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## City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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### REPORT:

1. ATE: Per GATSO - "Just so we are all on the same page, the next step will be for "final notice" to be put forward to the Governor's office for approval and will then be eligible for review by the Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC). I have provided a link to the members of this committee for your information below. We have provided some contact information of these members to some of our client cities. This allowed each city to voice individual thoughts and concerns. The more these committee members hear from the communities that take part in these programs the better. They need to understand exactly what is at stake and how communities will be affected. Please feel free to reach out and share your thoughts. Although the next meeting for the ARRC is in January, we've communicated with the Chair of this committee and learned this item will be on the agenda for the February meeting. This will buy us some additional needed time to pursue some legislative options. The actual date in February is not known yet and will be announced the end of January. This link provides a list of members that are on the ARRC. <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/Schedules/committee.aspx?GA=85&CID=53>
2. Police Department: Please see the attached shop with a cop press release.
3. Bi-State: Attached please find a copy of the *Commission in Review* for November 2013. The Commission in Review is intended to assist the over 400 elected officials from our member governments in being better informed of their Commission's activities."
4. Mulberry Avenue: The federal funding (through Bi-State) for the Mulberry Ave. Reconstruction Project will be available in Federal Fiscal Year 2016/2017. This means the project cannot be let prior to October 1, 2015. We can certainly move forward with project design. Knowing the earliest bid letting date (October 2015) allows for better scheduling to comply with IDOT timetables.
5. IDNR: The Department of Natural Resources Air Quality Bureau (DNR) will hold a public hearing on December 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the Muscatine County Conservation Board's Environmental Learning Center, 3300 Cedar Street, in Muscatine. The purpose of the hearing is to receive oral and written comments on the second draft of the state implementation plan (SIP) for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in Muscatine. The first draft of the Muscatine PM2.5 SIP was made available for public comment in May 2013. The second draft of the PM2.5 SIP document incorporates changes made as a result of public comments received on the first draft of the SIP. An electronic copy of the revised SIP document, and a copy of DNR's responses to the comments received on the first draft of the SIP document, may be viewed at [www.iowacleanair.com](http://www.iowacleanair.com). Click on Stakeholder Involvement. The documents will be located under the Public Input

"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any  
on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain

portion of the Webpage. A hardcopy version of the documents may also be viewed at the Musser Public Library, located at 304 Iowa Avenue, Muscatine, Iowa or at the DNR-Air Quality Bureau, 7900 Hickman Road, Suite 1, Windsor Heights, Iowa. In 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 found that Iowa's SIP was substantially inadequate to maintain the 2006 24-hour National Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for PM2.5 in Muscatine. This finding was published in the Federal Register (76 FR 41424) on July 14, 2011, and was effective on August 15, 2011. EPA's finding required the State to revise the SIP and include measures to attain and maintain the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS in Muscatine. The DNR collaborated with facilities in Muscatine to develop air pollution control measures that will result in expeditious attainment of the 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS through reductions of ambient air impacts of PM2.5 emissions. Any person may make written comments on the proposed SIP revisions by December 20, 2013. Written comments on the draft SIP should be directed to Jim McGraw, Department of Natural Resources, Air Quality Bureau, 7900 Hickman Road, Suite 1, Windsor Heights, Iowa, 50324, fax 515-725-9501, or by electronic mail to [Jim.Mcgraw@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Jim.Mcgraw@dnr.iowa.gov). All comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 20, 2013.