

COMMISSION MINUTES

November 12, 2025

IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

November 12, 2025

Lincoln Highway Conference Room, Iowa DOT Complex
Ames, IA

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On Wednesday, November 12, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 9:30 a.m. in the Lincoln Highway Conference Room. 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-2026-34
Submitted by Jill Smith Phone No. 515-239-1067 Meeting Date November 12, 2025
Title Approve Minutes of the October 14, 2025 Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 Commission meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Anderson Seconded by Juckette

		Aye	Vote	
		X	Nay	Pass
Anderson		X		
Arnold		X		
Gaesser		X		
Jackette		X		
Mulgrew	Gronen	X		
Quirk		X		
Stutsman		X		

Division Director	Legal	State Director
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Commissioner Gaesser called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm on November 12, 2025, in the Lincoln Highway Conference Room at the Iowa DOT in Ames, Iowa.

Commissioners present: Ray Gaesser, Mary Mulgrew Gronen, Linda Juckette, Bill Anderson, Rich Arnold and Brian Quirk. Sally Stutsman was via phone.

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Jill Smith, Executive Assistant

Commissioner Gaesser asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2025, Commission meeting.

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

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

Commission Comments

Commissioner Anderson thanked Director Marler and Tony Gustafson for coming to the ribbon cutting in Cherokee. He also thanked the district staff for their great leadership on making that project happen - under budget and on time.

DOT Comments

None.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division Order No. TD-2026-35
Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date November 12, 2025
Title Administrative Rules–761 IAC Chapter 181, Statewide Standard for Permitting Certain Implements of Husbandry

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The rulemaking proposes to permanently rescind Chapter 181.

The department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10 and determined rules 761—181 (Statewide Standard for Permitting Certain Implements of Husbandry) can be rescinded and instead include the established statewide standard required by Iowa Code section 321.463(4) within the department’s Local Systems Instructional Memorandums, which are available on the department’s website. The standard allows a local authority to issue a special permit for a fence-line feeder, grain cart, tank wagon or tracked implement of husbandry with a weight in excess of the weights allowed under Iowa Code chapter 321 to operate within the local authority’s jurisdiction safely.

The public comment period ended on November 4, 2025. The department did not receive any public comments.

A complete summary explaining the proposed rulemaking is included in the attached Notice of Intended Action.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Commission approve rescission of Chapter 181.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Juckette Seconded by Quirk

	Aye	Vote	Nay	Pass
Anderson	X			
Arnold	X			
Gaesser	X			
Jackette	X			
Mulgrew Gronen	X			
Rielly	X			
Stutsman	X			

Division Director

Legal

State Director

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to statewide standard for permitting certain implements of husbandry and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Transportation Department hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 181, “Statewide Standard for Permitting Certain Implements of Husbandry,” 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 sections 321.1, 321.463(4) and 321.471.

Purpose and Summary

The Department proposes to permanently rescind Chapter 181 and instead include the established statewide standard required by Iowa Code section 321.463(4) within the Department’s Local Systems Instructional Memorandums, which are available on the Department’s website. The standard allows a local authority to issue a special permit for a fence-line feeder, grain cart, tank wagon or tracked implement of husbandry with a weight in excess of the weights allowed under Iowa Code chapter 321 to operate within the local authority’s jurisdiction safely.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 14, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- June 10, 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 November 4, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

Ryan Pell
Department of Transportation
DOT Rules Administrator, Office of the Director
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010
Phone: 515.239.1358
Email: ryan.pell@iowadot.us

Public Hearing

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

November 4, 2025	Microsoft Teams link
11:30 a.m. to 12 noon	Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 910 238 900#
November 4, 2025	Microsoft Teams link
2:30 to 3 p.m.	Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 156 629 24#

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 Ryan Pell 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 181**.

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Stuart Anderson, Transportation Development Division

The rulemaking proposes to permanently rescind Chapter 181.

The department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10 and determined this rule chapter can be rescinded and instead include the established statewide standard required by Iowa Code within the department's Local Systems Instructional Memorandums, which are available on the department's website. The standard allows a local authority to issue a special permit for a fence-line feeder, grain cart, tank wagon or tracked implement of husbandry with a weight in excess of the weights allowed under Iowa Code chapter 321.

The public comment period ended on November 4, 2025. The department did not receive any public comments.

It is recommended that the Commission approve rescission of Chapter 181.

Commissioner Juckette moved and Commissioner Quirk 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
Local Systems Bureau

Division/Bureau/Office Order No. TD-2026-36

Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date November 12, 2025

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

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of DeWitt submitted a RISE Local Development application in the September 2024 round requesting a grant to assist in construction of approximately 2,810 feet of Industrial Street, paving of approximately 1,430 feet of 300th Avenue and intersection improvements including turn lanes and R-Cut at the intersection of U.S. 30 and 300th Avenue located on the southeast side of town.

This project is necessary to provide access to 10 lots totaling more than 112 acres for industrial purposes. This project is anticipated to be completed by August 2028.

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, award a RISE grant of \$2,913,196 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Arnold Seconded by Quirk

Division Director _____ Legal _____ State Director _____

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

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Deb Arp, Local Systems Bureau

The city of DeWitt submitted a RISE Local Development funding request in construction of approximately 2,810 feet of Industrial Street, paving of approximately 1,430 feet of 300th Avenue and intersection improvements including turn lanes and R-Cut at the intersection of U.S. 30 and 300th Avenue located on the southeast side of town.

This project is necessary to provide access to 10 lots totaling more than 112 acres for industrial purposes.

Under our RISE Local Development criteria, this project received a rating of 46 points and is anticipated to be completed by August 2028.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$5,826,391. The City of DeWitt has requested a RISE grant of \$2,913,196 or up to 50 percent of RISE-eligible project costs.

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, award a RISE grant of \$2,913,196 from the city share of the RISE Fund or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less.

Commissioner Arnold moved and Commissioner Quirk 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 Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2026-37
Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date November 12, 2025
Title State Recreational Trails Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

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

Clay County Connection Phase 3 (Dickinson County)	\$ 295,000
Grant Wood Trail Connection to Cedar Valley Nature Trail (Cedar Rapids)	\$ 200,000
Great American Rail Trail: Weston to Underwood (Pottawattamie County Conservation Board)	\$ 500,000
Great Western Trail Rehabilitation Phase 2 (Warren County Conservation Board)	\$ 543,200
Heritage Trail Bridge 30 Replacement (Dubuque County Conservation Board)	\$ 170,250
Neal Smith Trail Reconstruction and Birdland Park Connection (Des Moines)	\$ 200,000
Prairie Restoration Trail (Laurens)	\$ 433,927
Wabash Trace Rapp Park Connector Trail (Page County)	\$ 285,000
Waukee Regional Trail Connection and Safety Improvements Project (Waukee)	\$ 500,000
Total	\$3,127,377

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Mulgrew Gronen Seconded by Juckette

	Aye	Vote	
	X	Nay	Pass
Anderson	X		
Arnold	X		
Gaesser	X		
Jackette	X		
Mulgrew Gronen	X		
Quirk	X		
Stutsman	X		

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Debra Arp, Local Systems Bureau

The State Recreational Trails program was created in 1988 with the purpose of developing and maintaining recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both motorized and non-motorized trail users. This funding is available to cities, counties, state agencies, local governments or non-profit organizations through an annual application program.

The current round of applications were received by July 1 of this year. We reviewed 22 applications requesting over \$11.6 million in funding. Last month, we shared with you our recommendation to fund 9 projects with \$3,127,377.

We recommend you approve the State Recreational Trails program recommendations as listed on the Commission Order.

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

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.