

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Mason City Combined Facility

Purpose and History

The current structure serving as the Mason City garage was built in 1929 and is due for replacement. Construction of a new facility will incorporate the colocation of the Mason City garage, materials lab, district office, Britt construction office, and the district annex. More than 1,800 square feet of building space will be saved by the combination of the facilities. The Mason City combined facility is scheduled to include 20,352 square feet (sq. ft.) for an 18-stall garage; 15,400 sq. ft. for field office space; and 7,200 sq. ft. for a 12-stall pole building. A 6,200 sq. ft. hoop building for storage of salt/sand and a 1,920 sq. ft. brine building are also included in the plan.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) manages nearly 150 area maintenance garages, construction residencies, materials labs, and district offices. During the last decade, the DOT has closed 21 maintenance garages by consolidating personnel and equipment in more central locations. Maintenance garage replacement projects have recently been approved at Fairfield (2007), Clarinda (2008), Waukon (2009), Rockwell City (2010), Swea City (2012), and New Hampton (2013). The Des Moines North garage replacement is scheduled to begin in FY 2015.

In the last decade, garage facilities have been or will be replaced in Swea City, New Hampton, Rockwell City, Waukon, Clarinda, Fairfield, and Sheldon.

State Funding

[House File 602](#), the 2013 Transportation Appropriations Act included an appropriation of \$6.5 million from the Primary Road Fund (PRF) for FY 2014 for the Mason City combined facility project. Completion of the project is scheduled for the summer of 2017. Funding has been provided to the DOT for the replacement or major reconstruction of maintenance garages nearly every fiscal year.

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More Information

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