# **OVA** TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

# **Commission Minutes** January 9, 2018



# IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

January 9, 2018 Materials Conference Room Ames DOT Complex

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\*Action Item

On Tuesday, January 9, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 1:30 p.m. in the Materials Conference Room at the DOT complex in Ames. Transportation-related matters will be discussed but no action will be taken.

Division/Bureau/Office Director's Office			Order No.	D-2018-45
Submitted by Danielle Griggs	Phone No.	515-239-1919	Meeting D	Date January 9, 2018
Title Approve Minutes of the December 12,	•			

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

#### PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 Commission meeting.

				Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
COMMISSION ACTION:			Fehrman	x	1 (u)	1 400
			Huber	х		
		, _,	Maher	х		
<sub>Moved by</sub> Nancy Maher	Seconded by	Tom Rielly	Putney	x		
			Rielly	х		
			Rose	x		
			Yanney	x		
Division Legal Director	Sta	te Director				

### D-2018-45

Commissioner Maher made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Rielly seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Commission Comments** 

No comments.

#### **DOT Comments**

Mark Lowe thanked the staff for their work. The Legislative Briefing will be on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the Capitol Rotunda.

Division/Bureau/Office Motor Vehicle Division			Order No. M	V-2018-46		
Submitted by Melissa Spiegel	Phone No.	515-237-3010	Meeting Date	January 9, 2017		
Title Administrative Rules – 761 IAC 520, Regulations Applicable to Carriers						

#### DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The department is proposing to confirm the previously approved emergency amendment to 761 IAC 520.8, relating to planting and harvesting periods, to:

- 1. Remain consistent with how the federal hours-of-service and electronic logging device (ELD) regulations are applied to the certain agricultural operations in surrounding states.
- 2. Align with recent changes in periods of validity for restricted commercial driver's licenses (CDLs). 49 CFR 395.1(k) permits states to determine the harvesting and planting periods in their respective jurisdictions and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has accepted the year-round approach adopted by other states.

Under previous iterations of 761 IAC 520.8, the harvesting and planting periods were limited to two distinct periods (March 15 through June 30 and October 4 through December 14). The department proposed to expand those periods to cover the entire calendar year, similar to what surrounding states have done to accommodate evolving operational demands within the agricultural sector. Additionally, the previously set and limited time period proved too restrictive and inflexible, as it often does not align to changing weather and other conditions that may accelerate, delay, extend, or otherwise alter the planting and harvest seasons.

Prior administrative rule changes made in 761 IAC 607.49(6)"g" are also driving the need for Iowa to change the periods of planting and harvesting in 761 IAC 520.8 to simply extend the "period" throughout the year because restricted CDL drivers are no longer following two distinct periods of time and, as a result, are now required to comply with the hours-of-service regulations if they are operating outside of the traditional planting and harvesting dates. Restricted CDLs are issued to suppliers or employees of suppliers of agricultural inputs that allow the license holder to operate commercial motor vehicles for the purpose of supplying agricultural inputs during planting and harvest without applying and testing for a full CDL.

Making these declarations match will ensure that agricultural operators with restricted CDLs will not be subjected to inconsistent regulations unnecessarily requiring these license holders to comply with hours-of-service requirements while performing subject agricultural operations.

#### **PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission reaffirm its approval of the attached rule amendment.

						Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
COMMISSION ACTION:					Fehrman	x	1 (u)	1 400
					Huber	х		
	1		1 7	- 1	Maher	x		
Moved by Nancy Ma	aher	Seconded by	Kathleen	Fehrman	Putney	x		
					Rielly	х		
					Rose	x		
					Yanney	x		
Division Director	Legal	Sta	te Director					

MV-2018-46

Melissa Spiegel, Motor Vehicle Division; This morning we discussed the Administrative Rule change to Chapter 520, which is Regulations Applicable to Carriers.

It is recommended the Commission reaffirm its approval of the rule amendment as attached to the Commission Order.

Commissioner Maher made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Fehrman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Amend rule 761—520.8(321) as follows:

**761—520.8(321) Planting and harvesting <u>periods period</u>.** In accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR <u>395.1</u> <u>395.1(k)</u>, the planting and harvesting <u>periods period</u> pertaining to agricultural operations are March 15 through June 30 and October 4 through December 14 is January 1 through December 31.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.449 and 321.450.

Planning, Programming and	Modal Division		
Division/Bureau/Office Office of Public Transit		Order No. PPM-2018-47	
Submitted by Ryan Ward	Phone No. 515-233-7877	Meeting Date January 9, 2018	
Title Calendar Year (CY) 2018 Intercity Bus	Program		

#### DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Approval is requested for the CY 2018 Intercity Bus Program. Specific project recommendations are listed below.

		Amount
System	Project	recommended
Burlington Trailways	Existing service support	\$328,772
	Two over-the-road coaches	\$828,726
	Marketing existing service	\$7,500
Jefferson Lines	Existing service support	\$156,948
	Two over-the-road coaches	\$886,987
	Marketing of existing service	\$7,500
City of Dubuque Public Transit (The Jule)	Marketing of existing service	\$7,500
Mid-Iowa Development Association		
(MIDAS Region 5 public transit)	Marketing of existing service	\$7,500
	Total	\$2,231,433

#### PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the CY 2018 Intercity Bus Program funding recommendations as listed above.

						Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
COMMISSION ACTION:					Fehrman	x		
					Huber	х		
-1					Maher	х		
Moved by Charese	e Yanney	Seconded by	Nancy Mahe	r	Putney	х		
					Rielly	х		
					Rose	x		
					Yanney	x		
Division Director	Legal	Sta	te Director					

Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division; Last month we presented a funding recommendation for the calendar year 2018 Intercity Bus Program. This is a federal funding program this is available to support intercity bus services that include rural communities to connect those communities to the nationwide intercity bus network.

The recommendation is to award approximately \$2.2 million to the four service providers for the projects that are listed on the order. We did not receive any comments or questions since last month's recommendation and presentation. Therefore, it is recommended that the commission approve the CY 2018 Intercity Bus Program funding recommendations as listed on the Commission Order.

Commissioner Yanney made a motion to approve the CY 2018 Intercity Bus Program funding. Commissioner Maher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

	Planning, Programming and	Modal D	ivision			
Division/Bureau/Office	Office of Systems Planning			Order No.	PPM-2018-48	
Submitted by Craig	Markley	Phone No.	515-239-1027	Meeting D	Date January 9, 2018	
Title Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Recommendations						

#### DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the statewide Transportation Alternatives program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership (Iowa Northland Regional	
Council of Governments and Upper Explorerland Regional Planning	
Commission)	\$ 196,574
UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (University of Northern	
Iowa and UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management)	\$ 479,510
Urban Youth Corps (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 80,000
Total	\$ 756,084

#### PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the Statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendations as listed.

		Vote	
	Aye	Nay	Pass
COMMISSION ACTION: Fehrm	an x		
Huber	x		
Maher	x		
Moved by David Rose Seconded by Tom Rielly Putney	y x		
Rielly	x		
Rose	x		
Yanne	y		
Division Legal State Director			

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning; The Transportation Alternatives Program was first authorized as federal transportation funding act, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" and replacing the former Transportation Enhancement, Safe Routes to School, and several other discretionary programs such as National Scenic Byway Program. This funding supports community based projects that expand travel choices and enhance transportation experience by supporting bicycle and pedestrian, cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental projects related to surface transportation infrastructure.

By Transportation Commission decision, the department has reserved \$1 million for statewide projects with the remainder of the funding reserved for local projects in consultation with Iowa's nine metropolitan planning organizations and 18 regional planning organizations. The project selection process is administered by the department.

In this round, we received six applications requesting over \$3.8 million in funding. Last month, we reviewed with you our recommendation to fund three projects with \$756,084. We recommend you approve the Statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendation as listed on the Commission Order.

Commissioner Rose made a motion to the Statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendation. Commissioner Rielly seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

		Planning, Programming and	Modal D	ivision		
Division/B	ureau/Office	Office of Systems Planning			Order No.	PPM-2018-49
Submitted I	by Craig	Markley	Phone No.	515-239-1027	Meeting I	Date January 9, 2018
Title	Federal R	ecreational Trails Program Fu	unding Re	commendations		

#### DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the federal Recreational Trails Program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

Des Moines River Trail, Phase 2 (Des Moines)	\$ 250,000
Iowa DNR Off-Highway Vehicle Program (Iowa Department of Natural	
Resources and Iowa Off-Highway Vehicle Association)	\$ 295,370
Iowa State Parks Trail Repair Crew (Iowa DNR)	\$ 159,384
Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector – Quinlan	
Avenue to city of Woodward Acquisition Phase (Dallas County	
Conservation Board)	\$ 161,968
Support for Program and Bicycle Summit (Iowa Department of	
Transportation)	\$ 7,000
Tatonka Ska Trace – Rail Trail Phase II (Dickinson County Trails Board)	\$ 344,048
Trail Maintenance Equipment (Franklin County and Iowa State	
Snowmobile Association Snowmobile Grant Fund Program)	\$ 200,000
Total	\$1,417,770

#### PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the federal Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations as listed.

		Aye x	Vote Nay	Pass
COMMISSION ACTION:	Fehrman	x		
	Huber	х		
	Maher	х		
Moved by Kathleen Fehrman Seconded by Tom Rielly	Putney	x		
	Rielly	х		
	Rose	x		
	Yanney	х		
Division Legal State Director Director				

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning; The Federal Recreational Trails Program was created under ISTEA legislation in 1991 and provides funding to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail related facilities both non-motorized and motorized users; including hiking, bicycling, water trails, equestrian, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicles, and many others.

We received 19 applications requesting over \$7.7 million in funding. Last month we shared with you a recommendation to fund seven projects with \$1,417,770. We recommend you approve the federal Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations as listed on the Commission Order.

Commissioner Fehrman made a motion to approve the federal Recreational Trails Program funding recommendation. Commissioner Rielly seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

	Planning, Programming and	Modal D	ivision		
Division/Bureau/Office	Office of Systems Planning			Order No.	PPM-2018-50
Submitted by Debra	n Arp	Phone No.	515-239-1681	Meeting Da	te January 9, 2018
Title Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program Funding Recommendations					

#### DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

#9 Plum Weekday Route Expansion (Ames Transit Agency)	\$ 212,980
Ashworth Road Adaptive Traffic Signal Control System (West Des Moines)	\$ 263,200
Euclid/Douglas Avenue Crosstown Service (Des Moines Area Regional	
Transit Authority)	\$ 304,585
South Grand Avenue Extension (Ames)	\$1,800,000
Traffic Signal System Timings Update (Indianola)	\$ 121,600
Traffic Signal System Timings Update - Phase 3 (Des Moines)	\$ 160,000
U.S. Highway 6 & NW 128th Street Intersection Improvements (Clive and	
Urbandale)	\$1,137,635
Total	\$4,000,000

#### PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program funding recommendations as listed.

				Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
COMMISSION ACTION:			Fehrman	x	itay	1 435
			Huber	х		
			Maher	х		
Moved by David Rose	Seconded by	Nancy Maher	Putney	х		
			Rielly	X		
			Rose	x		
			Yanney	x		
Division Le Director	egal Sta	ate Director				

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning; Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program came as a result of the creation of the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program in ISTEA legislation. We have \$4 million in CMAQ funding set aside annually for the ICAAP program. This is an application based program that awards funds to projects with the highest potential for reducing transportation related congestion and air pollution. The project priorities include reducing vehicle mile of travel and single occupant vehicle travel or result in improving vehicle traffic flow or the projects that improve air quality or reduce traffic congestion. The projects are also evaluated based on cost effectiveness.

In this round, we received 14 applications requesting over \$11 million in funding. Last month we shared with you a recommendation to fund seven projects totaling \$4 million. We recommend you approve the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program funding recommendation as listed on the Commission Order.

Commissioner Rose made a motion to approve the Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program funding recommendation. Commissioner Maher seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.



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## Date: January 9, 2018

# **Commission Meeting Media/General Public Registration**

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