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Speeders Beware!

If you've seen one or more of these guys out on the roads of Southeast Iowa recently, it's no coincidence. Most likely, they're one of four devices that make up SEIRPC's fleet of Traffic Speed Indicators. Winter 2016-17 has been an especially busy time for these devices, as a resurgence of interest has greatly increased their popularity.

Since 2012, SEIRPC has offered a Traffic Speed Indicator Sharing Program, which allows individual communities to participate in using these devices on their roadways for limited intervals. It allows multiple cities, police departments, and school districts to pool their resources and share these devices amongst one another.

There are two types of signs available, and SEIRPC has two of each. First are the large trailers, which can be towed behind a vehicle and placed along the road at strategic locations. While they are charged via a cord plug-in, they have an attached solar panel, which allows them to sustain and lengthen their charge while in use. Second are the sign-mounted Speed Indicators – much smaller and easily transportable than their larger counterparts.



Traffic Speed Indicator Program (cont'd)

These devices can be attached with bolts to existing street signs, which allows them to be used in areas where a flat roadside surface is not present for one of the trailers. However, they must be removed and charged at least every two weeks, in order to maintain power.

A number of local communities have already paid the initial one-time fee for participating in this program. If your community or department has not yet done so, but are interested in getting involved in the future or have questions about the program, please contact Jarred Lassiter at 319 753 4321.



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Welcomes New Members

Each year, a 9-member committee representing various regional stakeholder groups meets to review and evaluate regional applications for the Surface Transportation Block Grant and Transportation Alternatives Programs (STBG and TAP, respectively). Last year saw the terms expire for 5 of these 9 committee members. We are now proud to announce the appointment of new members to fill each of these seats.



Representing the SEIRPC Board of Directors, we welcome Aaron Burnett, City Administrator for the City of Keokuk.



To fill the seat of a 'business professional' in Des Moines County, we welcome Aaron Schmidgall, of Hawkeye Pedershaab in Mediapolis.

The position of 'SEIRPC At-Large' for Henry County will now be represented by Greg Moeller, from the Henry County Board of Supervisors.



To represent a 'city under 5,000' in Lee County, we have Emily Benjamin of Donnellson, who works at their local Iowa State University Extension office.



The position of 'business professional' for Louisa County will be represented by Al Muhlenbruck, of Tri-Oak Foods in Oakville.



These five individuals join our four other TAC members, now entering their second and final term – Chris Ball from Louisa County, Chris Boshart from Agri-Way Partners in Wayland, Brian Carter from Des Moines County, and Larry Driscoll from the City of Fort Madison.

Funding Information Forum in Mount Pleasant

Local communities, are your aging sanitary sewer systems in need of rehabilitation and upgrades?

Are your local water meters out of date and reporting inaccurate information?

No safe, affordable housing to be found in your community?



Yes? Now how do you pay for it?

Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission is hosting a series of funding information forums in 2017. These information sessions are planned to provide communities with information about all of the available methods of funding municipal projects and how the various sources of funds work together to make these projects possible. Whether there is an immediate need now or projects on the horizon these forums will provide crucial information.

The first Quarterly funding information forum will take place in Mount Pleasant at the **Union Block** located at **111 W Monroe, Mount Pleasant** on **Wednesday, April 12, 2017** from **10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**.



SEIRPC will be sending out e-mail reminders to communities in our four county region. We look forward to seeing our local partners at this meeting or one in the future.

If you have any questions about the forums, please contact Tracey Lamm at (319) 753-4306 or tlamm@seirpc.com; or Susan Coffey at (319) 753-4303 or e-mail scoffey@seirpc.com.

Congratulations to Our SEIBUS Drivers



Congratulations to two of our SEIBUS drivers for achieving their milestone “10 Years of Service” award.

Jack Callas, pictured left, is a full time driver who currently drives the Louisa County SEIBUS route. Jack previously retired from J.I. Case in Burlington. Jack enjoys spending time with his family, especially his four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Dave Ewinger, pictured right, is a substitute driver on many of our SEIBUS routes. Dave and his family reside in Burlington and Dave is employed as a full time firefighter for the City of Burlington.

We truly appreciate these years of service that both men have provided. We look forward to working with Jack and Dave for many years to come. Please congratulate Jack and Dave on their service awards.



Tama Project to be featured on Upstairs Downtown Tour



Construction is progressing at the Tama project in downtown Burlington. Framing has been completed on the one, two, and three bedroom units. An infill building was torn down to create a courtyard for the tenants, pictured to the left. This will also allow for additional windows in the units. Drywall and finishing work should be starting within the next couple of weeks.

The developer received a \$3,000,000 Community Development Block Grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority to create 48 units on the upper story floors. The developer also received \$200,000 to alleviate storm water issues. This money will be spent on permeable pavers, flower gardens, and a green roof area.

This project is one of the properties included in the "Upstairs Downtown" tour offered by Downtown Partners. The tour will be held Sunday, April 2 from noon to 4:00 PM. Advance tickets will be available for \$10 at the Iowa Store and The Medium/Weird Harold's or on the day of the tour for \$15.



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