

City Leaders Travel to Washington, D.C.

On March 29-31, 2011 Mayor Bill Peard, Council Member Shane Blanchard, City Administrator Jeff Kooistra, and Director of Development Services Brad Deets were in Washington, D.C. lobbying the Iowa delegation for support of the Alice's Road Corridor and Interchange projects. The Waukee contingent met with Senators Grassley and Harkin; Congressmen Latham, Boswell, and Braley; and staff members for Congressmen King and Loeb sack. Senator David Karnes, with whom the Cities of Waukee and West Des Moines have contracted to lobby for the project, also took part in most of the meetings.

Waukee leaders consider the trip valuable even though federal funding will be difficult to obtain for some time due to the current national economic climate. While continuing to strengthen Waukee's relationship with the Iowa delegation, the City will also work with private and commercial developers in order to move forward with the Alice's Road Corridor and Interchange.