

City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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WEEKLY UPDATE:

Training: Active shooter training is set for **February 15th at 6pm**, City Council Chambers. Ideally, we'd like to have all members present. Thanks!

- Contact Information (City Council): The following number (563.272.2522) has been created. Each of you will have a voice mail associate with this number. Any messages left will go directly to your city email inbox for your review.
- OpenGov: We are coordinating a staff training session later in March to enhance our OpenGov webpage with departmental metrics. Kevin provided that attached current statistics for OpenGov. We are still not using the transparency portal to its full potential and we hope the numbers will go up when we start sharing departmental data.
- Port Meeting and handouts - This week's meeting provided a brief intro and summary of the report and continued Kent's information gathering phase for the feasibility of the Port. There was representation from several regional cities, counties, and federal staffers along with numerous regional businesses (target audience). The Iowa Department of Transportation may have opportunities to collaborate with the City leading to grant opportunities (for example, Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy for roadways; Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant program for railroad improvements; additional LIFTS grants for roadways, railroad improvements, etc.) for related transportation infrastructure. The following is an excerpt from the Bi-State Invite: The Port of Muscatine is envisioned to be a multi-modal transportation interchange serving regional shippers and connecting them into the international and domestic transportation system and associated markets worldwide as well as serving as a catalyst of economic development for the State of Iowa and local region. The City of Muscatine, Iowa and Kent Corporation applied to the Iowa Department of Transportation for a Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System (LIFTS) grant for the Port of Muscatine Planning and Feasibility Study to initiate the recognition of this vision. The application requested funding for conducting a planning and feasibility study for establishing a multi-modal container terminal port facility on the Mississippi River in Muscatine, Iowa that will allow for outbound, inbound, and trans-loading of intermodal container freight and bulk items utilizing the river, highway, rail or warehousing. As we move forward into the next phase of this project, your (regional businesses) feedback will be very important in assisting with the marketing strategy and the needs of potential customers, so that the services offered meet those needs and to determine the appropriate size of phase 1 of the project based on users. Please see the attached handouts.
- Mississippi Drive (2nd and Mulberry): City Engineer Edgmond provided the following update - At our meeting this week with Iowa DOT and FHWA we reached tentative agreement to allow the city to defederalize this intersection and the Carver Corner intersection. This is good news. It clears the way for the City to go

forward with the roundabout design at 2nd and Mulberry. This intersection was presented to the previous city council and the guidance was to proceed with the concept of having a roundabout at this intersection. This will avoid the expense of the traffic signals and have a higher level of service during peak hour traffic than any other intersection alternative evaluated. The biggest benefit of this intersection will be the right turn from 2nd street onto Mulberry. This will easily accommodate truck traffic if the roundabout is built and the current intersection does not accommodate this truck turning movement. Staff is looking to restart the design and start the ROW acquisition process as soon as the signatures are dry on the paperwork from FHWA and IowaDOT indicating the intersection can be defederalized. The biggest impact of this roundabout will be that a few driveways that are close to the intersection will need to be restricted to right in, and right out driveways. Design is covered in Bolton & Menk's current contract.

- Fire Department: Chief Ewers just submitted the DHS AFG grant. Awards will be announced after April 6, 2018. This was for 39 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The total cost is \$255,713. If awarded and accepted, the breakdown will be: Fed Share \$232,467, City Share \$23,246.

ATE Research and Studies: (Provided in the past, simply a reminder)

IIHS Automated Traffic Enforcement Responding to the Critics (2016): <http://www.iihs.org/frontend/iihs/documents/masterfiledocs.ashx?id=2112>

Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) August 2015 study in Montgomery County Maryland: 13% reduction in speed at camera site and a 64% reduction of vehicles driving 10+ mph over the speed limit. <http://www.iihs.org/iihs/news/desktopnews/speed-cameras-yield-long-term-safety-benefits-iihs-study-shows>

Iowa State University Center for Transportation Research and Education study 2000 – Red Light Running In Iowa 2000 report <http://www.ctre.iastate.edu/reports/rlrsummary.pdf>

Iowa State University CTRE Red Light Running in Iowa Phase 2 – An Investigation of the Change in Crash Rates at Automated Red Light Running Enforced and Comparison Intersections in Davenport and Council Bluffs. <http://www.intrans.iastate.edu/reports/rlr-phase2.pdf>

Iowa State University CTRE Improving Traffic Safety Culture in Iowa April 2011 – Traffic experts agreed with the expansion of ATE for speed and red light running. http://www.intrans.iastate.edu/research/documents/research-reports/safety_culture_ii_w_cvr.pdf

Iowa State University CTRE Improving Traffic Safety Culture in Iowa July 2013 – Survey of Iowa Citizens: 56% approved of ATE for speed and 71% approved of ATE for red light running. http://www.intrans.iastate.edu/reports/safety_culture_report_w_cvr_08-15-11.pdf