

**PRELIMINARY
COMMISSION AGENDA**

October 14, 2025

IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

October 14, 2025

Eagle Point Park Lodge, 4101 N 3rd Street

Clinton, IA

ITEM NUMBER	TITLE	SUBMITTED BY	PAGE
8:00 am			
D-2026-29	*Approve Minutes of the September 9, Commission Meeting	Jill Smith	2
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SO-2026-30	*Administrative Rules – 761 IAC Chapter 151, City Requests for Closure of Primary Road Extensions	Wes Musgrove	3
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8:10 am	Adjourn		
*Action Item			

On Monday, October 13, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 3:30 pm in the Eagle Point Park Lodge in Clinton, Iowa. 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-2026-29
Submitted by Jill Smith Phone No. 515-239-1067 Meeting Date October 14, 2025
Title Approve Minutes of the September 9, 2025 Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025 Commission meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:				

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

_____	_____	_____
Division Director	Legal	State Director

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to city requests for closure of primary road extensions and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Transportation Department hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 151, “City Requests for Closure of Primary Road Extensions,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 307.12(1)“j.”

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 321.348.

Purpose and Summary

The Department proposes to permanently rescind Chapter 151 because there is no specific rulemaking authority within the Iowa Code that requires these rules. The Department is proposing to instead publish an instructional memorandum that will be available on the Department’s website to provide guidance for the requirements and procedures for closing primary road extensions in cities for reasons other than fire, construction, or repair.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on April 30, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- May 21, 2025

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 761—Chapter 11.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 26, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

Sara Siedsma
Department of Transportation
DOT Rules Administrator, Office of the Director
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010
Phone: 515.237.3058
Email: sara.siedsma@iowadot.us

Public Hearing

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally will be held as follows:

August 26, 2025
9 to 9:30 a.m.

[Microsoft Teams Link](#)
Or dial: 515.817.6093
Conference ID: 737 937 923#

August 26, 2025
2:30 to 3 p.m.

[Microsoft Teams Link](#)
Or dial: 515.817.6093
Conference ID: 185 787 020#

Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing impairments, should contact Sara Siedsma and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

- ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **761—Chapter 151**.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Modal Transportation Bureau Order No. TD-2026-31
 Submitted by James Glaspie Phone No. 515-239-1066 Meeting Date October 14, 2025
 Title Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program Recommendation

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program has been completed. The following recommendations will be presented.

<u>Targeted job creation projects</u>	<u>Loan</u>	<u>Grant</u>
New box manufacturing plant (Black Hawk County)		\$1,469,000
<u>Rail network improvement projects</u>	<u>Loan</u>	<u>Grant</u>
Floyd Valley Transload Lewis Blvd (Woodbury County)	\$830,000	
Floyd Valley Transload Rustin Street (Woodbury County)	\$256,000	
BJRY Le Mars Transload Yard Expansion (Plymouth County)	\$792,000	
Total recommended funding:	\$1,878,000	\$1,469,000

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program funding recommendations, as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

Division Director Legal State Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Modal Transportation Bureau Order No. TD-2026-32
Submitted by Kristopher Klop Phone No. 515-239-1108 Meeting Date October 14, 2025
Title Fiscal Year 2027 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The Modal Transportation Bureau requests approval for the fiscal year (FY) 2027 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program.

The list of the proposed program projects is attached.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the FY 2027 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program as attached.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

Division Director Legal State Director

FY 2027 Federal-Aid Highway-Railroad Safety Projects

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Moscow Avenue, 606835P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAIS Railroad • Muscatine County 	30.07	\$357,000	\$357,000 (100%)	\$357,000 (100%)
W Canal Shore Dr., 865616N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DME Railroad • City of LeClaire 	26.06	\$600,000	\$600,000 (100%)	\$600,000 (100%)
Lost Grove Road, 865579N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DME Railroad • City of Princeton 	18.09	\$375,000	\$375,000 (100%)	\$375,000 (100%)
West 11 th Street, 607576J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IANR Railroad • City of Waterloo 	17.32	\$500,000	\$500,000 (100%)	\$500,000 (100%)
Eldorado Avenue, 909175U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UP Railroad • Pottawattamie County 	15.88	\$100,000	\$100,000 (100%)	\$100,000 (100%)
Dubuque Street 606878H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAIS Railroad • City of Iowa City 	14.03	\$600,000	\$600,000 (100%)	\$600,000 (100%)
510 th Street, 603130N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAIS Railroad • Pottawattamie County 	13.93	\$357,000	\$357,000 (100%)	\$357,000 (100%)
North Sunset Road, 079190C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BNSF Railroad • City of West Burlington 	6.67	\$350,000	\$350,000 (100%)	\$350,000 (100%)
Main Street, 376176A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DME Railroad • City of McGregor 	*	\$700,000	\$700,000 (100%)	\$700,000 (100%)

172 nd Avenue, 697147B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DME Railroad • Wapello County 	**	\$345,000	\$345,000 (100%)	\$345,000 (100%)
12 th Avenue SE, 190495A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UP Railroad • City of Cedar Rapids 	0.75 ***	\$500,000	\$500,000 (100%)	\$500,000 (100%)
Waconia Avenue, 840199K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCP Railroad • City of Parkersburg 	0.74 ****	\$550,000	\$550,000 (100%)	\$550,000 (100%)
NE Broadway, 876012P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polk County 	*****	\$500,000	\$500,000 (100%)	\$500,000 (100%)
Fairbanks Avenue, 307404X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webster County 	*****	\$250,000	\$250,000 (100%)	\$250,000 (100%)
3 projected closure incentive payments at various locations (\$100,000 per location)	TBD	N/A	\$300,000	\$300,000 (100%)	\$300,000 (100%)

- * AADT component of the benefit-cost formula not representative of the number of vehicles accessing the boat ramp and restaurant during tourist season.
- ** This crossing is relocated from the east through a rail yard, thus alleviating a blocked crossing situation at one of the worst / most frequently blocked crossings in the state (375761J / 163rd Avenue). The county and railroad are also closing three additional crossings as part of this project.
- *** Previously funded FY 2018 project required roadway geometry changes. UP Railroad failed to review and approve the city's roadway plans in before the federal funding was set to expire. Project had to be cancelled, and a new application was submitted.
- **** At onsite review for FY26 funded Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair project, it was noted that additional changes to the roadway were necessary to accommodate recent increased truck traffic. This project is to fund the placement of the new railroad crossing signals based upon the modified roadway geometry.
- ***** \$500,000 lump-sum to Polk County Grade Separation project, (over UP Railroad) as part of \$26M overall roadway / bridge project.

\$250,000 lump-sum to Webster County for one-lane wooden bridge (over CCP Railroad) replacement project. This allows truck access to nearby ethanol plant. Additionally, the County is closing one railroad crossing.

Annual Apportionment:		\$5,178,586
Additional Funds (6 cancelled projects):	+	<u>\$1,251,000</u>
		\$6,429,156
Total requested project costs:		\$6,312,000
	Difference:	(\$117,156)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Modal Transportation Bureau Order No. TD-2026-33
Submitted by Kristopher Klop Phone No. 515-239-1108 Meeting Date October 14, 2025
Title 2027 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The Modal Transportation Bureau requests approval for the fiscal year (FY) 2027 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program.

The list of the proposed program projects is attached.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the 2027 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program as attached.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

Division Director Legal State Director

FY 2027 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Projects

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
210 th Avenue, 385590M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DME Railroad • Kossuth County 	N/A Order Received	\$101,520	\$60,912 (60%)	\$60,912 (60%)
40 th Avenue, 385623X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DME Railroad • Kossuth County 	N/A Order Received	\$130,000	\$78,000 (60%)	\$78,000 (60%)
Greene Street, 271479R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSV Railroad • City of Boone 	N/A Order Received	\$120,000	\$72,000 (60%)	\$72,000 (60%)
Tama Street, 385270M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSV Railroad • City of Boone 	N/A Order Received	\$100,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
6 th Avenue, 095312V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BNSF Railroad • Adams County 	N/A Order Received	\$280,000	\$168,000 (60%)	\$168,000 (60%)
West 18 th Street 607572G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IANR / CN Railroad • City of Waterloo 	N/A Order Received	\$159,535	\$95,721 (60%)	\$95,721 (60%)
Hawthorne Avenue 607571A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IANR / CN Railroad • City of Waterloo 	N/A Order Received	\$118,700	\$71,220 (60%)	\$71,220 (60%)
C-16 097429K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BNSF Railroad • Plymouth County 	N/A Order Received	\$65,000	\$39,000 (60%)	\$39,000 (60%)
Bellingham Road 865635T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DME Railroad • City of Riverdale 	N/A Order Received	\$315,200	\$189,120 (60%)	\$189,120 (60%)

Vanderbilt Street, 190538R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UP Railroad City of Fairfax 	26	\$374,350	\$224,610 (60%)	\$224,610 (60%)
8 th Avenue SE, 190501B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UP Railroad City of Cedar Rapids 	25	\$472,308	\$283,385 (60%)	\$283,385 (60%)
8 th Avenue SE, 376707U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIC Railroad City of Cedar Rapids 	24	\$282,607	\$169,564 (60%)	\$169,564 (60%)

Annual Apportionment:		\$900,000
Cancelled Projects (5):	+	<u>\$547,800</u>
		\$1,447,800
Total requested project costs:		\$1,511,532
Difference:		(\$63,732)
In order received:		\$833,973 / 55%
Scored:		\$677,559 / 45%