2017 All-Star Community Award Application

City: Dubuque

Title of Project: Dubuque Intermodal Transportation Center

City's Population: 57,637

In a few sentences, give a summary of the project and why it was needed:

The Dubuque Historic Millwork District (HMD) Master Plan creates a mixed-use commercial and residential district through the conversion of buildings into multi-use structures containing businesses, restaurants, shops, recreational facilities, and residences which offers the opportunity to "live, work, and play" all within the district. The HMD currently includes over 50,000 sq. ft of commercial space and hundreds of housing units. When complete, the district will be home to over 700 residential units, 351,000 sq ft of office space and over 1,000 jobs. One of the five components of the plan included “Gray Infrastructure” - buildings, parking, streets, and other redevelopment essential to establishing a viable mixed-use neighborhood. The city has also seen an increase in the use of public transit resulting in the need to create efficiencies, improve the safety of the downtown transfer for pedestrians and vehicles and enhance the experience for the transit user. Connections between public transit systems and connections between other modes of transportation were cumbersome and almost non-existent. The existing bus transfer point provided inadequate protection from inclement weather, lacked a safe buffer from heavy downtown traffic, provided almost no passenger amenities, and had no convenient access to the local bike/hike system. The City of Dubuque did not have an adequate facility to meet the immediate need for bus transfers within the City nor for its long-term goal of improving transit integration in the community. There was no coordination between the Jule public bus system and other transportation modes due to the lack of a true central transportation hub. Through a comprehensive transit study, the community identified an Intermodal Transportation Center as the best way to meet the City’s current needs and long-term transportation goals.

In 2011, the city awarded a contract to design an Intermodal Transportation Center that would address the above needs while creating a “one stop shop” for parking and transit services in the downtown and adjacent neighborhoods. The Intermodal Facility includes: Bus queueing area for 6 buses, a passenger waiting area, taxicab stands, public restrooms, a ticketing office as well as offices for Intercity bus service (i.e. Burlington Trailways). Nearly 6,000 people pass through the Intermodal terminal each month transferring between local bus routes or catching the bus to go out of town. The parking ramp component of the facility includes three levels, - 92 transit dependent and 200 non-transit dependent spaces, and will provide parking for users of public transit and the general public. The facility also includes electric vehicle charging stations as well as bicycle storage to support commuter travel or recreational use. A skywalk connection is provided between the Intermodal terminal space and the parking area.
Explain the specific role of your city in this project:
The City is the owner of record for this project and was responsible for all phases of the project including concept, design engineering (which included public engagement efforts to get input on the needs of the Intermodal Facility and what was important from a design perspective), award of contract, construction management, project acceptance and operation of the facility.

In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?
As the metropolitan services area for seven surrounding counties, Dubuque’s accessible transportation options continue to grow. The Intermodal Transportation Center was designed to improve access to transportation services in and around the city of Dubuque. The facility serves as a center where all modes of transportation can be accessed including: pedestrian, bicycle, Park-N-Ride, intercity bus service, taxis, hotel shuttles and area public transit service including the city’s public bus service The Jule and the Regional Transit Authority (RTA). The facility also provides much needed parking for the continued development of the Historic Millwork District as well as bicycle storage to support commuter travel or recreational use.

Total cost of project: $16,083,393

List where funding came from. (grants, donations, city funds, etc):
FTA Good Repair Grant $7,394,508 Intercity Bus Grant $199,196 State RIIF Grant $300,000 Alliant Rebate $31,097 Contractor Refund $29,318 City of Dubuque Bond Proceeds + interest $8,112,492 RUT $16,782

Total time project took/projected to take for completion. Please include start date and end date. (To qualify the project must be operating or completed between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016):
Design & Engineering Phase: May 2011 – March 2014
Final Approval of Plans and Specifications for the Dubuque Intermodal Transportation Center and Initiate bid process: March 17, 2014
Award Bid: April 21, 2014 Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening: June 22,

Resources. (Please list Web sites judges may reference if they seek additional information.):