

City of Seward, NE
Tuesday, October 6, 2015
Regular Session

Item G12

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT- Bruce Smith

Administrative Report: The City Council will receive an update on capital and other on-going projects.

Staff Contact:

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – 10-6-15

- Involved in discussions on the Seward Country Club. Have been to numerous meetings and met with all of the employees to discuss the operations of the golf course
- Continue working on the Rail Campus Project
- Attended the League of Nebraska Municipalities Meeting
- Hired Katrina Goldsmith as the new Aging Services Commission Assistant. She starts October 12.
- Discussions with NPPD on new wholesale power contract
- Received information from the NDOR of an increase in the purchase rate for the Federal Funds Purchase Program from 80% to 90% - see attached

The departments are working on the following projects to name a few:

- Finished Employee Targets for the next 6 months
- Will be performing flow and pressure testing on 10 fire hydrants
- Removed UV lights for the winter
- Had interviews with new applicants for a Police Officer
- Police Officer Jared Gerdes graduated from Basic Training
- Reviewing storm water issues on Star Street and St. John's Daycare areas
- Continuing the installation of LED street lights
- Directional boring on Star Street and Briarwood for new UGS.
- Finished street project on Denise Drive
- Completed Orscheln Drive replacement.
- The Library Fall Programs continue
- Fall recreation programs are continuing including youth football, soccer, volleyball, and HS softball
- Seward County Justice Center inspections
- Building Dept. attended an ADA Conference
- Updating Civil Rights Plan
- General maintenance of all facilities, doing utility locates
- Interviewing part-time help for the Recycling Center



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September 15, 2015

City of Seward
City Clerk
Bonnie Otte
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Seward, Nebraska 68434-0038

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Dear Bonnie,

The Nebraska Department of Roads is pleased to announce the change in the purchase rate of funds for each Local Public Agencies under the Federal Funds Purchase Program (FFPP). Effectively immediately, and starting with the 2015 payment you will be receiving in March 2016, the new purchase rate will increase from 80% to 90%.

Attached is a signed memo from **Nebraska Department of Roads', Director, Kyle Schneweis**, which addresses the change and serves as documentation and justification for this change.

Attached you will also find the funding amounts for STP and Bridge funds at the 90% rate for FY-2015.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself for the Local Projects Section.

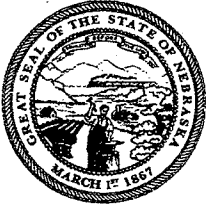
Sincerely,



Mick Syslo
Materials and Research Engineer

cc: Melvin Aldrich, Street Superintendent

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To Whom It May Concern:

In 2011, all of Nebraska's Local Public Agencies (LPA's) and the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) entered into a Federal-Aid Transportation Fund Purchase-Sale Agreement known as the Federal Fund Purchase Program (FFPP). This program provided the ability for the State to purchase the LPA's share of certain federal funds used by LPA's in exchange for state dollars. State dollars will allow local agencies to tailor projects to better meet their local needs. The purchase rate established with this original agreement was 80% to cover the risks incurred by the state to meet all of the federal-aid requirements.

Over the past year, NDOR and the Federal Highway Administration have worked to develop project delivery efficiencies that have reduced project delivery times. These efficiencies, from potentially earlier project delivery, will have direct monetary values from savings in preliminary engineering and construction costs. The Department of Roads then conducted a re-evaluation of the purchase rate considering these newly developed efficiencies to see how these savings could be passed on to the LPA's. This will result in a new purchase rate of 90 percent instead of the current 80 percent. This higher funding level will be paid out with the next annual purchase of federal funds in March 2016.

This letter will serve as the documentation to reflect that change in the purchase price. All other aspects of the existing Original and Supplemental Agreements shall remain as agreed to in those documents.

Sincerely,

Kyle Schneweis, P.E.
Director

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FEDERAL FUND PURCHASE PROGRAM AT 90%		
CITIES	FEDERAL FY-15 STP	FEDERAL FY-15 BRIDGE
ALLIANCE	151,682	-
BEATRICE	222,566	-
BELLEVUE		20,224
BLAIR	142,732	-
CHADRON	104,522	-
COLUMBUS	394,987	942
CRETE	124,332	7,276
FREMONT	471,552	93,979
GERING	151,843	-
GRAND ISLAND	866,753	25,803
HASTINGS	444,935	33,526
HOLDREGE	98,162	-
KEARNEY	549,974	11,451
LA VISTA		-
LEXINGTON	182,747	-
LINCOLN		141,951
MCCOOK	137,516	-
NEBRASKA CITY	130,210	65,120
NORFOLK	432,483	17,341
NORTH PLATTE	441,826	8,132
OMAHA		650,688
PAPILLION		9,406
PLATTSMOUTH	116,150	-
RALSTON		-
SCHUYLER	110,952	-
SCOTTSBLUFF	268,654	-
SEWARD	124,404	-
SIDNEY	120,706	-
SOUTH SIOUX CITY	238,535	-
WAYNE	101,110	-
YORK	138,730	4,587
TOTAL	\$6,268,063	\$1,090,426