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CVTPA meets at IHCC Biotechnology Center

The quarterly meetings of the Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) were held recently in Eddyville, Iowa.

The meeting location – Indian Hills

Community College Biotechnology Center across from the Cargill Industrial Complex – allowed the group the opportunity to see the recent transportation improvements which will help facilitate the more than 1,000 semi-tractor trailer traffic associated with plant activities.

Monroe County Engineer and CVTPA TAC member, John Goode, explained the recent transportation expansion was made possible through the cooperation of the tri-county area of Mahaska, Monroe, and Wapello.

Chariton Valley Planning and Development Executive Director, Tracy Daugherty Miller, says area organiza-

tions and agencies have indicated a willingness to coordinate efforts to advance the transportation and legislative priorities identified by CVTPA.

In addition, Daugherty Miller announced that CVTPA has been asked by the Iowa Department of Transportation's Office of Systems Planning to host the first ever peer review to be held early next year.

In addition to Regional Planning Affiliations (RPAs) from Iowa, a portion of RPAs from Missouri are expected to attend as well.



The next meeting of CVTPA is Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 10 AM at Pin Oak Marsh Environmental Educational Center in Chariton.

CVPD encourages cities and counties to plan early for grant

Although 11 million dollars is up for grabs each year to assist communities and counties with projects such as water and sewer improvements, it is also competitive.

Chariton Valley Planning and Development Executive Director, Tracy Daugherty Miller says the annual community facilities and sewer grant

application deadline usually falls in late November or early December.

"Applicants are encouraged to begin the process early as there is high level of planning associated with the application process," explains Daugherty Miller.

CVPD is currently assisting the cities of Plano, Promise

City, Mouton, Centerville, and ADLM on behalf of Monroe County with 2005 applications and is assisting Seymour with the 2006 application.

Recipients will receive award notifications in March 2006.



WHEREAS, HURRICANE KATRINA AND SUBSEQUENT WEATHER-RELATED INCIDENTS HAVE CAUSED CATASTROPHIC LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY INCLUDING RESIDENCES, BUSINESSES, AND ENERGY PRODUCTION INFRASTRUCTURE, THROUGHOUT THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST REGION; AND

WHEREAS, OFFICIALS AND RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY THE SEVERE WEATHER NEED DISASTER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING FLOOD RESPONSE RESOURCES, MEDICAL TRIAGE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT, POWER GENERATION SUPPORT, AND OTHER DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT; AND

WHEREAS, ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2005, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DECLARED THAT AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE KATRINA A DISASTER EMERGENCY EXISTS IN ALL NINETY-NINE COUNTIES IN IOWA; AND

WHEREAS, THE STATE OF IOWA IS LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF NUMEROUS STATE AND NATIONAL POINTS OF TRANSPORTATION THOROUGHFARE;

WHEREAS, IOWA IS COMMITTED TO ASSISTING THE CITIZENS OF ALABAMA, LOUISIANA, AND MISSISSIPPI, BY SUPPORTING THE TRANSPORT OF RESPONSE AND RECOVERY RESOURCES EMERGING FROM OR TRAVELLING THROUGH THE STATE; AND

WHEREAS, STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE IOWA CODE REGULATING THE MOVEMENT OF OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT LOADS MAY PREVENT OR HINDER DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THIS EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, ACTING UNDER THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY IOWA CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 1 AND 8 AND IOWA CODE SECTION 29C.6(1) DO HEREBY DECLARE THE ENTIRE STATE TO BE IN A STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY. FURTHER, PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTION 29C.6(6), I DO HEREBY SUSPEND THE REGULATORY PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 321.463 AND 321E.29 OF THE IOWA CODE AND 761 IAC 511. SUSPENSION OF THESE PROVISIONS APPLIES TO LOADS TRANSPORTED ON ALL HIGHWAYS WITHIN IOWA, EXCLUDING THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM, AND WHICH DO NOT EXCEED A MAXIMUM OF 90,000 POUNDS GROSS WEIGHT, 20,000 POUNDS PER AXLE, AND WHICH COMPLY WITH POSTED LIMITS ON EMBARGOED ROADS AND BRIDGES. THIS ACTION IS INTENDED TO ALLOW SUCH VEHICLES TO BE OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT, NOT EXCEEDING 90,000 POUNDS, WITHOUT A PERMIT, BUT ONLY FOR THE DURATION OF THIS PROCLAMATION. IN ADDITION, THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING AUTHORITY, REGISTRATION AND FUEL TAX REPORTING AS REQUIRED BY THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED AS THEY APPLY TO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES USED FOR RESTORATION EFFORTS.

THIS PROCLAMATION EXPIRES AT 11:59 P.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME ON NOVEMBER 30, 2005. THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO MONITOR THE OPERATION OF THIS PROCLAMATION TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC'S SAFETY AND FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE VEHICLES INVOLVED.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSE THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE.

THOMAS J. VILSACK
GOVERNOR

Historic Hills coffee mug featured in national give-away.

A Historic Hills Corridor coffee mug will be part of the "Celebrate Your State" promotion sponsored by the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, PA - a museum dedicated to explaining and honoring the U.S. Constitution.

The promotion features select states each month in an effort to celebrate the states that were admitted to the Union.

Visitors to the museum enter to win a gift basket which is filled with souvenirs from the states celebrated that month.



Chariton Valley Planning and Development Community Planner, John McCurdy is

currently completing his two week Navy Reserve annual training.

McCurdy - a Petty Officer Third Class - has been serving at the US Fleet & Industrial Supply Center in Yokosuka, Japan.

He returns November 21.