

TO: RPA Technical Committee and Policy Board

FROM: Chandra Ravada, Director of Transportation, Planning and Transit Services

RE: RPA 8 Small City Funding reaccommodation for FFY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program

BACKGROUND:

On February 2, 2026, Regional Planning Affiliation 8 (RPA 8) issued a solicitation for the Small City Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program. STBG is a federal program that supports transportation projects for states and local governments. RPA 8 reserved a portion of its annual STBG allocation for cities with populations under 5,000. Approximately \$250,000 was available for this application cycle.

On March 26, 2026, the RPA 8 Policy Board approved the Selection Committee (SC) to oversee the selection process. The committee included:

- Jason Craft, City Engineer, City of Clinton
- Jeff Madlom, Supervisor, Delaware County
- Kelley Brown, Economic Development Director, Jackson County Economic Alliance
- Sherli Childers, Executive Director, River Bend Transit
- Steve Lindner, City Administrator, City of DeWitt

RPA staff applied the criteria established by the RPA 8 Technical Committee and Policy Board for the Small City STBG program.

Each evaluation criterion was assigned a point value, with a total possible score of 1,000 points.

- Economic Vitality: 200 Points (20%)
- System Preservation: 400 Points (40%)
- Safety: 200 Points (20%)
- Integration and Connectivity: 75 Points (7.5%)

- Local and Regional Factors: 125 Points (12.5%)

ECIA received four requests, listed below:

City	Project Title	Total cost	RPA 8 request	Other funding	Function Classification
Bellevue	US52 offset right turn lane and 395th Avenue intersection rehabilitation	\$252,904	\$113,807	\$139,097	Principal Arterial
Camanche	Washington Boulevard 4th Avenue to 14th Place Reconstruction	\$916,900	\$250,000	\$666,900	Minor Arterial
Dyersville	Olde Hawkeye Road / 2nd Avenue SE Resurfacing 2028	\$950,561.33	\$250,000	\$700,561.33	Local
Zwingle	6" HMA Shoulders on Washington Mills RD	\$197,925.73	\$158,340.58	\$39,585.15	Collector

The City of Dyersville application was disqualified because the project's functional classification did not meet the Iowa DOT's STBG program requirement of collector or higher.

The Selection Committee (SC) met on April 15, 2025, to evaluate proposals against the specified criteria. The scores are shown in the table below.

	QUESTIONS	Maximum Points	Bellevue	Camanche	Zwingle
			395th Avenue	Washington Blvd	Washington Mills Rd
Economic Vitality	Project promotes general economic development.	50	40	30.6	20.6
	Project specifically enhances or improves tourism.	30	25.6	19.4	12
	Project specifically improves or enhances movement of freight and services.	30	20.8	20.8	14
	Project improves or enhances movement of workers.	30	26.2	25.6	14
	Project improves access to jobs and business	30	22	20.2	14.6

	opportunities.				
	Project improves access to other transportation facilities including air, water, rail, multimodal, etc.	30	16	14.2	10
Local and Regional Factors	Local Match Score	75	75	75	0
	Project will contribute to the local & regional transportation system.	25	22.8	20.4	17
	Proposed project involves more than one project sponsor.	25	22.4	6	19.6
Integration & Connectivity	Project improves connectivity to a road classified as arterial or higher?	50	50	25	0
	Project integrates multiple modes of transportation including transit, trail, and auto?	25	14	15.4	13.2
Safety	Crash Data	200	13	13	13
System Preservation	Using performance-based method converting International Roughness Index (IRI) data into a Ride Condition Index (RCI) reflecting user perception of pavement condition	400	400	400	400
	TOTAL	1,000	747.8	685.6	548.0

The final ranking for project in order of is as follows:

- No. 1 – City of Bellevue – 395th Avenue - \$113,807
- No. 2 – City of Camanche – Washington Blvd - \$250,000
- No. 3 – City of Zwingle – Washington Mills Rd - \$158,340.58

RECOMMENDATION

Following a thorough review, the SC recommends that the RPA 8 Technical Committee and Policy Board approve the STBG small city program project rankings listed for the FFY 2027-2031 TIP.

NEXT STEPS

RPA 8 staff will send award letters and draft funding agreements to grant recipients following approval from RPA Policy Board. If any city chooses to decline its recommended award, the funds will be offered to the next highest ranked applicant. Any STBG funds that remain unclaimed after being offered to all applicants should be added next year's STBG funding pool.

Full applications can be accessed at this link: [RPA 8 STBG Small City Applications - FY 2027](#)

Thank you for your consideration.