	
	<b>Hawkins Drive Reconstruction</b> (new)	<u>7,000</u>	\$ 582,500
ISU	Union Drive/Knoll Road Reconstruction (completed)	266,000	
	Preventative Maintenance, Various Locations (ongoing)	82,500	
	Farm House Lane Service Court (new)	75,000	
	Morrill Road Reconstruction (new)	60,000	
	Annual Special Maintenance (ongoing)	50,000	
	<b>Christensen Drive Street Lighting at Vet Med</b> (new)	19,000	
	<b>Pedestrian Crosswalk Study</b> (new)	15,000	
	Pavement Management (ongoing)	<u>15,000</u>	582,500
UNI	McLeod Center Drive (completed)	130,000	
	<b>UNI-Dome Drive North</b> (new)	69,000	
	<b>Campus Street South of University Avenue</b> (new)	65,300	
	<b>Science Drive</b> (new)	<u>27,000</u>	291,300
ISD	Completion of Dobson Circle (ongoing)	22,500	
	<b>Bell Drive Panel Replacement/Curb Modification</b> (new)	<u>5,000</u>	27,500
Lakeside Lab	Miscellaneous Road Paving (planning underway)		<u>16,200</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>\$ 1,500,000</u>

- Projects approved for funding are also subject to the Board's capital project approval process consistent with the Board's Policy Manual.
- The Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School has requested no funding for calendar year 2007.
- Based on the availability of \$1.5 million for capital projects in 2007, the Five-Year Program (2007 – 2011) totals \$7.5 million; the proposed distribution is as follows:

University of Iowa	\$ 2,982,500
Iowa State University	2,982,500
University of Northern Iowa	1,491,300
Iowa School for the Deaf	27,500
Lakeside Laboratory	<u>16,200</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,500,000</u></b>

- The Five-Year Program provides additional funding for some projects programmed for 2007 funding; the project detail for the Five-Year Program, including descriptions of the calendar year 2007 projects, is on file in the Board Office and available upon request.
- The annual Institutional Roads funding levels are not sufficient to address all roadway improvement needs at the campuses; the Regent institutions report a current total of \$27.1 million in unmet Institutional Roads needs.