

**PRELIMINARY
COMMISSION AGENDA**

January 13, 2026

IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

January 13, 2026

Lincoln Highway Conference Room, Iowa DOT Complex
Ames, IA

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1:00 p.m.			
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1:10 p.m.	Adjourn		

*Action Item

On Tuesday, January 13, 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-2026-43
Submitted by Jill Smith Phone No. 515-239-1067 Meeting Date January 13, 2026
Title Approve Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

COMMISSION ACTION:				

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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Division Director	Legal	State Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Transportation Development Division
Division/Bureau/Office Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2026-44
Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date January 13, 2026
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Huxley

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Huxley submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the paving of approximately 2,650 feet of 560th Avenue and the construction of 1,500 feet of new roadway and intersection improvements at Iowa 210 and 560th Avenue located on the southeast side of town. This project is anticipated to be completed by November 2026.

Because this project will provide access to 55 acres for warehousing and 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 September 2025 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$2,089,439 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:			Vote	
			Aye Nay Pass	
		Anderson	_____	_____
		Arnold	_____	_____
		Gaesser	_____	_____
Moved by _____	Seconded by _____	Juckette	_____	_____
		Mulgrew Gronen	_____	_____
		Quirk	_____	_____
		Stutsman	_____	_____
_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director		

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Transportation Development Division
 Division/Bureau/Office Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2026-45
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date January 13, 2026
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Sioux Center

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Sioux Center submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in construction of approximately 560 feet of 3rd Street NW located on the northwest side of town. This project is anticipated to be completed by October 2026.

Because this project will provide access to 12 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 September 2025 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$276,470 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund.

		Vote			
		Aye	Nay	Pass	
COMMISSION ACTION:	Anderson	_____	_____	_____	
	Arnold	_____	_____	_____	
	Gaesser	_____	_____	_____	
	Moved by _____	Juckette	_____	_____	_____
	Seconded by _____	Mulgrew Gronen	_____	_____	_____
		Quirk	_____	_____	_____
		Stutsman	_____	_____	_____
_____	Division Director	_____	_____	_____	
_____	Legal	_____	_____	_____	
_____	State Director	_____	_____	_____	

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Transportation Development Division
Division/Bureau/Office Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2026-46
Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date January 13, 2026
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, a left turn lane on Ansborough Avenue and a roundabout at the intersection of Ansborough Avenue with the U.S. 20 eastbound ramps located on the southwest side of town. A modification to the scope and grant award was requested to construct approximately 1,700 feet of Wolfe Lane and 610 feet of North Lane.

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 modification of the previously awarded certified site RISE grant to include \$1,162,513 of additional costs for a new total cost of \$7,492,176 and increase the estimated RISE grant by \$697,508 to a new total of \$4,495,306 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
COMMISSION ACTION:	Anderson	_____	_____	_____
	Arnold	_____	_____	_____
	Gaesser	_____	_____	_____
	Moved by _____	_____	_____	_____
	Seconded by _____	_____	_____	_____
	Mulgrew Gronen	_____	_____	_____
	Quirk	_____	_____	_____
_____	Stutsman	_____	_____	_____
Division Director	Legal	State Director		

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Transportation Development Division
 Division/Bureau/Office Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2026-47
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date January 13, 2026
 Title Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program has been completed. The following recommendations will be presented.

Adaptive Traffic Control System Phase 1 (Ankeny)	\$ 400,000
Enterprise Commute Vanpool (Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency)	\$ 116,800
Phase 5 Traffic Signal Master Plan Deployment (Ames)	\$1,213,760
Traffic Signal System Improvements (Marion)	\$ 653,840
12th Street NW & Pierce Avenue Roundabout (Mason City)	\$ 508,788
Utica Ridge Road & East 56th Street Roundabout (Davenport)	\$1,106,812
 Total	 \$4,000,000

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program funding recommendations, as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:		Vote		
		Aye	Nay	Pass
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Moved by _____	Anderson	_____	_____	_____
Seconded by _____	Arnold	_____	_____	_____
	Gaesser	_____	_____	_____
	Juckette	_____	_____	_____
	Mulgrew Gronen	_____	_____	_____
	Quirk	_____	_____	_____
	Stutsman	_____	_____	_____
_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director		

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2026-48
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date January 13, 2026
 Title Federal Recreational Trails Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

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

Off-Highway Vehicle Park Maintenance Equipment (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)	\$ 291,600
Pinicon Ridge Park Wapsi Bluff Trail Connector (Linn County Conservation Board)	\$ 325,000
Skunk River Bridge Repair (Polk County Conservation Board)	\$ 468,000
Snow Trail Maintenance Equipment (Iowa State Snowmobile Association)	\$ 264,000
Total	\$1,348,600

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

		Vote		
COMMISSION ACTION:		Aye	Nay	Pass
Anderson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Arnold	_____	_____	_____	_____
Gaesser	_____	_____	_____	_____
Juckette	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mulgrew Gronen	_____	_____	_____	_____
Quirk	_____	_____	_____	_____
Stutsman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ _____ Division Director Legal State Director				

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Transportation Development Division
 Division/Bureau/Office Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2026-49
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date January 13, 2026
 Title Statewide Transportation Alternatives Set-aside Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the Statewide Transportation Alternatives Set-aside Program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

Safe Routes to School Projects

Central City Pedestrian Bridge (Central City)	\$1,400,000
Iowa Safe Routes Partnership (Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments)	\$ 312,002

All Other Projects

Camanche Trail Extensions (Camanche)	\$ 500,000
Great American Rail Trail: Weston to Underwood (Pottawattamie County Conservation Board)	\$1,920,435
Summer Street – Dankwardt Park Connector Trail (Burlington)	\$ 750,000
UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (University of Northern Iowa Tallgrass Prairie Center)	\$ 447,956
Total	\$5,330,393

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the Statewide Transportation Alternatives Set-aside Program funding recommendations, as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:		Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Moved by _____	Seconded by _____	_____	_____	_____
		Anderson	_____	_____
		Arnold	_____	_____
		Gaesser	_____	_____
		Juckette	_____	_____
		Mulgrew Gronen	_____	_____
		Quirk	_____	_____
		Stutsman	_____	_____
_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director		

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Transportation Development Division
 Division/Bureau/Office Modal Transportation Bureau Order No. TD-2026-50
 Submitted by Kristin Haar Phone No. 515-233-7875 Meeting Date January 13, 2026
 Title State Transit Assistance Special Projects

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The Modal Transportation Bureau requests approval for the Fiscal Year 2027 State Transit Assistance Special Projects.

FY 2027 Competitive Projects

System/Sponsor	Project	Amount recommended
Southwest Iowa Transit Agency (SWITA), Region 13	SWI-Ride (Hybrid demand-response service in Pottawattamie and Mills Counties)	\$50,000
Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART)	Making Moves with DART's New Network (Marketing Campaign)	\$75,000
Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency (HIRTA), Region 11	HIRTA Awareness Campaign (Marketing Campaign)	\$25,000

FY 2027 Iowa DOT-Sponsored Projects

System/Sponsor	Project	Amount recommended
Iowa DOT	General Transit Feed Specification Contractor	\$77,500
Iowa DOT	Iowarideshare.org Ridematching Software	\$42,000

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the State Transit Assistance Special Project funding recommendations as listed above.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

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

Division Director Legal State Director