

**COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**June 11, 2024**

# IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

June 11, 2024  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Council Bluffs, Iowa

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8:10 a.m.	Adjourn		

\* Action Item

### Public input meeting begins at 8:15 a.m.

On Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 3:30 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2702 Mid America Drive, Council Bluffs. 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-2024-53

Submitted by Cindy Dorhout Phone No. 515-239-1067 Meeting Date June 11, 2024

Title Approve Minutes of the May 14, 2024 Commission Meeting

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 Commission meeting.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Fehrman Seconded by Rielly

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	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Arnold	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Fehrman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Gaesser	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Juckette	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Rielly	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Stutsman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Yanney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

Commissioner Yanney called the meeting to order.

Commissioners present: Charese Yanney, Sally Stutsman, Kathy Fehrman, Ray Gaesser, Tom Rielly, Richard Arnold, and Linda Juckette

**D-2024-53**

Cindy Dorhout, Executive Assistant

Commissioner Yanney asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2024 Commission meeting. Commissioner Fehrman moved and Commissioner Rielly seconded a motion to approve. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**Commission Comments**

Commissioner Stutsman acknowledged this is the last meeting for Commissioner Yanney and Commissioner Fehrman. Commissioner Stutsman expressed her appreciation for their dedication to public service, their knowledge, and hard work.

Commissioner Yanney expressed her pleasure in having worked with everyone.

Commissioner Rielly expressed his enjoyment in working with both Commissioner Yanney and Commissioner Fehrman and how they made it enjoyable to serve on the Commission. He saluted their public service.

**DOT Comments**

Director Scott Marler expressed the Iowa DOT's appreciation to the service of Commissioner Yanney and Commissioner Fehrman.

Director Marler stated that Commissioner Yanney began her service in January 2011, serving 13 and a half years on the Commission. She has been a dedicated public servant at the state level and local level. He described several of the roles she has served in public service. He congratulated her for her dedicated service. He appreciated her inquisitive nature, her direct and honest questions, her feedback, and her pushing the department to continuously innovate.

Commissioner Yanney expressed her appreciation for those comments and how it has been an honor for her to work with the department and fellow Commissioners. She also expressed appreciation to those involved in the Council Bluffs tour as it was a great tour.

Director Marler presented Commissioner Yanney a plaque of appreciation.

Director Marler stated that Commissioner Fehrman began her service in May 2016, serving just over eight years on the Commission. She has also been a dedicated public servant at the state level and local level. He described several of the roles she has served in public service. He thanked her for her dedicated service. He appreciated her push to have us use data in our decision-making and helping us innovate in new ways.

Commissioner Fehrman said she has been humbled and grateful to serve on the Commission. She thanked Governor Branstad and Governor Reynolds for appointing her to the Commission. She thanked current and past Iowa DOT directors, fellow Commissioners, and current and former Iowa DOT staff.

Director Marler presented Commissioner Fehrman a plaque of appreciation.

Commissioner Yanney then asked Commissioner Gaesser to provide an overview of the Commission's tour of southwest Iowa the previous day. Commissioner Gaesser explained being on the Commission is about more than roads and bridges and that it's also about airports, railroads, recreational trails, etc. He mentioned the just approved the Five-Year Program and their goal is safety, maintenance, and modernization. Commissioner Gaesser described the tour beginning in Council Bluffs looking at the new I-80 and I-29 improvements and the improvements it provided. He then discussed driving south on I-29 to see industry south of Council Bluffs, rest area improvements, resiliency work on I-29 along the corridor and the community of Hamburg. Commissioner Gaesser discussed the automated pavement condition data collection that is done to help determine where the pavement needs are located. The tour then traveled on US 275, US 34, and US 59. He remarked on the improvement to US 59 pavement conditions. The Commission came back on Iowa 92 and discussed the I-80/Madison Avenue interchange project being the last piece of the Council Bluffs Interstate reconstruction.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Transportation Development Division  
 Division/Bureau/Office Modal Transportation Bureau Order No. TD-2024-54  
 Submitted by Brent Paulsen Phone No. 515-239-1132 Meeting Date June 11, 2024  
 Title Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Transit Program Amendment (vehicle replacements)

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Due to public transit agency right-sizing of vehicle fleets, federal transit funding from previous awards is available for reprogramming on additional vehicle replacements. Therefore, an amendment is proposed to allocate remaining funding for the following vehicles.

Transit System	Vehicle ID	Replacement vehicle description	Total cost	Federal portion	Local match	Public transit management system points
Region 13 (Atlantic)	1601	Light Duty Bus	\$155,645	\$124,516	\$31,129	56.82
Cambus	98	Heavy Duty Bus	\$650,200	\$520,160	\$130,040	54.24
Region 13 (Atlantic)	1604	Minivan	\$92,176	\$73,741	\$18,435	43.64
Sioux City	1339	Heavy Duty Bus	\$607,400	\$485,920	\$121,480	29.05
Cedar Rapids	2879	Medium Duty Bus	\$249,580	\$199,664	\$49,916	28.32
Cedar Rapids	2441	Heavy Duty Bus	\$816,290	\$653,032	\$163,258	27.04
Cedar Rapids	2880	Medium Duty Bus	\$249,580	\$199,664	\$49,916	25.26
Totals			\$2,820,871	\$2,256,697	\$564,174	

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the FFY 2023 Transit Program Amendment (vehicle replacements) as listed above.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Gaesser Seconded by Juckette

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Arnold	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Fehrman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Gaesser	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Juckette	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Rielly	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Stutsman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Yanney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

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Brent Paulsen, Modal Transportation Bureau

Brent Paulsen described that due to public transit agency right-sizing of vehicle fleets, federal transit funding from previous awards is available for reprogramming on additional vehicle replacements. Therefore, an amendment is proposed to allocate remaining funding for the seven vehicles listed on the Commissioner Order.

Therefore, it is recommended the Commission approve the FFY 2023 Transit Program Amendment (vehicle replacements) as listed on the Commission Order.

There were no questions or comments.

Commissioner Gaesser moved and Commissioner Juckette seconded a motion to approve. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division  
Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2024-55  
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date June 11, 2024  
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Fort Dodge

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The city of Fort Dodge submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the construction of a right turn lane on 5th Avenue South located on the southeast side of town. This project is anticipated to be completed by June 2025.

This project is necessary to provide improved access to the expanded site of Nestle Purina PetCare Company, a pet nutrition company that provides a range of pet food, snacks and cat litter products. This company conforms to the legislative requirements of the RISE program.

The improvement will support:

- A commitment to create 29 new full-time jobs out of an anticipated 50 RISE eligible jobs created.
- \$175,086,113 in associated capital investment.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be \$11,878 and there will be a total capital investment of \$508.31 for each RISE dollar requested.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, award a RISE grant of \$344,450 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Stutsman Seconded by Rielly

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Arnold	X		
Fehrman	X		
Gaesser	X		
Juckette	X		
Rielly	X		
Stutsman	X		
Yanney	X		

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**TD-2024-55**

Deb Arp, Team Leader, Local Systems Bureau

Deb Arp explained that the city of Fort Dodge requested a grant to assist in the construction of a right turn lane on 5th Avenue South located on the southeast side of town. The project improves access to the expanded site of Nestle Purina PetCare Company, a pet nutrition company that provides a range of pet food, snacks, and cat litter products.

The improvement will support a commitment to create 29 new full-time jobs out of an anticipated 50 RISE eligible jobs created within three years and \$175,086,113 in associated capital investment.

The anticipated average wage of \$27 per hour is 124 percent of the Fort Dodge laborshed average wage rate of \$21.74 per hour.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be \$11,878 and there will be a total capital investment of \$508.31 for each RISE dollar requested.

Therefore, it is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, award a RISE grant of \$344,450 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund.

There were no questions or comments.

Commissioner Stutsman moved and Commissioner Rielly seconded a motion to approve. The vote to approve was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division Order No. TD-2024-56  
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date June 11, 2024  
Title 2025-2029 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The 2025-2029 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program will be presented for final review and action.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve and authorize distribution of the 2025-2029 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program. It is also recommended the Commission approve the use of condemnation, if necessary, to acquire property for the projects in the highway section.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Fehrman Seconded by Gaesser

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Division Director                      Legal                      State Director

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Arnold	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Fehrman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Gaesser	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Juckette	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Rielly	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Stutsman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Yanney	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

**TD-2024-56**

Stuart Anderson, Division Director, Transportation Development Division

Stu Anderson stated that last month, the Commission released the draft 2025-2029 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program to the public and we received two comments. Both comments were about the lack of passenger rail projects in the Program. Responses were provided to the commenters that without funding available for passenger rail, there are no investments to show in the Program. Therefore, this Program is now available for the Commission's consideration this morning.

The Program documents the Commission's investment decisions over the past year for Iowa's multimodal transportation system and grant programs. This Program specifically invests \$4.5 billion of state and federal funding on road and bridge projects over the next five years.

Therefore, it is recommended the Commission approve and authorize distribution of the 2025-2029 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program. It is also recommended the Commission approve the use of condemnation, if necessary, to acquire property for the projects in the highway section.

There were no questions or comments.

Commissioner Fehrman moved and Commissioner Gaesser seconded a motion to approve. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 am.