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**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Steven L. Schainker, City Manager

**DATE:** February 19, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Award of TIGER Grant for Intermodal Facility

As you might have heard by now, we have received notice that we have been awarded a \$8,463,000 TIGER grant for our proposed Intermodal Facility in the Campustown area. This is very good news given the competition involved in this grant process.

I have been told that while \$1.5 billion has been appropriated for this grant program, \$56.5 billion of grant requests were received. Of the 1,400 applications submitted for this grant, only 51 were approved. Of the total recipients, only two cities in Iowa (Dubuque and Ames) were awarded money.

**Given this stiff competition, we could not have been as successful without the strong support we received from Congressman Latham, Senator Grassley, Senator Harkin, and their respective staff members. I believe it is important that we recognize the key role that our federal delegation played in the receipt of this important grant, and thank them for their efforts!**

In the meantime, Sheri Kyras will be communicating with representatives from the U.S. Department of Transportation and/or Federal Transit Administration to better understand the guidelines for the use of these funds. We might have to develop a strategy to either scale down our original vision for the project that was estimated to cost approximately \$43 million or identify a way to phase the project.