

Commission Minutes  
April 11, 2017



# IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

April 11, 2017  
Historic Park Inn Hotel  
15 W State St, Mason City, IA

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D-2017-64	*Approve Minutes of the March 14, 2017 Commission Meeting	Danielle Griggs	3
8:00 a.m.	Commission Comments  DOT Comments		
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8:10 a.m.	Adjourn		

\*Action Item

On Monday, April 10, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 3:30 p.m. at the Historic Park Inn Hotel in Mason City. Transportation-related matters will be discussed but no action will be taken.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Director's Office Order No. D-2017-64  
Submitted by Danielle Griggs Phone No. 515-239-1919 Meeting Date April 11, 2017  
Title Approve Minutes of the March 14, 2017 Commission Meeting

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 Commission meeting.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Charese Yanney Seconded by Loree Miles

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	x	_____	_____
Fehrman	x	_____	_____
Huber	x	_____	_____
Miles	x	_____	_____
Putney	x	_____	_____
Rose	x	_____	_____
Yanney	x	_____	_____

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Commissioner Yanney made a motion to approve the minutes as written.  
Commissioner Miles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Commission Comments

Commission Chair Huber recognized Commissioner Loree Miles and Commissioner Leonard Bosswell and thanked them for serving the State of Iowa.

Commissioner Yanney said that both Commissioners will be missed and have great experience and have been a voice of reason.

Commission Vice Chair Putney added both Commissioners, in everything that have done, have made whatever they have done better.

#### DOT Comments

Director Mark Lowe said he wanted to thank the Commission, all of the work we do takes your personal time and efforts; on behalf of the DOT, Leonard and Loree, all of the personal work that you have invested we can't thank you enough. We wish you the very best. I also want to thank our team that put all of this together, special thanks to those that put together the tour.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2017-65

Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date April 11, 2017

Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Sioux City

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**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Sioux City submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in various improvements to Singing Hills Boulevard, Harbor Drive, Bridgeport Drive, South Patton Street, Murray Street, Boulevard of Champions, Expedition Court, Discovery Boulevard, Aviation Boulevard, and some ramp terminals on Interstate 29 – all located on the southwest side of town. A revision to the grant amount was requested to add construction of 7,050 feet of new roadway, turn lanes at Aviation Boulevard and Discovery Boulevard, intersection improvements on Expedition Court, and realignment of 500 feet of Gavin Street and 300 feet of Discovery Boulevard; and delete improvements at Expedition Court and Harbor Drive and Discovery Boulevard and Harbor Drive from the original scope. This project is anticipated to be completed by July 2018.

These improvements are necessary to provide improved access in the area supporting the proposed expansion of Seaboard Triumph Foods Inc., an integrated food company producing premium pork products for both domestic and international markets. This company conforms to the legislative requirements of the RISE program.

These improvements will support:

- The creation of 909 new full-time jobs, which is an increase of 462 full-time jobs.
- \$322,055,950 in associated capital investment, which is an increase of \$32,293,460.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be \$10,048.92 and there will be a total capital investment of \$35.26 for each RISE dollar requested.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the modification of the previously awarded RISE grant to include the additional costs and award a revised RISE grant of \$9,134,471, an increase of \$3,773,841 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund.

		Aye	Nay	Pass
<b>COMMISSION ACTION:</b>	Boswell	x	_____	_____
	Fehrman	x	_____	_____
	Huber	x	_____	_____
Moved by <u>Charese Yanney</u> Seconded by <u>Leonard Boswell</u>	Miles	x	_____	_____
	Putney	x	_____	_____
	Rose	x	_____	_____
	Yanney	x	_____	_____
_____ Division Director	_____ Legal			_____ State Director

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Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division; Sioux City submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to approve various street improvements in the southwest side of town to provide necessary access to support the development and expansion of Seaboard Triumph Foods Inc. which is an integrated food company producing premium pork products for both domestic and international markets. A revision to the original grant amount was requested to add construction of 7,050 feet of new roadway, turn lanes at Aviation Boulevard and Discovery Boulevard, intersection improvements on Expedition Court, and realignment of 500 feet of Gavin Street and 300 feet of Discovery Boulevard; and delete improvements at Expedition Court and Harbor Drive and Discovery Boulevard and Harbor Drive from the original scope.

These improvements will result in the creation of 909 new full-time jobs, which is an increase of 462 full-time jobs from the original application. It also supports \$322,055,950 in associated capital investment, which is an increase of \$32,293,460. The average wage rate of the jobs created is \$23.11 per hour which is 137% of the average labor shed wage rate.

The RISE grant recommended is \$9,134,471 and will require 20% local match of \$2,283,618. The RISE cost per job assisted will be \$10,048.92 and there will be a total capital investment of \$35.26 for each RISE dollar requested.

Chris Myers from the City of Sioux City expressed gratitude for the past awards they have received for this project. This is a complicated application with the previous amendments. This roadway accomplishes two goals with the road improvements. One goal is to separate a roadway that is unimpeded by rail crossings. The other goal is to direct more of the traffic to a different interchange other than the Singing Hills interchange which is the main interchange for the industrial park which is already at its max capacity at peak hours.

Staff recommends approving the modification of the previously awarded RISE grant to include the additional costs and award a revised RISE grant of \$9,134,471, an increase of \$3,773,841 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less. This funding will come from the city share of the RISE Fund.

Commissioner Yanney said this is a much needed project. She has gone to this area during peak business and there is a lot of congestion and waiting.

Commissioner Yanney made a motion approve the modification of the previously awarded RISE grant. Commissioner Boswell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## RISE Immediate Opportunity Funding Economic Analysis Summary

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Applicant:** Sioux City

**Project Location and Description:** Previously, the Commission approved the city of Sioux City's RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in various improvements to Singing Hills Boulevard, Harbor Drive, Bridgeport Drive, South Patton Street, Murray Street, Boulevard of Champions, Expedition Court, Discovery Boulevard, Aviation Boulevard, and some ramp terminals on Interstate 29 - all located on the southwest side of town. The city of Sioux City is now requesting to revise the costs of the grant to add construction of 7,050 feet of new roadway, turn lanes at Aviation Boulevard and Discovery Boulevard, intersection improvements on Expedition Court and realignment of 500 feet of Gavin Street and 300 feet of Discovery Boulevard and delete from the original scope improvements at Expedition Court and Harbor Drive and Discovery Boulevard and Harbor Drive.

**Associated Economic Development:** The project provides improved access in the area supporting the proposed expansion of Seaboard Triumph Foods Inc., an integrated food company producing premium pork products for both domestic and international markets.

### ECONOMIC IMPACT

**Total Roadway Project Cost:** \$11,418,089

**RISE Funds Requested:** \$9,134,471; **Grant:** \$9,134,471; **Loan \$----**

**Effective Project Cost to RISE Program:** \$9,134,471

**Local Participation:** \$2,283,618; **Sources:** Sioux City

**Non-RISE Total Capital Investment:** \$322,055,950

(**Public:** \$1,332,460; **Private:** \$320,723,490)

**Direct Jobs Created:** 909; (**Other, Potential Future Jobs:** 1,311)

**Direct Jobs Retained:** 0; **Total Direct Jobs Assisted, Short-Term:** 2,220

**Number of Existing Jobs:** 0

**Project Average Wage Rate of New Jobs:** \$23.11/hr.

**100% Average Laborshed Wage Rate:** \$16.81/hr.

### KEY RATIOS

**Local Match Ratio:** 20% (\$2,283,618/\$11,418,089)

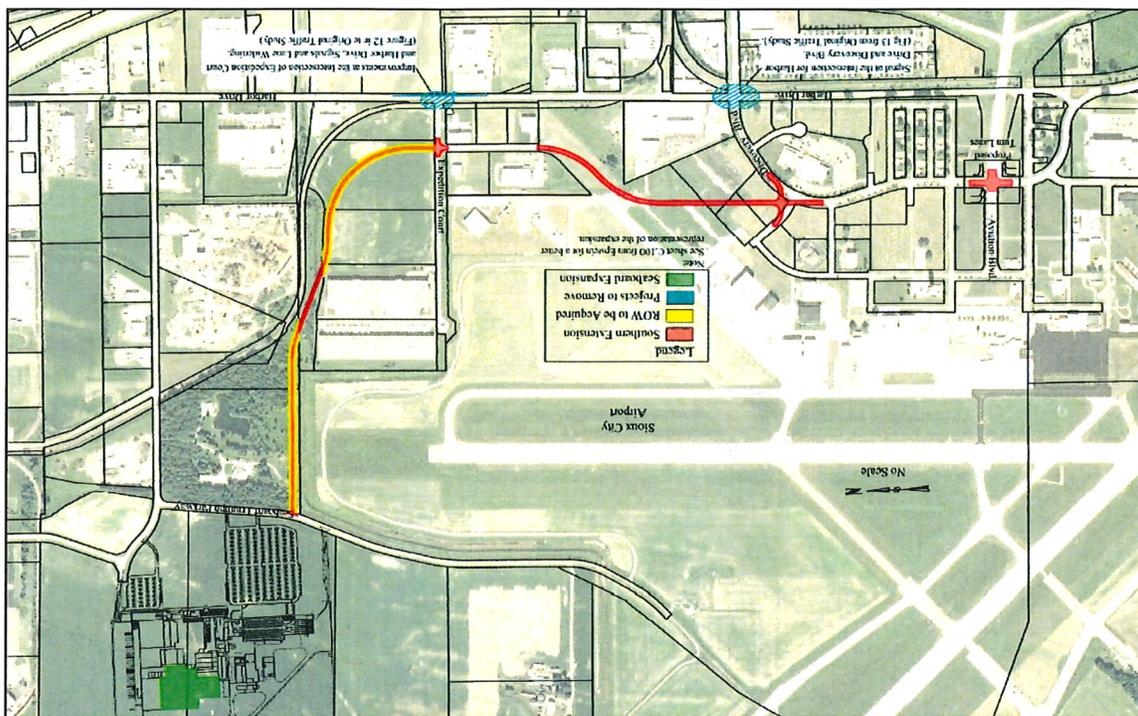
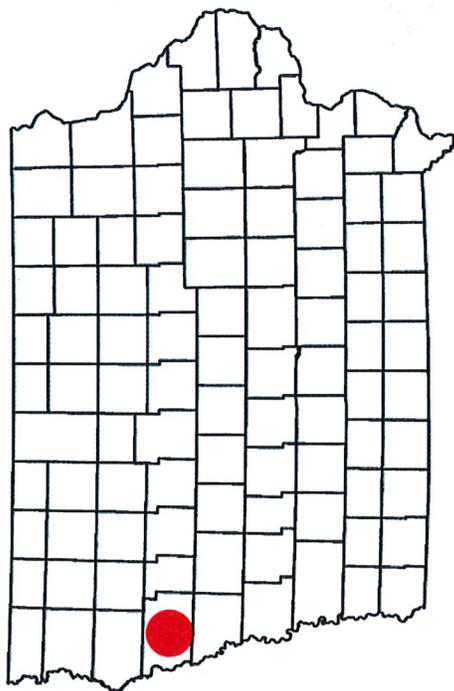
**RISE Cost Per Job Assisted (Created):** \$9,134,471/909 = \$10,048.92

**Total Capital Investment Per RISE Dollar:** \$322,055,950/\$9,134,471= \$35.26

### CONCLUSIONS

**Narrative:** It is recommended the Commission approve the modification of the previously awarded RISE grant to include the additional costs and award a revised RISE grant of \$9,134,471, an increase of \$3,773,841, or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund.

# Sioux City



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2017-66  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date April 11, 2017  
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Cass County

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Cass County submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the paving of approximately 2,022 feet of Glacier Road, 6,274 feet of Buck Creek Road, 5,431 feet of Echo Road, and turn lanes on Olive Street located north of Atlantic. This project is anticipated to be completed by July 2018.

Because this project will provide improved access to more than 205 acres for industrial purposes and to maximize RISE support for this project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project.

The evaluation and rating for the project will be discussed.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the February 2017 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$2,119,978 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county share of the RISE Fund.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Leonard Boswell Seconded by Charese Yanney

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	x	_____	_____
Fehrman	x	_____	_____
Huber	x	_____	_____
Miles	x	_____	_____
Putney	x	_____	_____
Rose	x	_____	_____
Yanney	x	_____	_____

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Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division; Cass County submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application to pave approximately 2,022 feet of Glacier Road, 6,274 feet of Buck Creek Road, 5,431 feet of Echo Road, and turn lanes on Olive Street located north of the city of Atlantic in Cass County. This project provides access to more than 205 acres for industrial purposes; therefore, to maximize RISE funding for this project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project.

Under RISE Local Development criteria the project scores 69 points. The total estimated cost of the project is \$4,239,956 and the county is requesting a grant of 50% of that cost which is \$2,119,978.

John McCurdy, Executive Director of South West Iowa Planning Council introduced Pat McCurdy who is the President of Cass Atlantic Development Corp. thanked the Commission and expressed how big of a project this is and the collaborative effort that was made to bring this to the Commission today.

Commissioner Boswell wanted to point out there are very entrepreneurial people that had a part in this and encourages the approval.

Staff recommends the project be reclassified as a RISE Local Development project in the February 2017 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$2,119,978 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county share of the RISE Fund.

Commissioner Boswell made a motion to reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project. Commissioner Yanney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RISE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING  
February 2017  
SUMMARY

Applicant: Cass County

Multiyear?: No

Multijurisdiction?: No

ROAD PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: To pave approximately 2,022 feet of Glacier Road, 6,274 feet of Buck Creek Road and 5,431 feet of Echo Road and turn lanes on Olive Street located north of Atlantic.

ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: This project will provide improved access to more than 205 acres for industrial purposes.

PROJECT FINANCING:

Roadway Project Cost:	\$4,239,956	Local Match (Total):	\$2,119,978
RISE (Total):	\$2,119,978	Up-Front:	\$2,119,978
Grant:	\$2,119,978	NPV of Loan Repayment:	0
Loan:	0	Effective Match Percent:	50
Loan Terms:	Yrs. 0	Up-front Participation Sources:	
	Int.: 0 %	Private:	
		Public:	\$2,119,978
		Local Match (Total):	\$2,119,978

PROJECT EVALUATION:

Development Potential (35):	30
Economic Impact and Cost Effect. (20):	16
Local Commit. and Initiative (35):	18
Transportation Need (4):	3
Local Economic Need (6):	2

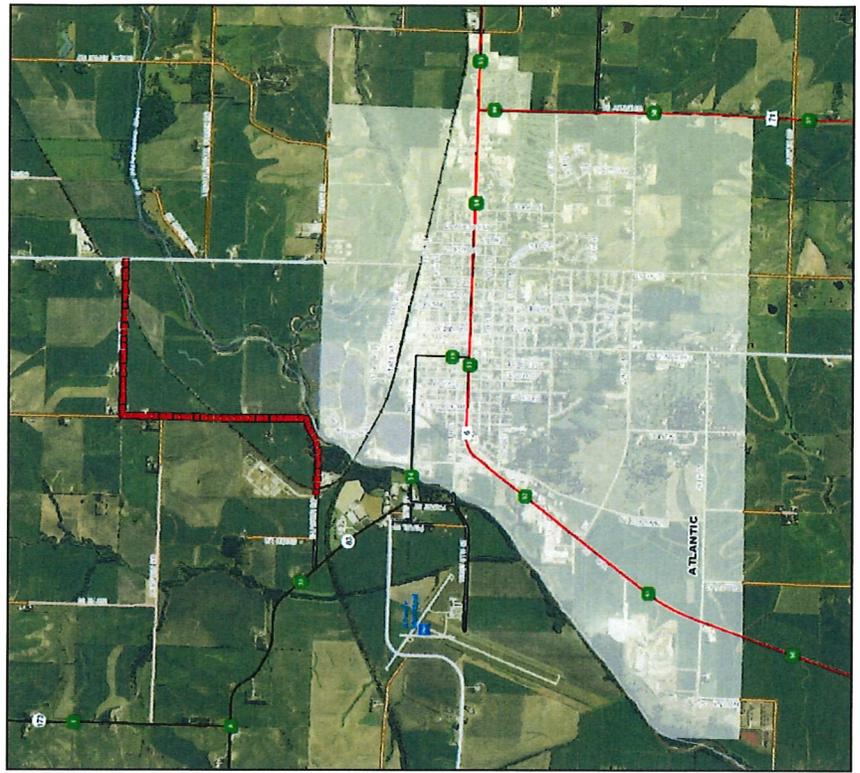
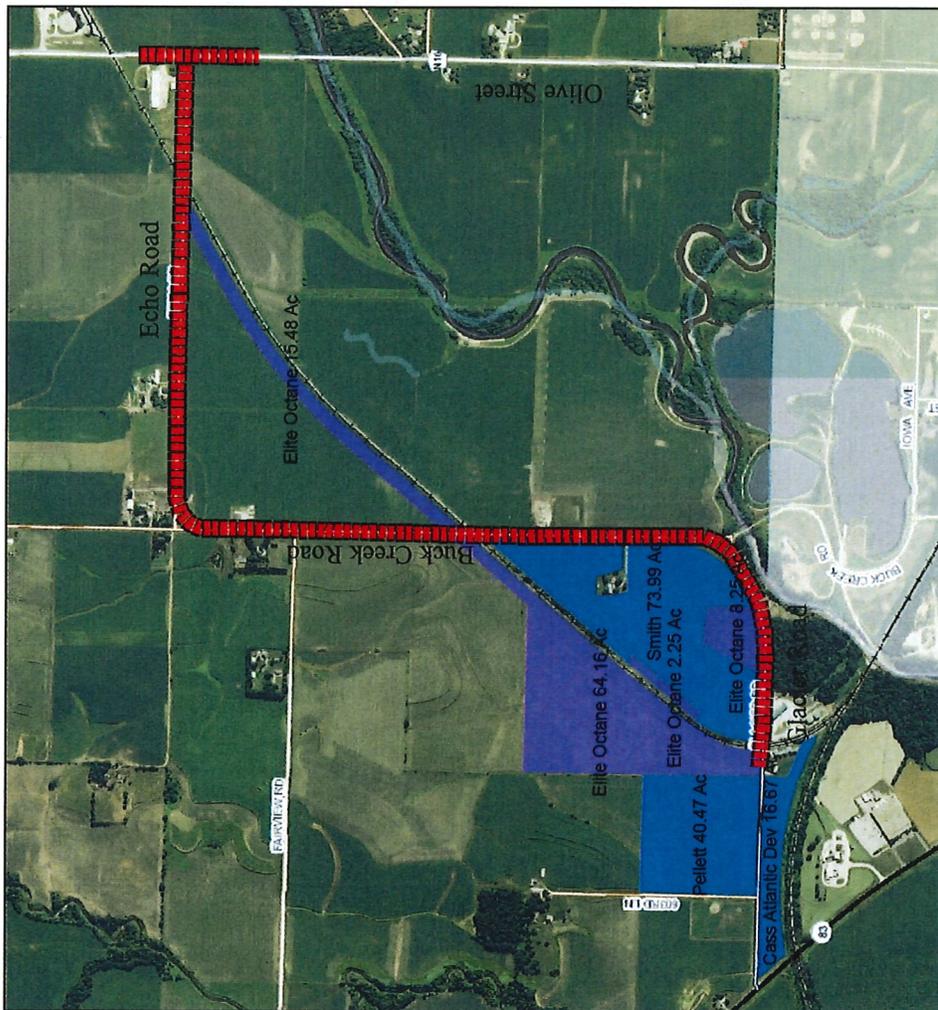
Total Rating: 69

Jobs: 49

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Award a grant of \$2,119,978 or up to 50 percent of the RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less. Funding will come from the county share of the RISE Fund.

# Cass County



**IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**PUBLIC INPUT MEETING**  
Historic Park Inn  
7 West State Street, Mason City  
April 11, 2017

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DELEGATION</u>	<u>SPOKESPERSON</u>
8:15 am	Opening Remarks	Daniel Huber, Commission Chair
8:15 am	Mason City/North Iowa Coalition	Brent Trout
8:30 am	Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG)	Mayor Doug Faas (Evansdale)
8:45 am	Floyd County	Dusty Rolando
8:55 am	LANDUS Cooperative	Alicia Heun
9:05 am	Meet and Greet	
9:25 am	East Central Iowa Transportation Coalition/ South Central Regional Airport Authority	Beth Danowsky
9:40 am	Bi-State Regional Commission	Denise Bulat
9:55 am	City of Hiawatha	Kim Downs
10:05 am	Unscheduled Delegations	

Message from the Commission:

Welcome to the Iowa Transportation Commission (Commission) public input meeting. The Commission travels to different locations in the state every April, June, August and October in an effort to review ongoing or proposed projects. This is also our opportunity to hear from any member of the public who wants to address the Commission about any transportation topic. We welcome those comments.

Many of you in the audience are representatives of cities, counties, planning organizations or coalitions organized around a particular transportation goal. And, many of you representatives occasionally attend these public input meetings in order to thank the Commission for past project assistance, or to propose new partnerships. We welcome those comments, as well. However, please understand that in some cases the Commission is hearing about a proposed project for the first time, so that we may have questions about the project, but we would not have any ability to comment on the merits of the proposal until we receive staff input and until we begin our planning sessions (typically held every January to April). And, in some cases, the Commission is hearing about a proposed project that it has reviewed in the past but will have no comment as the project is not in the five year program at this time and we cannot say until our planning sessions whether the project will become eligible for funding in the five year program. Please consider this an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and concerns with us, and for us to consider those thoughts and concerns as well as review them with staff after gathering necessary information about how the issues may impact our various grant programs or our five year transportation program.

You can find out more about the Commission and our meetings at [www.iowadot.gov/commission/commission.htm](http://www.iowadot.gov/commission/commission.htm) or you may reach out to us via email or telephone at our contact information listed on that web page.





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**Commission Meeting Delegation Registration**

**Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy – Cass County**

NAME/OCCUPATION	REPRESENTING
John McCurdy, Director	SWIPCO / Cass Co.
Pat McCurdy President	Cadedo

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## Commission Meeting Media/General Public Registration

NAME/OCCUPATION	REPRESENTING
Mike Danburg	SEH / <sup>Active Living &amp;</sup> Transportation Commission
Robin Anderson	Mason City Chamber of Commerce
Daniel Rios	Esso Esado Co. Dept. Public Health
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John Adam	Knight E/A





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### Public Input Meeting

Delegation: Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG)

Spokesperson: Mayor Doug Faas

NAME/OCCUPATION	REPRESENTING
<del>Kenneth Johnson</del>	INRCOG
Brent Trout	City of Mason City*
Kyle Duart	INRCOG
NORSE ANDERSON	CITY OF WATERLOO/INRCOG
Aric Schroeder	City of Waterloo
Stephanie Hank Sheets	City of Cedar Falls
Douglas Faas	City of Evansdale













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### Public Input Meeting

#### Delegation: Unscheduled Delegations

NAME/OCCUPATION	REPRESENTING
FOUAD DAQUD	WHUS & CO, * - should be on general
Adam Schweers - Computer Concepts of Iowa	Hwy 30 Coalition