

# COMMISSION MINUTES

**May 13, 2025**

# IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

May 13, 2025

Materials Conference Room - Iowa DOT Complex

Ames, Iowa

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1:00 p.m.			
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1:05 p.m.	Adjourn		

\* Action Item

On Tuesday, May 13, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 10:00 a.m. in the Materials Conference Room. Transportation-related matters will be discussed, but no action will be taken.



Commissioner Stutsman called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm on May 13, 2025, at the Materials Conference Room, Ames, Iowa.

Commissioners present: Sally Stutsman, Ray Gaesser, Rich Arnold, Linda Juckette, Mary Mulgrew Gronen, Bill Anderson (Remote) and Tom Rielly.

**D-2025-91**

Jill Smith, Executive Assistant

Commissioner Stutsman asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2025, Commission meeting.

Commissioner Gaesser moved and Commissioner Juckette seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

**Commission Comments**

None

**DOT Comments**

None

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Transportation Development Division  
Division/Bureau/Office Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2025-92  
Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date May 13, 2025  
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Waterloo

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The City of Waterloo was previously awarded a RISE Local Development grant to assist in the construction of approximately 2,600 feet of Dakota Drive, 470 feet of Wolfe Avenue, turn lanes on Dakota Drive, and a left turn lane on Ansborough Avenue located on the southwest side of town. A modification to the scope and grant award was requested to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Ansborough Avenue with the U.S. 20 eastbound ramps.

This project is necessary to provide improved access to South Waterloo Business Park, an Iowa Economic Development Authority certified site of more than 183 acres. The certification for this site expires October 7, 2027.

The evaluation and rating for the project will be discussed.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission, based on potential capital investment and future job creation, approve a modification of the previously awarded certified site RISE grant to include \$2,541,438 of additional costs for a new total cost of \$6,329,663 and increase the estimated RISE grant by \$1,524,863 to a new total of \$3,797,798 from the city share of the RISE Fund or up to 60 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less. Since this is a certified site project, the actual award amount is subject to change as the project plans are finalized. Any additional changes to the scope or approved funding will be submitted by the department to the Commission for consideration as a modification to the award.

			Vote		
			Aye	Nay	Pass
<b>COMMISSION ACTION:</b>			Anderson	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>
			Arnold	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>
			Gaesser	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>
			Juckette	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>
			Mulgrew Gronen	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>
			Rielly	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>
			Stutsman	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>
Moved by <u>Juckette</u>	Seconded by <u>Mulgrew Gronen</u>				
<u>                    </u> Division Director	<u>                    </u> Legal	<u>                    </u> State Director			

**TD-2025-92**

Debra Arp, Director, Local Systems Bureau

The City of Waterloo was awarded a RISE Certified Site Local Development grant in December 2024 to assist in construction of Dakota Drive, Wolfe Avenue and a turn lane on Ansborough Avenue located on the southwest side of town in support of the South Waterloo Business Park, an Iowa Economic Development Authority certified site of more than 183 acres.

A modification to the scope and grant award was requested to include the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Ansborough Avenue with the U.S. 20 eastbound ramps to be complete by June 2027. The total RISE-eligible roadway cost would increase by \$2,541,438 and the city of Waterloo has requested additional RISE funds.

It is recommended the Commission, based on potential capital investment and future job creation, approve a modification of the previously awarded certified site RISE grant to include \$2,541,438 of additional costs for a new total cost of \$6,329,663 and increase the estimated RISE grant by \$1,524,863 to a new total of \$3,797,798 from the city share of the RISE Fund or up to 60 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less.

Since this is a certified site project, the actual award amount is subject to change as the project plans are finalized. Any additional changes to the scope or approved funding will be submitted by the department to the Commission for consideration as a modification to the award.

Commissioner Juckette moved and Commissioner Mulgrew Gronen seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Transportation Development Division  
Division/Bureau/Office Location and Environment Bureau Order No. TD-2025-93  
Submitted by Gary Harris Phone No. 515-239-1459 Meeting Date May 13, 2025

Corridor Preservation Zone: US 20 from just west of Sundown Road to just west of Swiss Valley  
Title Road near Peosta, Iowa

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The original corridor preservation zone (CPZ) was established in July 2022. Since then, preliminary concepts have been developed that require a new CPZ be approved.

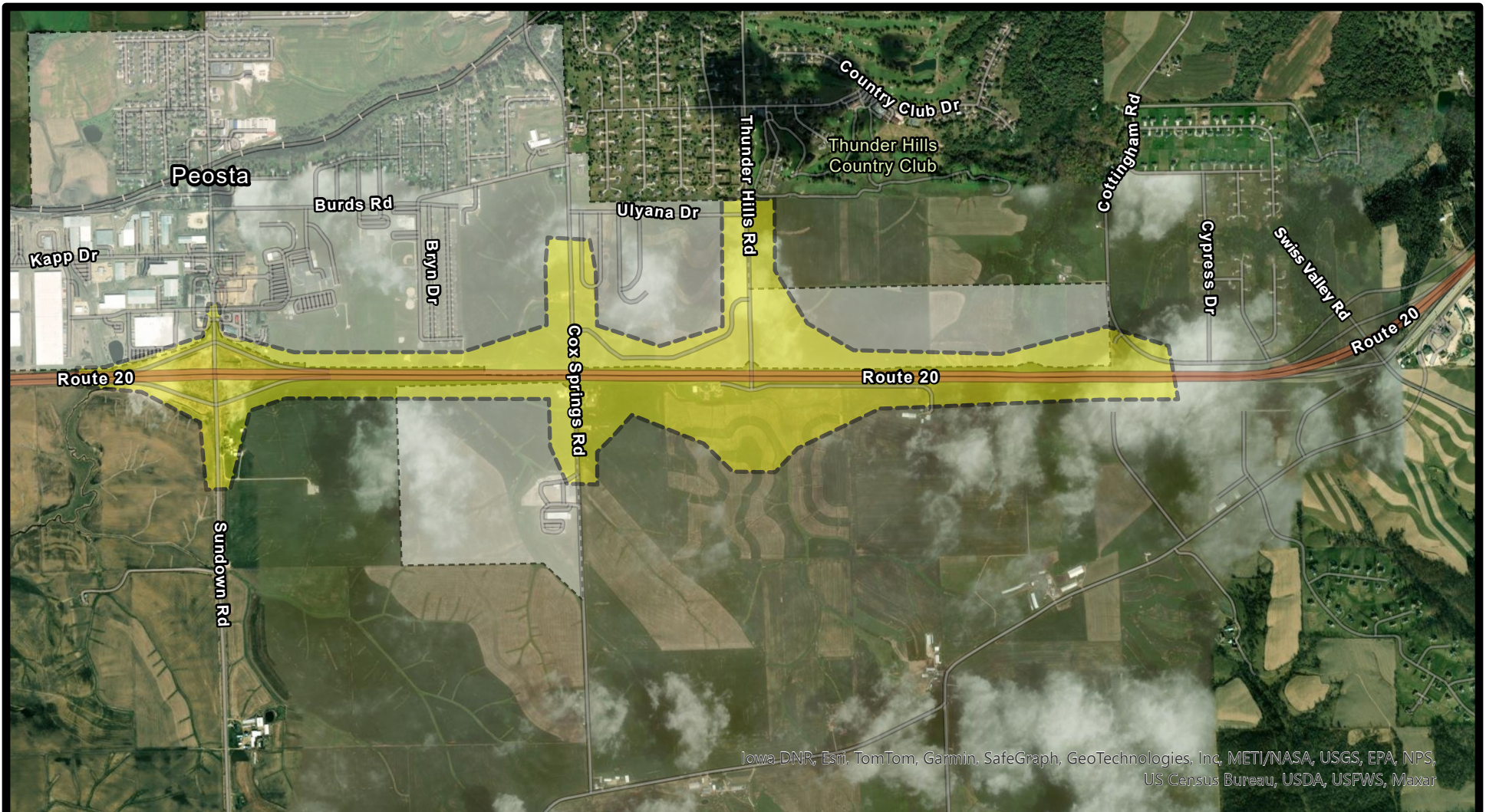
The corridor preservation zone area for US 20 is from approximately 0.4 miles west of Sundown Road to approximately 0.5 miles west of Swiss Valley Road, near Peosta, Iowa. The width of the corridor preservation zone varies depending upon the location within the corridor. Development adjacent to US 20 is increasing and there are several areas that have high potential for growth in the near future.

If a decision is made to acquire property within the corridor preservation zone, the Iowa Department of Transportation will use emergency and contingency funds in the Five-Year Program or funds that are programmed for project right-of-way acquisition. Commission approval for this corridor preservation zone allows the department to receive notice of intended development of property within the proposed right-of-way and provides the department the opportunity to take action to acquire it before the development occurs.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the corridor preservation zone along US 20 from just west of Sundown Road to just west of Swiss Valley Road, near Peosta, Iowa as shown on the attachment.

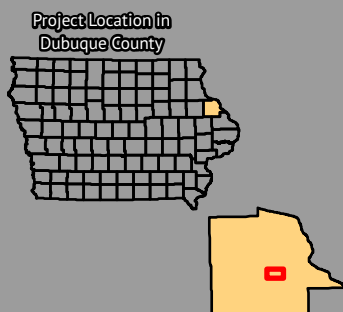
		Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
<b>COMMISSION ACTION:</b>	Anderson	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	Arnold	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	Gaesser	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	Juckette	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	Mulgrew Gronen	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	Rielly	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Moved by <u>Mulgrew Gronen</u> Seconded by <u>Rielly</u>		Stutsman	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>
<u>                    </u> Division Director	<u>                    </u> Legal	<u>                    </u> State Director		



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Location & Environment  
Bureau

Created April 2025



- Corridor Preservation Zone
- Peosta Boundary

## CORRIDOR PRESERVATION ZONE

NHSX-020-9(285)--3H-31

US 20 from approximately 0.4  
miles west of Sundown Road  
to approximately 0.5 miles west  
of Swiss Valley Road

Dubuque County, Iowa



**TD-2025-93**

Gary Harris, Location and Environment Bureau

The original corridor preservation zone (CPZ) at US 20, near Peosta was established in July 2022. Since then, preliminary concepts have been developed that require a new CPZ be approved.

It is recommended the Commission approve the corridor preservation zone along US 20 from just west of Sundown Road to just west of Swiss Valley Road, near Peosta, Iowa.

Commissioner Mulgrew Gronen moved and Commissioner Rielly seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Transportation Development Division  
Division/Bureau/Office Program Management Bureau Order No. TD-2025-94  
Submitted by Shawn Majors Phone No. 515-239-1288 Meeting Date May 13, 2025  
Title Draft 2026-2030 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The draft 2026-2030 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program will be reviewed.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

For information only.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Anderson	_____	_____	_____
Arnold	_____	_____	_____
Gaesser	_____	_____	_____
Juckette	_____	_____	_____
Mulgrew Gronen	_____	_____	_____
Rielly	_____	_____	_____
Stutsman	_____	_____	_____

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Division  
Director

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State Director

**TD-2025-94**

Shawn Majors, Director, Program Management Bureau

At the workshop this morning, the 2026-2030 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program was presented. The draft program documents the investments in Iowa's multi-modal transportation system including aviation, public transit, railroads, trails, and highways. The program is developed annually by the Commission and includes highway and bridge projects that are anticipated to be constructed over the next five years. The highway and bridge projects included in this program are funded with approximately \$4.3 billion of state and federal funding. The Commission continues to prioritize investments in safety and maintaining conditions of state highways and bridges. This program includes approximately \$3.8 billion in that area. Also included in the draft program are significant investments in bridges on the state highway system. This program includes \$1.6 billion of additional bridge investment. The draft program is now available for public comment and can be found on the department website. The Commission is currently scheduled to consider approval of the program at their meeting on June 10.

No action is being requested at this time. This is for information only.

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm.