

# GENERAL LOCAL SYSTEMS & IOWA DOT UPDATES

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## INSTRUCTIONAL MEMORANDUMS & FEDERAL-AID GUIDE

### Federal-Aid Project Development Guide for Local Public Agencies

The Federal-Aid Project Development Guide for Local Public Agencies, referred to hereinafter as the Federal-aid Guide, provides a concise summary of information and instructions for local public agency (LPA) staff and consultants involved in the planning, development and construction of LPA federal-aid transportation projects. Where appropriate, the Federal-aid Guide references the I.M.s and other documents for more detailed information and instructions.

**Federal-Aid Project Development Guide for Local Public Agencies.**

### Non-Federal-Aid Project Development Guide for Local Public Agencies

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Type in a key word to search. If searching multiple words or a phrase, use quotes to get the specific phrase search results. For example, "contractor furnished borrow."

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# CONTRACTOR INSURANCE & PROJECT PAYMENTS

- Proof of payments through FM account can be found on Local Systems [County Funding Information webpage](#)
- Payments should not/cannot be made to contractors with expired insurance.
  - For projects through FM, Finance monitors
  - For locally-paid projects, LPA is responsible for monitoring the expiration date and for withholding payment until insurance is updated.
- Both Counties and Cities are required to use Appia for payments & payment documentation for all DOT-let projects

## County Farm-to-Market (FM) Fund Balances

This report shows each county's current FM fund balance and the statewide total. This information is updated monthly. Counties with questions concerning these figures should contact Niki Stinn in the Local Systems Bureau at 515-239-1064 or email her at [Niki.Stinn@iowadot.us](mailto:Niki.Stinn@iowadot.us).

▪ [County farm-to-market \(FM\) fund balances](#) .xlsx

You can [search for payments](#) made through the FM account.

## Iowa Department of Transportation Payment Voucher

Invoice Number Project Payment Posted

SI-00422839 2024-09-26

Croell Inc  
CNTRT-00006218:71-C071-089, Payment Number: 10

Project Total Summary: Total 2 project(s)

Project	Amount This Period	Retention Amount This Period	Amount To Date	Retention Amount To Date
FM-C071(91)--55-71	\$35,150.00	\$0.00	\$2,856,087.53	(\$16,181.12)
STP-S-C071(89)--5E-71	\$9,450.00	\$0.00	\$2,780,792.97	(\$2,737.36)

Total For Summary

Amount This Period	Retention Amount This Period	Amount To Date	Retention Amount To Date
\$44,600.00	\$0.00	\$5,636,880.50	(\$18,918.48)

Total 4 items

Item No	Item Description	Quantity Awarded	Quantity Authorized	Unit Of Measure	Quantity To Date	Quantity This Period	Amount To Date	Amount this Period	Project Number
	SAFETY								STP-S-

# RETAINAGE: CONTRACTS W/ FM & LOCAL PAY

- Retainage is split between projects
- Total retainage found in summary on bottom of payment
- Proportional to amount paid on each project on that payment

Example:

- Total payment on voucher 3 = \$100,000
  - FM = \$80,000
  - Local = \$20,000
- Total retainage withheld on payment 3 = \$3,000
  - FM =  $\$3,000 * \$80,000 / \$100,000 = \$2,400$
  - Local =  $\$3,000 * \$20,000 / \$100,000 = 600$

## Summary

Current Approved Work:	\$285,605.62
Current Stockpile Advancement:	\$0.00
Current Stockpile Recovery:	\$0.00
Current Retainage:	\$8,568.17
Current Retainage Released:	\$0.00
Current Liquidated Damages:	\$0.00
Current Adjustment:	\$0.00
Current Payment:	\$277,037.45
Previous Payment:	\$296,361.57

Approved Work To Date:	\$814,938.93
Stockpile Advancement To Date:	\$0.00
Stockpile Recovery To Date:	\$0.00
Retainage To Date:	\$24,448.17
Retainage Released To Date:	\$0.00
Liquidated Damages To Date:	\$0.00
Adjustments To Date:	\$0.00
Payments To Date:	\$790,490.76
Previous Payments To Date:	\$513,453.31

## Funding Details

41-C041-143-CAT-1 41-C041-143-CAT-1 41-C041-143:	\$1,992.26
41-C041-144-CAT-1 PARTICIPATING:	\$70,963.96
41-C041-144-CAT-2 NON-PARTICIPATING:	\$0.00
41-C041-145-CAT-1 PARTICIPATING:	\$212,649.40
41-C041-145-CAT-2 NON-PARTICIPATING:	\$0.00
Current Payment:	\$285,605.62

41-C041-143-CAT-1 41-C041-143-CAT-1 41-C041-143 To Date:	\$291,857.00
41-C041-144-CAT-1 PARTICIPATING To Date:	\$310,432.53
41-C041-144-CAT-2 NON-PARTICIPATING To Date:	\$0.00
41-C041-145-CAT-1 PARTICIPATING To Date:	\$212,649.40
41-C041-145-CAT-2 NON-PARTICIPATING To Date:	\$0.00
Payments To Date:	\$814,938.93

# FM FINAL VOUCHER SIGNATURE



House File 903 signed by the Governor on May 6, 2025



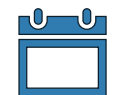
Law effective July 1, 2025



Starting July 1, 2025, Board of Supervisors signatures are no longer necessary on the final voucher for projects being paid through the Farm to Market account.



No more uploading Board-signed voucher as a supporting document in Doc Express



Not letting date dependent

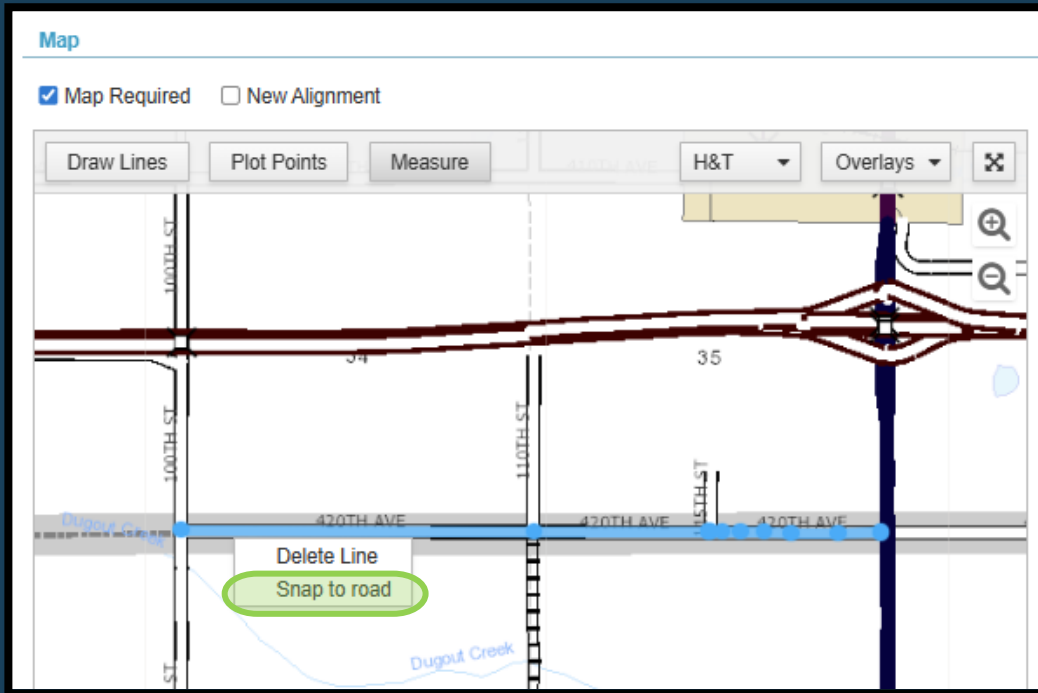
# COUNTY CFYP & BUDGET: DUE DATE & SUBMITTAL PROCESS

**PROGRAM REALISTICALLY!!!**  
~ Especially in first couple years~

- Due dates according to Iowa Code:
  - DOT budget due by April 15 ([309.93](#))
  - CFYP due by May 15 ([309.22](#))
- Due dates required for actual processes
  - Budget & CFYP initial submittal by April 1 (recommended) / April 15 (required) prior to Board approval
  - All CFYPs require DOT approval by May 15 to allow for inclusion in TIP/STIP
- Budget & CFYP submittal process – new as of last year
  - Submit Budget & CFYP as a pair by April 1
  - Local Systems reviews and county makes revisions
  - Finalized versions presented to Board for approval
  - All revisions and Board approvals due by May 15

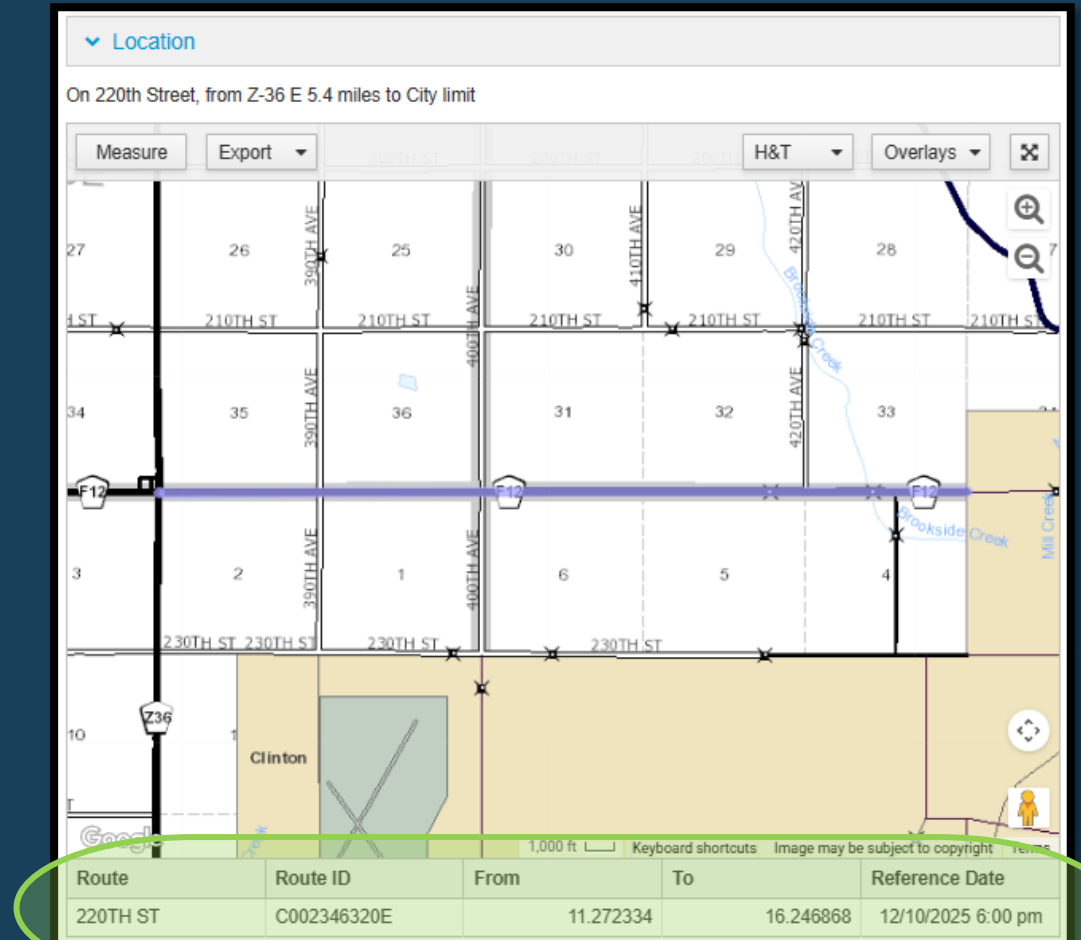
The screenshot shows a web application interface for the 'Cass County 2025 CFYP Version 1.0'. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Welcome', 'Project Development', 'FM Estimates', and '2025 CFYP 1.0'. Below this, a purple header bar displays 'Cass County 2025 CFYP Version 1.0 Printed'. A secondary navigation bar contains 'Projects', 'Submittal' (highlighted), and 'Log'. The main content area is titled 'Submittal' and includes a 'View Official' button and a timestamp 'Printed November 21, 2024 at 3:14 pm'. The form is divided into sections: 'Board Approval' with 'Date \*' and 'Documentation \*' fields, and 'Reason For Amendment' with a 'Reason \*' field. The 'Reason \*' field contains the text 'Recently discovered structural damage from latest bridge inspection.' and is marked as a required field with an asterisk.

# TPMS MAPPING – NEW “SNAP TO” FEATURE (USE REQUIRED)



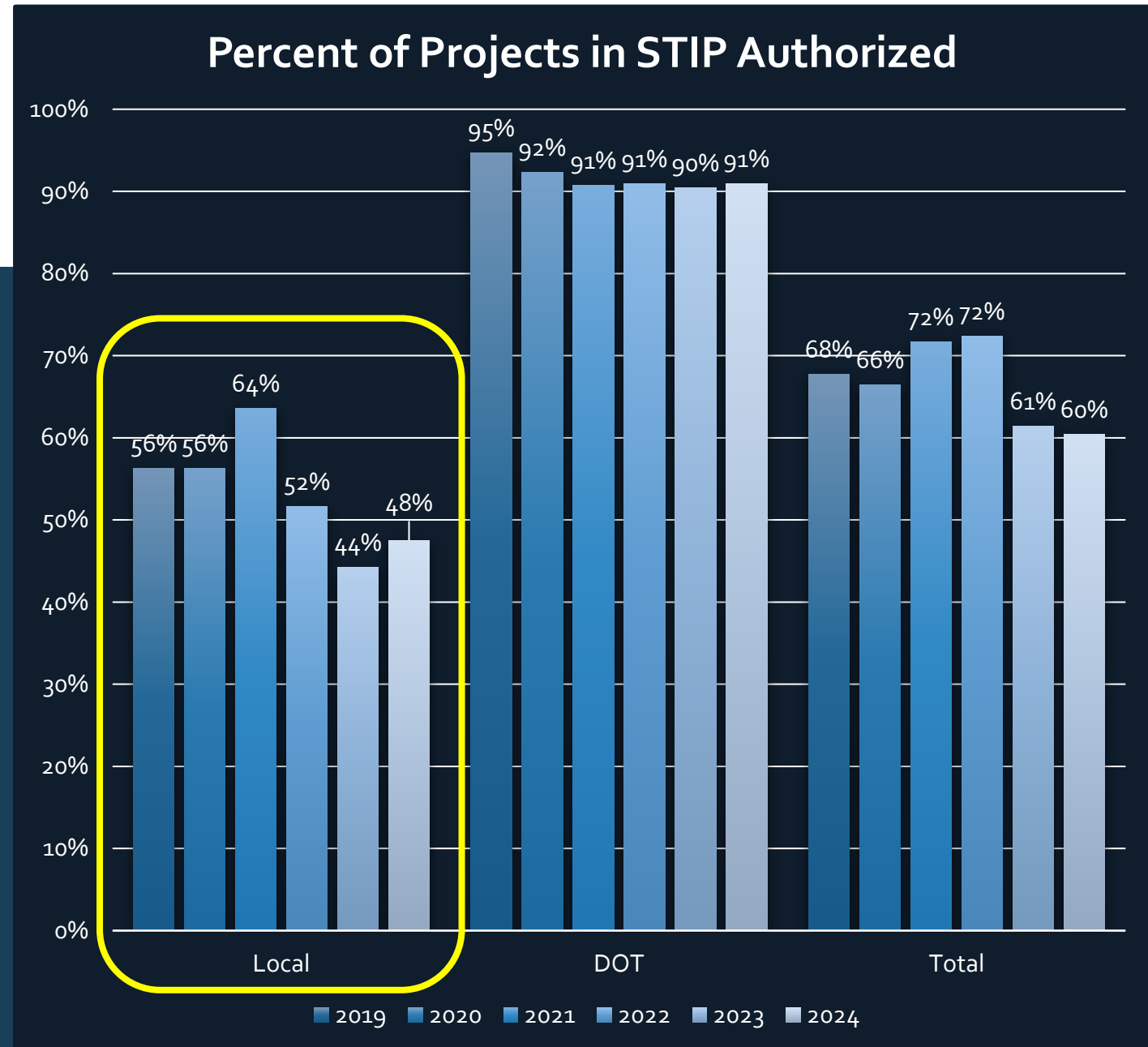
**All TPMS Programming  
~ Cities (by RPAs/MPOs) & Counties~**

**Counties: Must do this for ALL projects in CFYP**



# STIP ACCOMPLISHMENT

- % of projects programmed in STIP accomplishment year that get authorized
- Authorization occurs 6 weeks prior to letting
- Metric used to assess the reliability of the project development process
- Metric communicated to FHWA
- Average 53% authorized projects for LPAs (non-DOT)
- FFY'24 percentage rose slightly to 48%
- FFY'23 transition back to Federal-aid and historic bridge evaluations?
- Only program what you can deliver!
- RPAs/MPOS – Discuss realistic letting dates with cities!



# ALL-SYSTEMS OVERWEIGHT PERMIT UPDATE

- Administrative Rule being updated (Chapter 511)
- GovDelivery with attached redline draft & memo sent 09/19/25
- Substantial updates include
  - Definition of “Designated Truck Route”
  - Requirements for haulers to use county 511 map
  - Simplifies distribution of 75% to counties (equal split)
  - Requires written exemption justifications
  - Explains submittal, review, and appeal process for exemptions
  - Specifies exemption approvals are reviewed periodically by the DOT
  - Specifies allowance for and procedure for alternate route requests
- Future I.M. currently being drafted
  - **LPA's will need to re-evaluate exemptions during the annual road update period and notify Analytics if change is needed!!**



## MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION & LOCAL SYSTEMS BUREAU - MEMORANDUM

TO: Iowa Department of Transportation Stakeholders  
FROM: Motor Vehicle Division & Local Systems Bureau  
RE: Department of Transportation Administrative Rule chapter 761—511 (Special Permits for Operation and Movement of Vehicles and Loads of Excessive Size and Weight)  
DATE: September 19, 2025

Pursuant to [House File 979](#) enacted during the 2025 legislative session, the Iowa DOT is proposing to amend administrative rule chapter 761—511 to implement changes to Iowa Code sections 321E.3(1)(b) and 321E.12(1).

Additionally, administrative rule 511.10(2) describing the distribution of the 75% of the All-Systems Overweight Permit revenue to counties is being updated to reflect the effective mandatory participation of all counties in the permit.

As part of this process, we are sending proposed changes to stakeholders and constituent groups for review and comment. Accordingly, we ask that you review the redline draft rule chapter (attached) and the description of proposed changes (below).

Please send any comments or concerns you have to Sara Siedsma, Motor Vehicle Division or Niki Stinn, Local Systems Bureau. You may comment via email to [sara.siedsma@iowadot.us](mailto:sara.siedsma@iowadot.us) or [niki.stinn@iowadot.us](mailto:niki.stinn@iowadot.us) or via mail to Iowa Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division, PO Box 9204 Des Moines, IA 50306 or to Iowa Department of Transportation, Local Systems Bureau, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010. Comments must be received electronically or postmarked by October 9.

Thank you for participating in our rules review process.

### Description of proposed changes to Iowa Administrative Code chapter 761-511

The proposed chapter is proposed to be amended as follows:

Rule 761—511.1 corrects an Iowa Code section reference and now contains additional language in the “Permit-issuing authority” definition stating the department may issue All-Systems permits on the secondary road and municipal systems. Authority for the department to issue All-Systems permits is given in Iowa Code 321E.3. This rule also contains a new definition for “Designated Truck Route”. The concept of “Designated Truck Route” had not been utilized in Iowa Code or in Iowa Administrative Code in relation to permits for excessive size and weight until Iowa Code 321E.3 was amended via SF527 on May 3, 2023. This definition accommodates the commonly accepted uses of the term “truck route” and allows for the department to issue permits on routes designated by local authorities as “valid” by classifying the routes as designated truck routes.

Subrule 511.4(3) corrects an Iowa Code section reference.

Subrule 511.5(2) corrects an Iowa Code section reference.

# PLANS – FUNDING DIVISIONS & SITES

- “Division” and “Category” associated with funding
- Division = Categorization of bid items for purposes of indicating funding and programming differences amongst bid items
  - Multiple projects with unique project numbers cannot be combined into the same division
  - Do not use “divisions” if the funding is same for all bid items
  - A single plan division cannot individually contain items with un-like funding & each division should only contain items with identical funding sources
    - Example: Establish an HSIP-Swap eligible division that contains only HSIP-eligible items when some contract items are eligible for HSIP, but not all
  - Use the fewest # of divisions possible while still separating funding
- Sites = Areas of work being differentiated for administrative purposes rather than for funding purposes
- Sites used to indicate areas in which funding is the same but quantities are separated
  - Locational tracking - Separate routes on one plan set, jurisdictional splits, etc.
  - Internal accounting differentiations, often necessary for cities

# TRACKING IN APPIA VS. PLAN/CONTRACT SETUP

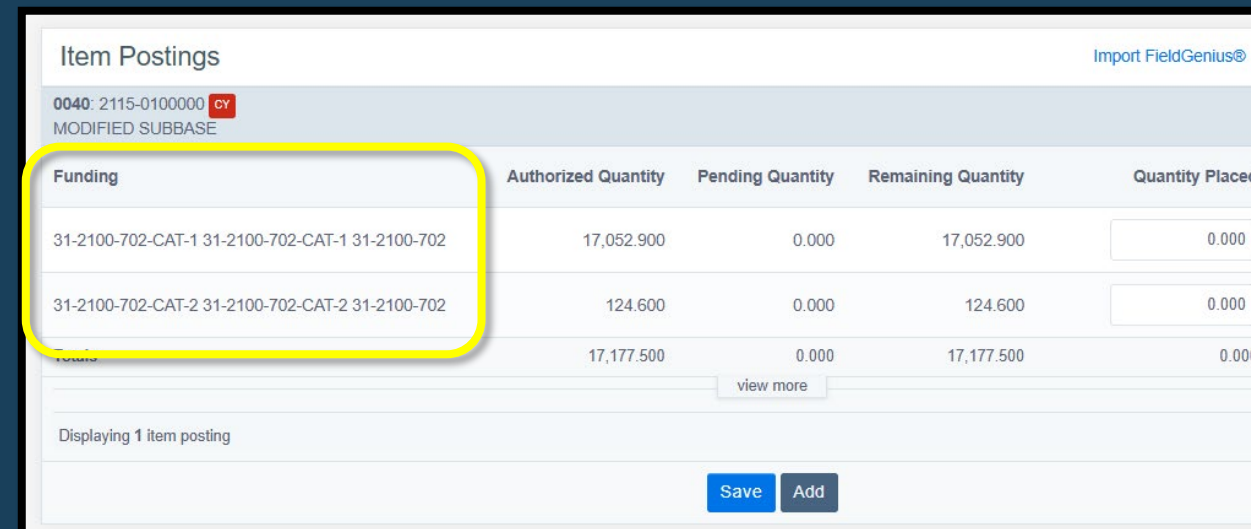
## Totaled divisions

- If funding **differs** between divisions, funding package (divisional tracking) is automatically retained
- If funding is **same** between sites, funding package (divisional tracking) is only retained if LPA requests it
  - If LPA requests, the Project Development team assigns unique funding categories on the Funding Worksheet
- If funding is **same** between sites, if site quantity tracking **is** desired, show each site in its own column in Estimated Quantities table
- If funding is **same** between sites, if individual area quantity tracking **is not** necessary, leave the area breakdowns out of Estimated Quantities table and report only total quantities
  - Area breakdowns can be provided in other sheets.

## Non-totaled divisions

- Will be separate sections on the bidding proposal/contract
- Will be assigned individual funding packages in Appia automatically

Example of fund packages in Appia used for quantity tracking



Funding	Authorized Quantity	Pending Quantity	Remaining Quantity	Quantity Placed
31-2100-702-CAT-1 31-2100-702-CAT-1 31-2100-702	17,052.900	0.000	17,052.900	0.000
31-2100-702-CAT-2 31-2100-702-CAT-2 31-2100-702	124.600	0.000	124.600	0.000
	17,177.500	0.000	17,177.500	0.000

Displaying 1 item posting

Save Add

# TOTAL VS. NO TOTAL COLUMN RECAP

- Totaling = Quantities combined into same section on bidding proposal/contract
- No Totaling = Divisions/sites are separate sections in bidding proposal/contract
- Separate fund package (site/division) tracking is available in Appia even if sites/divisions are totaled.
- Make the Project Development staff aware of all of your funding sources at or before Check Plan stage. Failure to do so may result in re-doing plans!!!
- Contact us early (even during programming!) to best understand how to program, develop, and administer projects.

\*Plan and division setup guidance available in [I.M. 3.700 \(Check & Final Plan Guidelines\), Attachment A](#)

All will be ok if you tell the Project Development staff these three things:

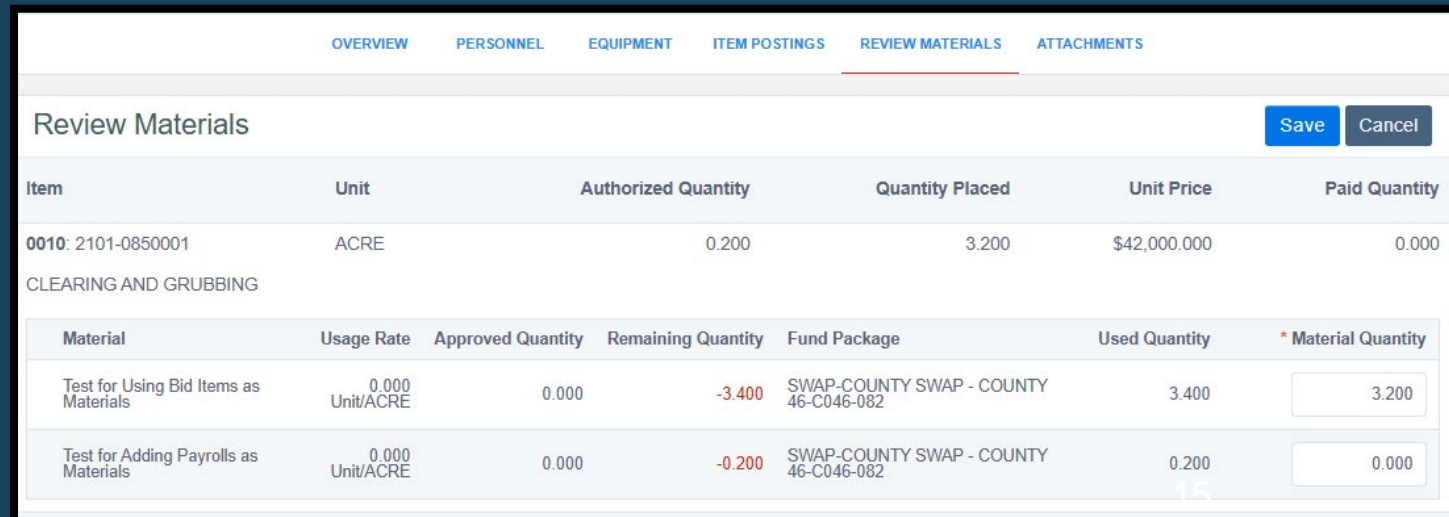
1. Each of your funding sources and what items they apply to
2. How you want the divisions to be set up on the contract
3. What fund(s) will be writing checks to the contractor?

\*Currently working on updating I.M. 3.700 to provide more clear and detailed guidance on plan and division setups

# WITHHOLDING PAYMENT FOR ITEMS (IN APPIA)

- Utilize Materials module to withhold payment for
  - Items with certifications not yet received
  - Items for which payrolls have not been received or for which there are issues
  - Anticipated liquidated damages (LDs)
- Actual Materials replaced by Bid Items, Payrolls, & LDs
- To withhold payment, enter material quantity in “Review Materials” screen (keep usage rate at 0.00)
- When certs and payrolls are cleared / a change order item has been created for LDs, enter approved materials quantity in Materials module

- Payments will exclude “Materials” with a quantity entered but not approved
- May need to create additional Payroll or LD materials if withholding on multiple items
- Refer to Appia “Under Construction” Instructions for detailed Guidance



OVERVIEW PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT ITEM POSTINGS REVIEW MATERIALS ATTACHMENTS

Review Materials Save Cancel

Item	Unit	Authorized Quantity	Quantity Placed	Unit Price	Paid Quantity
0010: 2101-0850001	ACRE	0.200	3.200	\$42,000.000	0.000

CLEARING AND GRUBBING

Material	Usage Rate	Approved Quantity	Remaining Quantity	Fund Package	Used Quantity	* Material Quantity
Test for Using Bid Items as Materials	0.000 Unit/ACRE	0.000	-3.400	SWAP-COUNTY SWAP - COUNTY 46-C046-082	3.400	<input type="text" value="3.200"/>
Test for Adding Payrolls as Materials	0.000 Unit/ACRE	0.000	-0.200	SWAP-COUNTY SWAP - COUNTY 46-C046-082	0.200	<input type="text" value="0.000"/>

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# DAVIS-BACON PAYROLL REVIEW CHANGES

- Transitioning to AASHTOWare Project Civil Rights & Labor™ (CRL) system
- Replaces paper-based certified payrolls with a digital process
- Allows for direct upload of payroll data into a secure portal
- Software performs automatic checks for common errors, which reduces manual review time
- Implementation
  - Iowa DOT Primary: October 2026 letting
  - Local Agencies: TBD
  - For all , new payroll form required by Dept. of Labor Oct. '26
- Exact “how” to be determined for LPAs
  - May require log-in and limited use of AASHTOWare Project

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**PROJECT**  
CIVIL RIGHTS & LABOR

## Building Iowa Better, Together

At the Iowa DOT, we know what's riding on our work. To better support our partners and neighbors, we are modernizing our labor compliance process.

### A Smarter Way to Submit Payroll

We are transitioning to the AASHTOWare Project Civil Rights & Labor™ (CRL) system. This tool helps us both stay in step with federal rules without the headache of manual paperwork.

### What is CRL?

The AASHTOWare Project Civil Rights & Labor™ system is a new online tool designed to replace manual, paper-based certified payroll with a simple digital process. It allows you to upload your payroll data directly into a secure portal, where the software automatically checks for common errors like incorrect wage rates or job classifications. By catching these mistakes early and keeping everyone on the same page in real-time, the system reduces administrative headaches and helps speed up the approval process so you can get paid faster and stay focused on the job site.

### Integrity Without Exception

We value your partnership and are committed to transparency in everything we do.

For questions or comments, please contact:

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Jennifer.Strunk@iowadot.us  
(641) 344-0044

Cedric Wilkinson  
cedric.wilkinson@iowadot.us  
(563) 349-4763

### Key Benefits for Contractors



#### Less Paperwork

Digital submission means less time spent on administrative tasks and more time on the job site.



#### Accuracy

The software automatically checks for errors in wage rates and classifications.



#### Improved Communication

Everyone sees the same data in real-time, reducing confusion.

### How to Get Started

For your information to begin the process – for payroll software developers – please see the information included in this link :

[xml.aashtowareproject.org/resourcekit/](https://xml.aashtowareproject.org/resourcekit/)

# DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) CHANGES

## New DBE Guidance from Federal level

- DBEs had to be de-certified
- Can no longer be certified based on race or gender
- Iowa DOT awaiting Federal guidance on re-certifying DBEs

## For projects under contract prior to October 3, 2025:

- Continue tracking DBE commitment as originally on contract
- Continue filling out paperwork for DBEs during project closeout
- Iowa DOT will use paperwork for DBE tracking purposes

## For projects let in October 2025 letting and later

- Until further notice, Iowa DOT is not setting DBE goals on contracts let through DOT

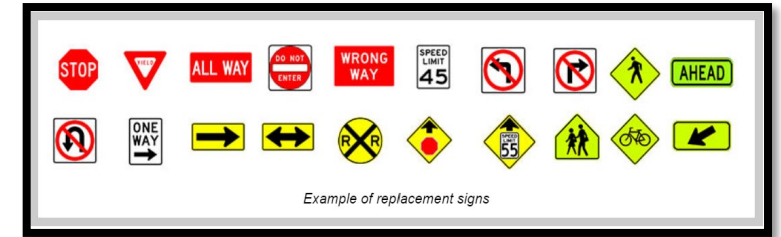
See memo sent October 30, 2025

# WORK BY LOCAL AGENCIES & LOCAL STUDIES ON THE PRIMARY HIGHWAY ROW

- Any modifications being made in the state's Right-of-Way (ROW) require a Work on ROW permit and/or possibly other applications or guidance
- Contact the local District Traffic Tech to determine next steps [Districts | Department of Transportation](#)
- [Application to Perform Work Within State Highway Right-of-Way](#) (Form 810028) turned over to the appropriate District EOT at the Traffic Techs guidance
- New [I.M. 8.010, Local Studies on State DOT Primary Highway Routes](#)

- Work in ROW Examples:
  - Adding ADA sidewalk plates in ROW
  - Installing/moving/removing signing in ROW
  - Installing/moving signing off ROW – we can help ensure no ROW encroachment/ overhang in placement
  - Installing or Upgrading Signals or Pre-Emptive Warning Beacons
  - Installing or Upgrading Flashing Beacons on Stop signs at Highway intersections
  - Detour signing being placed for use of State Highway as route
  - Any construction that ties into State Highway
  - Planting Trees/Shrubs/Flowers in ROW
- Study Examples:
  - Planning Studies (e.g., Feasibility, PEL or Corridor Study)
  - Access Management Studies
  - Environmental Studies
  - New or Revised Interchange Access
  - Safety Analysis
  - Traffic Impact Analysis

# SIGN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR CITIES AND COUNTIES (SRPFCC)



- Purpose: Funding to purchase REPLACEMENT signs, posts, and hardware for warning, regulatory, and school signs.
  - Reflective strips (for chevron and stop signposts only)
    - Up to \$1,000 annually for Cities (out of the grant maximum)
    - Up to \$2,000 annually for Counties (out of the grant maximum)
- Who: Counties and Cities
- How to Apply: Complete application using the new [DOT Sign Grant Application](#)
  - Only one application allowed per year per agency
  - **Priority for those who didn't receive funding last year**
- Amount: Annual grant maximum: counties = \$10,000, cities = \$5,000
  - Reimbursement based on list of submitted signs replaced over the preceding year
  - Standard costs per sign set by program administrator
  - \$200,000 available for FY'27
- 2026 Stats:
  - TBD – Currently reviewing applications

Applications accepted  
January 12, 2026 @  
9:00am

Awarded funds will be  
distributed shortly  
after July 1, 2026

Quick upload option available  
for Service Bureau sign  
program output for counties  
only (manual edits required  
after original upload)

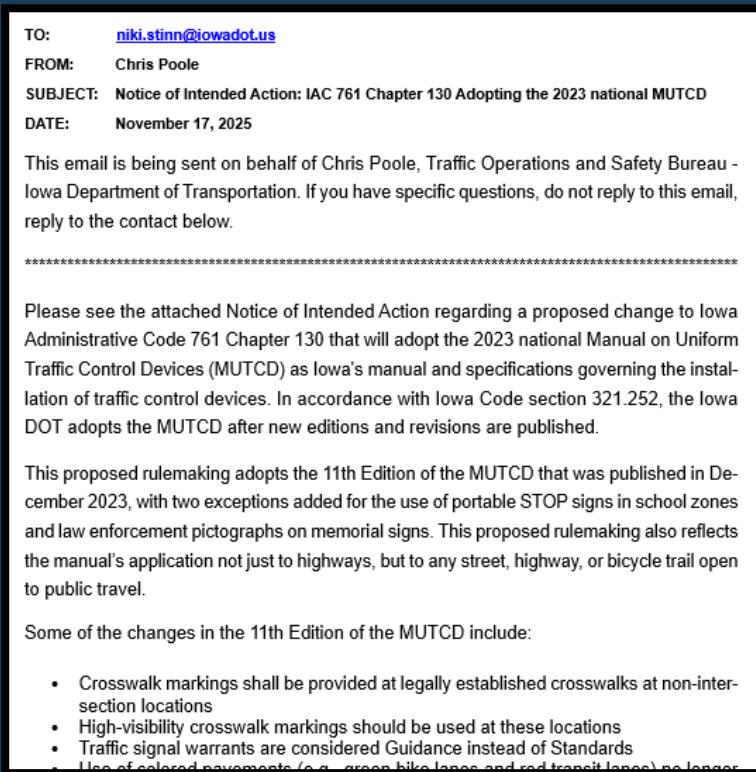
<https://iowadot.gov/transportation-development/local-systems/resources-tools/city-reports-funding-and-resources/sign-replacement-program>

# LIVING ROADWAY TRUST FUND GRANT PROGRAM

## NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR FY'27

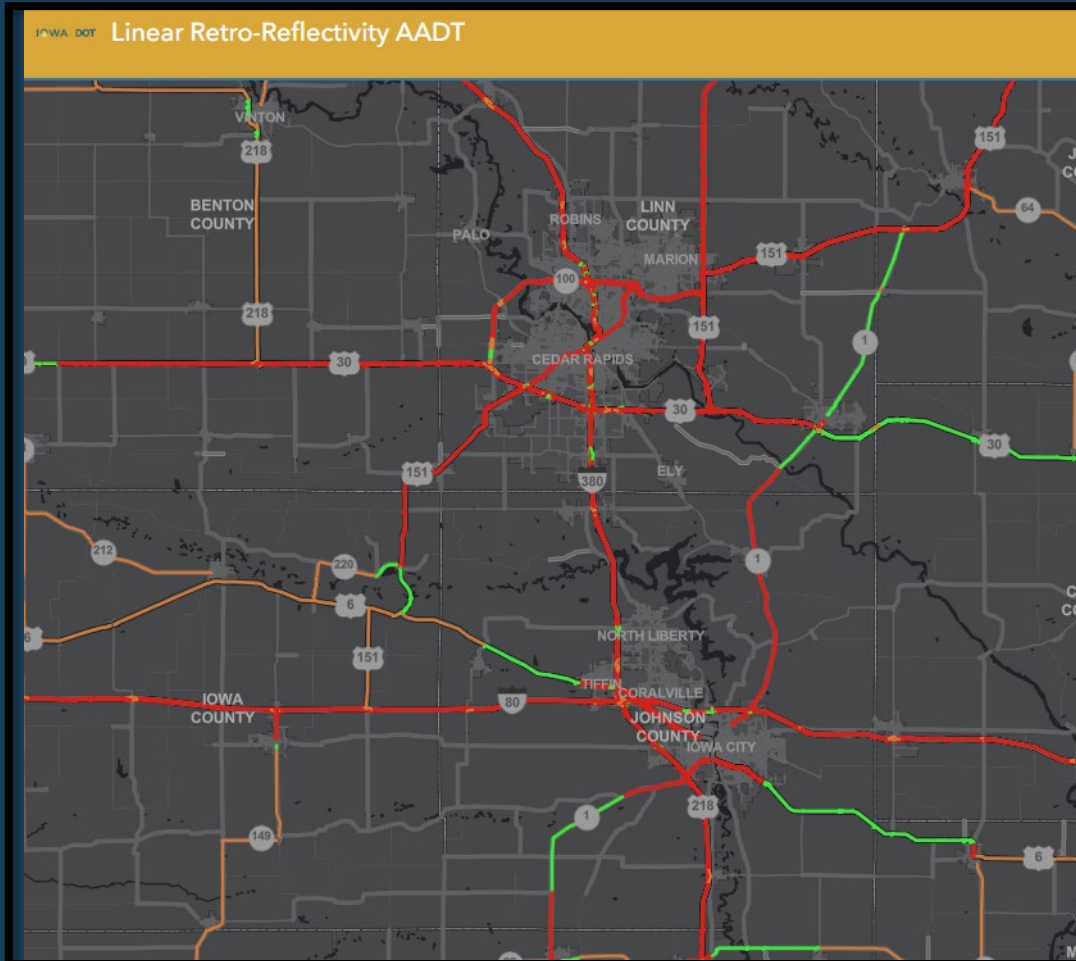
- The LRTF provides financial assistance for projects that support the establishment, restoration, and management of native roadside vegetation, improve environmental quality, and advance roadside conservation efforts across Iowa.
- **Application deadline: June 1, 2026 by 4:00PM**
- Eligible applicants include:
  - Counties
  - Cities
  - Educational institutions
  - Nonprofit organizations
  - Other eligible entities as defined in program guidance.
- Applicants are encouraged to review program requirements carefully and begin the application process early to allow adequate time for project development and coordination.
- For projects including, but not limited to:
  - Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) implementation and enhancement
  - Establishment and restoration of native roadside vegetation
  - Pollinator habitat development and wildlife enhancement
  - Noxious Weed/Invasive species control and management
  - Native seed purchase and planting
  - Education, outreach, and demonstration projects related to roadside vegetation management
  - Research, planning, and evaluation projects that support best practices
- Additional info, application materials, and submission instructions available on [Living Roadway Trust Fund](#) website
- For LRTF questions, contact Tara Van Waus ([tara.vanwaus@iowadot.us](mailto:tara.vanwaus@iowadot.us))

# ADOPTION OF 2023 MUTCD



- Iowa DOT in the process of adopting the 2023 MUTCD (with two exceptions)
  - Includes changes to crosswalk requirements
  - Traffic signal warrants – Guidance not Standards
  - Use of colored pavements – No FHWA approval
  - Requirement to maintain retro-reflectivity of longitudinal pavement markings, except
    - On roads < 35mph
    - On roads with ADT < 6,000vpd
    - On roads with ambient lighting making markings visible
    - For dotted extension lines through certain areas
    - For curb, parking space, and shared-use path markings
- GovDelivery email sent 11/17/25 titled "Notice of Intended Action: IAC 761 Chapter 130 Adopting the 2023 national MUTCD"

# LINEAR RETRO-REFLECTIVITY AADT MAP (NEW)



- Retro-reflectivity map created to help implement new 2023 MUTCD requirements
- Additional levels of roads visualized upon zooming in
  - Interstates > Primary > All Routes
  - Only routes  $\geq 35$ mph

## ■ City and County Street Maps

General purpose maps that show streets and highways in Iowa.

## ■ Iowa DOT Transportation Map

## ■ Linear Retro-Reflectivity AADT Map [↗](#) :

Per the 2023 MUTCD [↗](#) , agencies must implement a method to maintain retroreflectivity of longitudinal pavement markings by September 6, 2023.

Maps

# RECENT I.M. UPDATES (MARCH 20, 2025)

## Guide and / or I.M. Revision Notice



**To:** Cities, Counties, and Consultants  
**From:** Local Systems Bureau

**Date:** March 20, 2025  
**Revision Notice Number:** 2025-01

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Document Title or I.M. Number	Summary of Significant Revision(s)
<a href="#">I.M. Table of Contents</a> March 20, 2025	The I.M. Table of Contents has been revised to reflect new or revised I.M. numbers, as indicated below.
<a href="#">I.M. 3.060</a> Project Numbers March 20, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provides guidance on which project numbers would run through the Farm-to-Market payment system commonly known as Contractor Pay System (CPS).</li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 3.500, Att. A (Word)</a> Bridge or Culvert Plan Supplementary Checklist March 20, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Corrects HBP participation in deck overlays guidance to align with I.M. 1.100, Highway Bridge Programs for Cities and Counties.</li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 4.120</a> Cultural Resource Regulations March 20, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clarifies LEB Staff will review bridges built after 1945, as certain concrete and steel bridges may be excluded from the need for a historical bridge assessment or evaluation.</li><li>Adds a chart to help clarify cultural resource efforts for archaeological resources and architectural resources.</li></ul>

<a href="#">I.M. 6.000</a> Construction Inspection March 20, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>General cleanup and clarifications</li><li>Delete Attachment B, Construction Inspection Process Flowchart. Items within this flowchart will now be included in the updated I.M. 6.000, Att. A listed below.</li><li>Delete Attachment E, Iowa DOT Field Inspection Review Report. This report is outdated and is no longer being used by Iowa DOT. Applicable information is accounted for in the updated I.M. 6.000, Att. A, or I.M. 6.110, Att. E.</li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 6.000, Att. A (Word)</a> Preconstruction and Construction Inspection Checklist March 20, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Replacing the previous flow-charts (Preconstruction Inspection Process Flowchart and Construction Inspection Process Flowchart) with an updated checklist.</li><li>This new checklist includes everything previously in the deleted flow-charts plus additional resources and links.</li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 6.000, Att. D</a> Local Public Agency Construction Contract Administration Guidance March 20, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>General cleanup and clarifications.</li><li>Incorporation of Doc Express and Appia updates</li><li>Alignment with recent Construction Manual, Chapter 2 updates.</li><li>Updated to reflect DBE trucking changes</li></ul>

# RECENT I.M. UPDATES (NOVEMBER 14, 2025)

## Guide and / or I.M. Revision Notice



**To:** Cities, Counties, and Consultants  
**From:** Local Systems Bureau

**Date:** November 14, 2025  
**Revision Notice Number:** 2025-03

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<a href="#">I.M. Table of Contents</a> November 14, 2025	The I.M. Table of Contents has been revised to reflect new or revised I.M. numbers, as indicated below.
<a href="#">I.M. 1.100, Att. B (Word)</a> County Bridge Priority Point Rating Worksheet November 14, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clarifying the non-use of dead-end intersections in calculating the detour length</li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 2.050</a> Procedure to Amend a County Secondary Road Construction Program and Budget November 14, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Removed references to a rescinded Iowa Administrative Code section</li><li>Clarified language regarding when a revision vs. an amendment is needed for CFYP changes</li><li>Added explanation and examples of CFYP revision vs. amendment situations</li><li>Deleted Attachment A, as TPMS creates the resolution</li></ul>

<a href="#">I.M. 3.010</a> Project Development Submittal Dates and Information November 14, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated the table and included the submittal dates for 2027</li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 3.020</a> Concept Statement Instructions November 14, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated the Concept Statement Form and Instructions</li><li>Concept Statement Form 517001 <a href="https://iowadot.gov/local_systems/documents/517001.docx">https://iowadot.gov/local_systems/documents/517001.docx</a></li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 3.060</a> Project Numbers November 14, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Added a project number for CS-TSF projects.</li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 3.700, Att. B (Word)</a> Check and Final Plan Checklist November 14, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated language on STIP limits for County HBP projects</li><li>Updated language for self-permitting 404 permits</li><li>Added bridge deck smoothness information</li></ul>

# RECENT I.M. UPDATES CONTINUED (NOVEMBER 14, 2025)

## PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING

After a contract has been fully executed, a Preconstruction meeting shall be scheduled prior to work beginning. The Project Engineer shall be present and conduct the meeting. Preconstruction meeting invitee requirements vary based upon project funding. See [I.M. 1.000](#), Iowa DOT Oversight of LPA Projects for details of various funding categories and associated construction administration activities. Based on those funding categories, required Iowa DOT invitees to Preconstruction Meetings are as follows:

### Category 1:

- Administering Team
- Civil Rights Bureau ([civil.rights@iowadot.us](mailto:civil.rights@iowadot.us))
- District Materials Engineer ([District 1](#), [District 2](#), [District 3](#), [District 4](#), [District 5](#), [District 6](#))
- District Contact (invite who you've been working with when the project impacts the Primary System)

### Category 2:

- Administering Team
- District Materials Engineer (if requesting materials inspection services, See [I.M. 1.000](#))

### Category 3:

- Administering Team
- District Materials Engineer (if requesting materials inspection services, See [I.M. 1.000](#))
- District Contact (invite who you've been working with when the project impacts the Primary System)

### Category 4:

- Administering Team
- District Materials Engineer (if requesting materials inspection services, See [I.M. 1.000](#))

When Iowa DOT Administering Team attendance is required, the LPA must consult the Administering Team in scheduling and provide **at least two weeks advance notice**. Failure to provide the proper notice and include Iowa DOT in scheduling may require the LPA to reschedule the meeting if the Administering Team is unable to attend. Guidance on the content of this meeting are available in Section 2.11, Preconstruction Meeting, in [Attachment D](#), to this I.M. An optional draft [preconstruction agenda template](#) can also be found on the Local Systems [Post-Letting Resources website](#), under Contract Administration, and should be reviewed prior to the meeting, as some sections may not apply to every project.

<a href="#">I.M. 4.020</a> NEPA Process November 14, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided additional guidance related to NEPA Re-Evaluation when project scope changes.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 6.000</a> Construction Inspection November 14, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added a Table of Contents and Headers to improve navigation</li> <li>• Added required/recommended Pre-Con Meeting invitees rather than referencing other documents</li> <li>• Added information about the optional use of EZ Forms.</li> <li>• Deleted Attachment F, Doc Express &amp; Appia Instructions – instead referring to the website.</li> <li>• Updated various links, removed all Field Manager and optional hard-copy references, Administering Team information, and Doc Express references to align with a July 2025 naming convention update.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 6.000, Att. A (Word)</a> Preconstruction and Construction Inspection Checklist November 14, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added and updated various reference links, including asbestos specifications</li> </ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 6.000, Att. B</a> Doc Express Change Order Drawer Signatures and Workflow Steps November 14, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replaced Intentionally Left Blank Attachment B with previous Attachment H.</li> <li>• Added Category 4 projects to this chart.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 6.000, Att. E (Word)</a> Request for Early Release of Retained Funds November 14, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replaced Intentionally Left Blank Attachment E with previous Att. G</li> <li>• Reformatted instructions and added a reference to I.M. 6.000, Att. D for additional details</li> </ul>
I.M. 6.000, Att. F Doc Express and Appia Instructions for Local Public Agencies	This I.M. Attachment has been deleted. All this information is now on our Doc Express and Appia website instead.
I.M. 6.000, Att. G Request for Early Release of Retained Funds November 14, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been deleted and the previous I.M. 6.000, Att. G document has been renumbered as I.M. 6.000, Att. E.
I.M. 6.000, Att. H Doc Express Change Order Drawer Signatures and Workflow Steps	This I.M. Attachment has been deleted and the previous I.M. 6.000, Att. H document has been renumbered as I.M. 6.000, Att. B.

# RECENT I.M. UPDATES

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### (NOVEMBER 14, 2025)

<a href="#">I.M. 6.020</a> Payment and Reimbursement Processes November 14, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added an Appia payment report definition</li> <li>Updated language to align with a July 2025 Doc Express naming convention update.</li> <li>Removed 309 Voucher process</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added details for reimbursement request supporting documentation requirements.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 6.110</a> Final Review, Audit, and Close-out Procedures for Federal-aid, Federal-aid Swap, and Farm-to-Market Projects November 14, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substantial organizational changes including adding a hyperlinked table of contents and detailing the process in an outline format with groups of tasks</li> <li>Added definitions to help with the Doc Express naming convention changes</li> <li>Switching systems approach from calendar year to construction year</li> <li>Clarified various types of Iowa DOT audits and aligned funding references with I.M. 6.020.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 6.110, Att. E (Word)</a> Required Local Public Agency Project Documentation & Pre-audit Checklist November 14, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reformatted and organized the Introduction</li> <li>Updated links, and updated to align with other recent revisions to the Doc Express drawer and naming convention updates, 6.110 reorganization, and DNR permitting processes</li> <li>Removed duplicate and irrelevant documents</li> </ul>

<a href="#">I.M. 6.110, Att. F (Word)</a> Final Forms Packet Checklist November 14, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligned terminology to match I.M. 6.020, I.M. 6.110 and Doc Express naming convention changes.</li> <li>Simplified/clarified instructions</li> <li>Updated links</li> <li>Moved Bridge Survey Report (Form 107) to I.M. 6.110, Att. E.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 6.110, Att. G</a> Project Closeout Drawer Signatures and Workflow Steps November 14, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated to align with other recent revisions to the Doc Express drawer and naming convention updates including Pre-Audit Agreement/Estimate Payment, and Final Voucher</li> <li>Updated signature notes for Pre-Audit Checklist and County Engineers' signing of the Final Voucher for Board of Supervisors</li> </ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 6.140</a> Resolution to allow County Engineer to Certify Completion of Work on Construction Contracts November 14, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed paragraph that says the County Engineer can't sign final vouchers to align with HF903 signed into law on May 6, 2025</li> </ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 7.000</a> City Requests for Closure of Primary Road Extensions November 14, 2025	This is a new I.M. that replaces 761 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 151, which has been rescinded.
<a href="#">I.M. 7.010</a> Statewide Standard for Permitting Certain Implements of Husbandry November 14, 2025	This is a new I.M. that replaces 761 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 181, which has been rescinded.

# RECENT I.M. UPDATES (DECEMBER 22, 2025)

## Guide and / or I.M. Revision Notice

**To:** Cities, Counties, and Consultants  
**From:** Local Systems Bureau

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**Revision Notice Number:** 2025-04

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<a href="#">I.M. Table of Contents</a> December 22, 2025	The I.M. Table of Contents has been revised to reflect new or revised I.M. numbers, as indicated below.
<a href="#">I.M. 1.000, Att. A</a> Project Submittal Table for Each Funding Type December 22, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Moved "FM Category 4" one slot to the right to indicate a lesser level of funding as compared to "Work on Primary Highway Category 3" to reflect changes made to FM oversight in 2022</li><li>Revised "FM Category 4" to not need Field Review</li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 1.100</a> Highway Bridge Programs for Cities and Counties December 22, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For the City Highway Bridge Program (HBP), clarified eligibility requirements, required submittal items, and the submittal timeline</li><li>For the County Highway Bridge Program (HBP), added guidance on programming and funding agreement preparation</li><li>For the County Bridge Construction Fund (CBCF), added information about Federal-aid County HBP funds being contributed to the CBCF program</li><li>Updated NBI Item codes to new SNBI Item codes</li></ul>

<a href="#">I.M. 3.700, Att. B (Word)</a> Check and Final Plan Checklist December 22, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated guidance for assigning and entering quantities for Flagger and Pilot Car items on the plans and in TPMS</li><li>Included new item for Portable Dynamic Message Signs (PDMS)</li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 4.120</a> Cultural Resource Regulations December 22, 2025	This I.M. has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated types of Cultural Resource Investigations to include a fifth type called "Desktop Assessment/Cultural Resources Evaluation" and amended the Phase 1a definition</li><li>Updated the contact information for the University of Iowa Office of the State Archaeologist from Blaine Nansel to Alan Hawkins</li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 7.020, Att. A (Word)</a> Bridge Scour Stability Worksheet – Level A Evaluation December 22, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated to reference new SNBI codes</li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 7.020, Att. B</a> Intermediate Scour Assessment – Level B Evaluations December 22, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated to reference new SNBI codes</li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 7.020, Att. H (Word)</a> Unknown Foundations Guidance, Flowchart, Risk Assessment, Worksheet, and Plan of Action (POA) – Level A Evaluation December 22, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated to reference new SNBI codes</li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 7.020, Att. J (Word)</a> Quality Assurance Field Review Worksheet December 22, 2025	This I.M. Attachment has been updated. Substantive changes from the previous version include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated to reference new SNBI codes</li></ul>
<a href="#">I.M. 8.010</a> Local Studies on State DOT Primary Highway Routes December 22, 2025	This is a new I.M.



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FROM: Sarah Okerlund, P.E.  
SUBJECT: Post-Letting Resource Updates  
DATE: November 24, 2025

# UPDATED POST- LETTING FORMS & TOOLS

- **Claim for Reimbursement Form ([517050](#)):**
  - Our team has also heard from some partners that our claim for reimbursement form could be confusing and the instructions were often overlooked. As a result, this form has been reformatted to be more user friendly, updated to include navigation buttons directly to the instructions tab and updated to include a tab with submittal instructions once the form(s) have been filled out.
- **EZ Forms Workbook**
  - It was discovered that the materials reference data in this macro-based file was outdated. It was always a working document, however the data is outdated enough that we've determined no data is better than bad data that could potentially lead to funding ineligibilities. As a result, the Materials IM Tab has been removed from the updated EZ Forms Workbook.
  - All other E-Sheet generation remains functional within this EZ Form Workbook. This working document allows a user to upload an Appia output file (See Section 19, [Appia Instructions](#)) and then auto-generate the associated Item Progress E-Sheets, and Supporting Forms E-Sheets into a single Excel Workbook.
  - The updated file is also available in Doc Express as a file in the [00 Doc Express Instructions](#) Project.

# BID ITEM UPDATES – EFFECTIVE APRIL 2026 LETTING

- Topsoil Strip, Salvage, Spread - Proposed to become a plan quantity item (effective April 2026)
- Construction Survey - General re-write
  - A. Monument Preservation
  - B. Control Point Survey
  - C. ROW Survey
  - D. Construction Location Survey

## Section 2526. Construction Survey

### 2526.01 DESCRIPTION.

Perform survey for construction projects under one of the following four categories:

- A. Monument Preservation:** preserving existing monuments (section corners).
- B. Control Point Survey:** preserving existing control points or reestablishing missing control points for roadway alignments.
- C. ROW Survey:** locating existing or proposed ROW lines for projects.
- D. Construction Location Survey:** surveying and staking work necessary for construction of the project that is not covered under monument preservation, control point preservation or row survey.

# CWA SECTION 10/404 UPDATE – WATERS OF THE U.S.

## ❖ Waters of the U.S. Definition

- Updated definition of Waters of the U.S. published in the *Federal Register* on November 20, 2025.
- Comments closed on January 5, 2026. EPA/Corps received over 5,100 comments.
- Notable changes in the new rule:
  - “Intrastate waters” removed as a jurisdictional category [will affect paragraphs (a)(1)(iii) and (a)(5)].
  - The following exclusions have been revised: wastewater treatment system, prior converted cropland, and ditches.
  - Added an exclusion for groundwater.
  - Added definitions for “continuous surface connection”, “relatively permanent”, “ditch”, “prior converted cropland”, “tributary”, and “waste treatment system”.
- No timeframe for publication of final rule.

# CWA SECTION 10/404 UPDATE – NATIONWIDE PERMITS

## ❖ Nationwide Permits

- Current Nationwide Permits expire on March 14, 2026.
  - Existing Nationwide Permits remain valid for one year following expiration if significant work has been completed on a project.
- Reissued Nationwide Permits were published in the *Federal Register* on January 8, 2026.
- The 57 reissued NWPs, general conditions, and associated definitions will go into effect on March 15, 2026, and will expire on March 15, 2031.
- Iowa DOT's "*Nationwide Permit Guidance*" document remains valid.
- Summary of Nationwide Permit changes:
  - NWP #3 (*Maintenance*). No changes.
  - NWP #6 (*Survey Activities*). No changes.

# CWA SECTION 10/404 UPDATE – NATIONWIDE PERMITS

## ❖ Nationwide Permits – Continued

### ○ Summary of Nationwide Permit changes – Continued

- NWP #57 (*Electric Utility Line and Telecommunications Activities*). Modified Note 1 to identify information that should be provided to the National Ocean Service (NOS). Also added a new Note (designated as Note 8) to identify information that should be provided to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and to provide contact information for USCG. Note 1 would not be applicable in Iowa, whereas Note 8 may only be applicable for projects affecting navigable (Section 10) waters.
- NWP A (*Activities To Improve Passage of Fish and Other Aquatic Organisms*). The Corps proposed this new NWP to authorize structures and work in navigable waters of the U.S. and discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. for activities that restore or enhance the passage of fish and other aquatic organisms through river and stream networks as well as other types of waters.

# CWA SECTION 10/404 UPDATE – NATIONWIDE PERMITS

## ❖ Nationwide Permits – Continued

### ○ Summary of Nationwide Permit changes – Continued

- NWP #13 (*Bank Stabilization*). Added a new paragraph clarifying that this NWP can be used to authorize regulated activities that incorporate nature-based solutions associated with bank stabilization activities. Also added a new Note to encourage project proponents to use soft bank stabilization approaches and/or nature-based solutions where appropriate.
- NWP #14 (*Linear Transportation Projects*). No changes.
- NWP #23 (*Categorical Exclusions*). Modified paragraph (a) of this NWP to reference Sections 106, 109, and 111(1) of the NEPA statute (i.e., replaced references to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) NEPA regulations). Also modified text to state that any changes to approved categorical exclusions applicable to this NWP will be announced in the *Federal Register* (instead of a *Regulatory Guidance Letter*). Both changes are minor and should not affect issuance of this NWP.
- NWP #33 (*Temporary Construction, Access, and Dewatering*). No changes.

# CWA SECTION 10/404 UPDATE – NATIONWIDE PERMITS

## ❖ Nationwide Permits – Continued

### ○ Summary of Nationwide Permit changes – Continued

- General Condition #23 (*Mitigation*). No changes.
  - The 1/10-acre wetland threshold and 3/100-acre stream threshold were retained.
  - Note that mitigation is required only when a threshold is met and pre-construction notification is required.
  - Refer to the terms and conditions of the specific Nationwide Permit and General Condition #32 to determine if pre-construction notification is required.

# CWA SECTION 10/404 UPDATE – REGIONAL PERMITS

## ❖ Regional General Permits

- RP #7 reissued on April 29, 2024, and expires on April 29, 2029.
- RP #40 has undergone public review and is awaiting final Corps approval.
- Summary of Regional General Permit changes:
  - RP #7 (*Road Crossings*). Increased impact thresholds to a cumulative total of 2.0 acres (1.0 acre) of waters of the U.S., including the loss of up to 1,000 linear feet of stream bed.
  - RP #40 (*Bank Stabilization Activities*). Increased impact thresholds to 2,500 linear feet (was 2,000 linear feet) and/or a maximum of two cubic yards per running foot below the Ordinary High-Water Mark (OHWM) of shoreline for the entirety of the proposed project. Stipulates that the threshold is 1,250 linear feet per bank (was 1,000 linear feet per bank) if you are armoring opposite banks of the same waterway, and that the armoring must end at the toe of the bank to prevent channelization. Lastly, maintains a threshold of 0.5 acre of permanent wetland loss, with compensatory mitigation required at 0.1 acre.

# CWA SECTION 10/404 UPDATE – CONTACT INFO

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## Road Construction & Maintenance

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Get to know the maintenance programs and services for Iowa's roads and highways.



### Winter Operations

Stay alert and be safe every winter and learn about the DOT's winter operations, vehicles, and maintenance.



### Adopt-A-Highway

Make a difference by adopting a highway to keep it clean, safe, and protected for future generations.



### 2026 Transportation Construction Costs

Construction costs for highway improvements and transportation modes.



# 2026 IOWA DOT TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION COSTS

<https://iowadot.gov/modes-travel/roads-highways>

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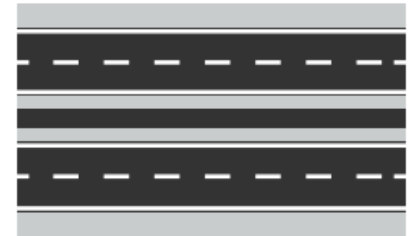
## TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION COSTS

2026

### HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION <sup>1,2</sup>

#### 4-LANE INTERSTATE (RURAL) <sup>3</sup>

Type of Construction	Cost
New	\$13.1 million per mile
Reconstruction	\$6.9 million per mile
Resurfacing <sup>4</sup>	\$1.4 million per mile



#### 4-LANE EXPRESSWAY (RURAL)

Type of Construction	Cost
New	\$9.5 million per mile
Add 2 lanes to existing 2 lanes	\$6.1 million per mile
Resurfacing	\$1.2 million per mile



#### 2-LANE HIGHWAY (RURAL)

Type of Construction	Cost
New	\$6.4 million per mile
Reconstruction	\$2.9 million per mile
Resurfacing	\$565,000 per mile



#### 4-LANE INTERCHANGE (RURAL)



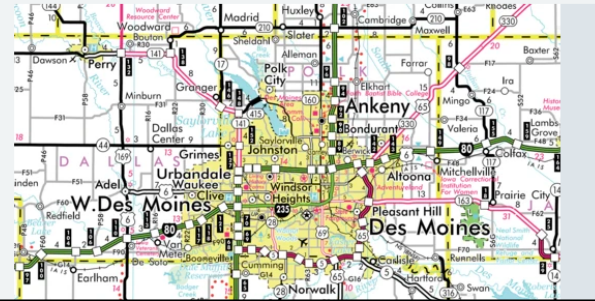
## Maps

Explore cartography and traffic data maps across the State of Iowa, care of the Iowa Department of Transportation.

### MAPS

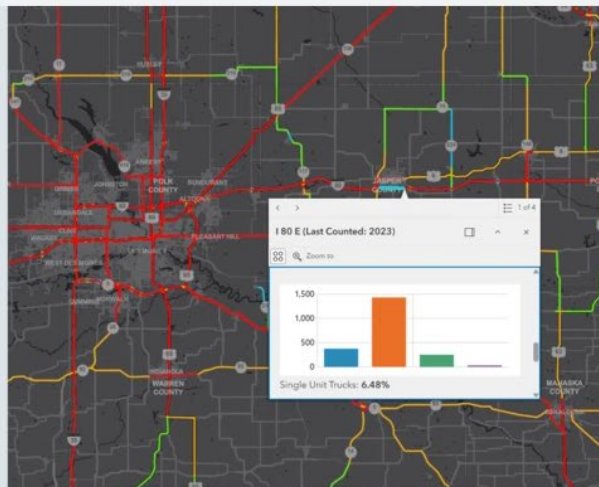
## Iowa Transportation Map

The Iowa Transportation Map includes highways, including exit numbers, mileage between exits, points of interest and more.



Just keep  
scrolling....

<https://iowadot.gov/travel-tools/maps>



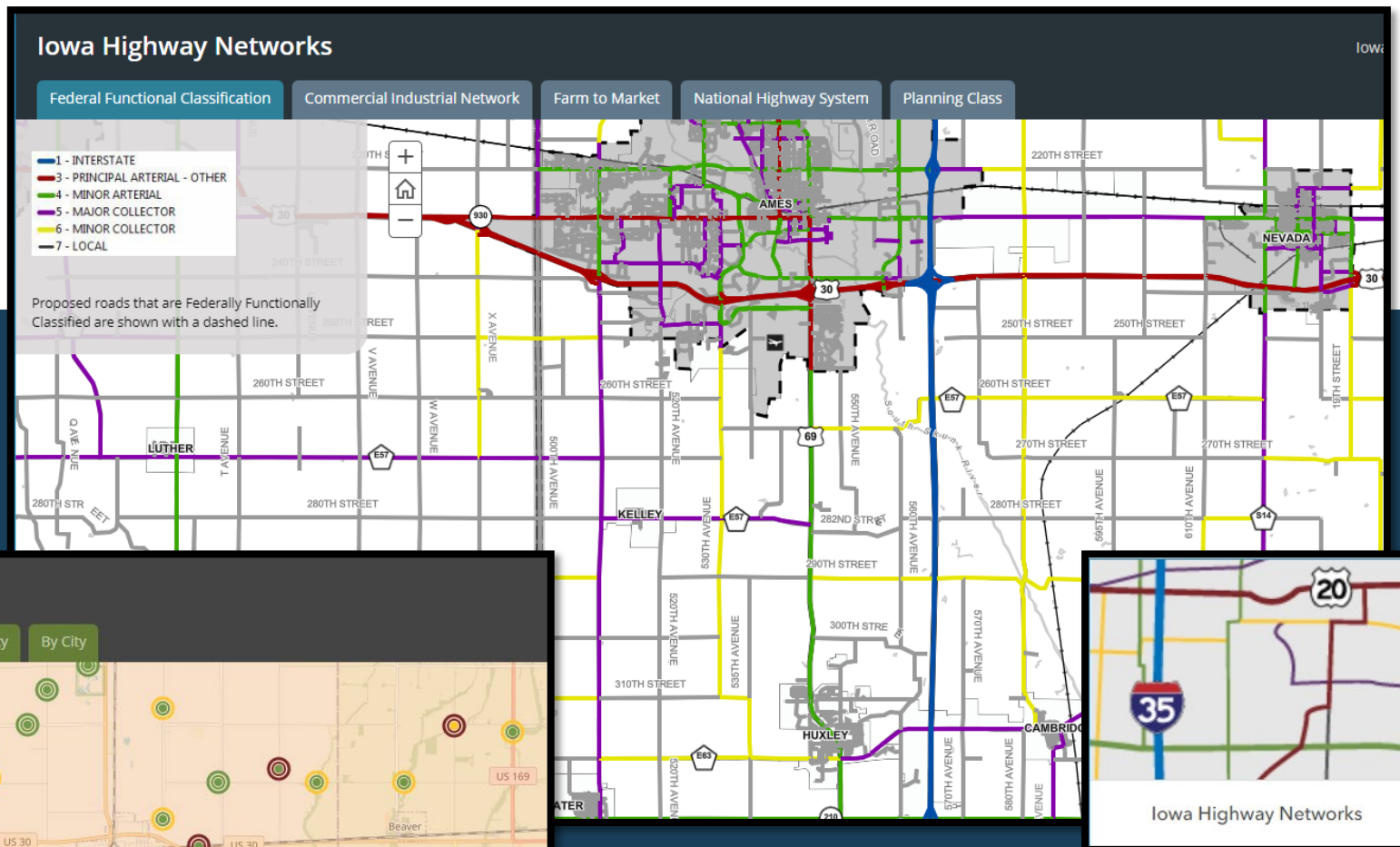
## Interactive Maps

Explore DOT's interactive map apps, covering local weather, transportation infrastructure projects, traffic data, bridges, and more.

Explore our interactive maps [🔗](#)

<https://iowadot.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html>

# INTERACTIVE MAPS



## 1 All Iowa Bridges

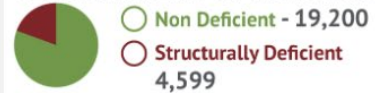
### ALL IOWA BRIDGES

TOTAL NUMBER OF BRIDGES **23,799**

#### CONDITION OF THE BRIDGES



#### SERVICEABILITY OF THE BRIDGES



#### RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE



### All Bridges

By Senate District   By House District   By County   By City

#### BRIDGE INFO. LEGEND

Zoom to see bridge details

Click a section of the map for details about that area

##### Bridge Restriction

- Unrestricted
- Restricted
- Closed

##### Bridge Serviceability

- Federal bridge rating standard
- Non Deficient
- Structurally Deficient

##### Bridge Condition

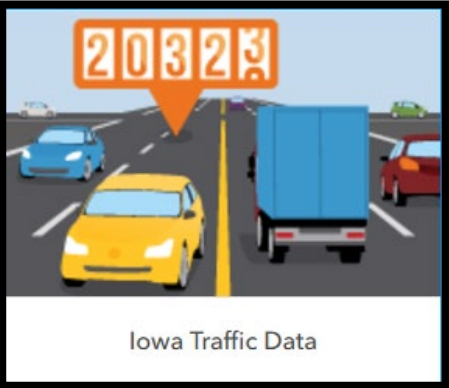
- Reflects the overall condition of the bridge
- Good
- Fair
- Poor



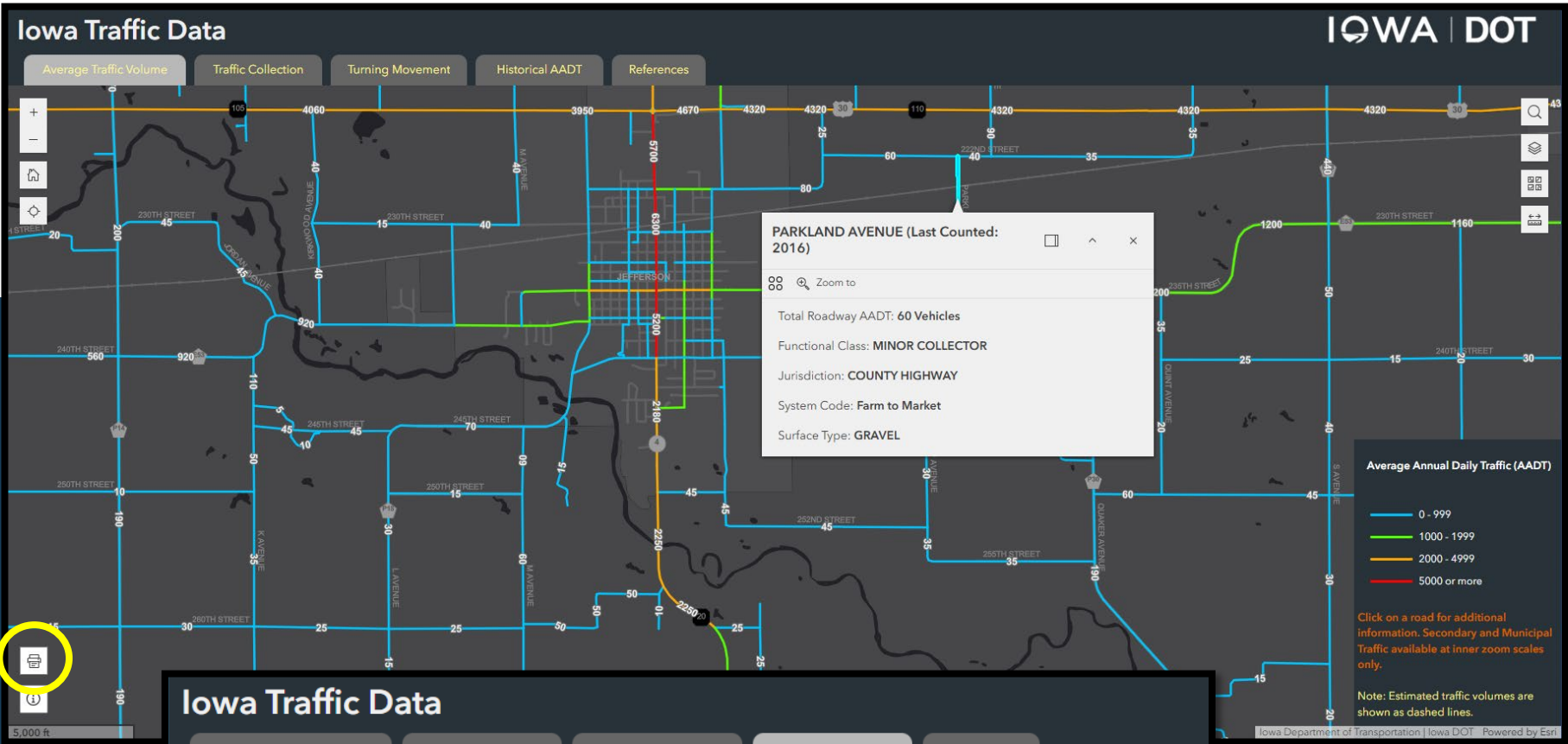
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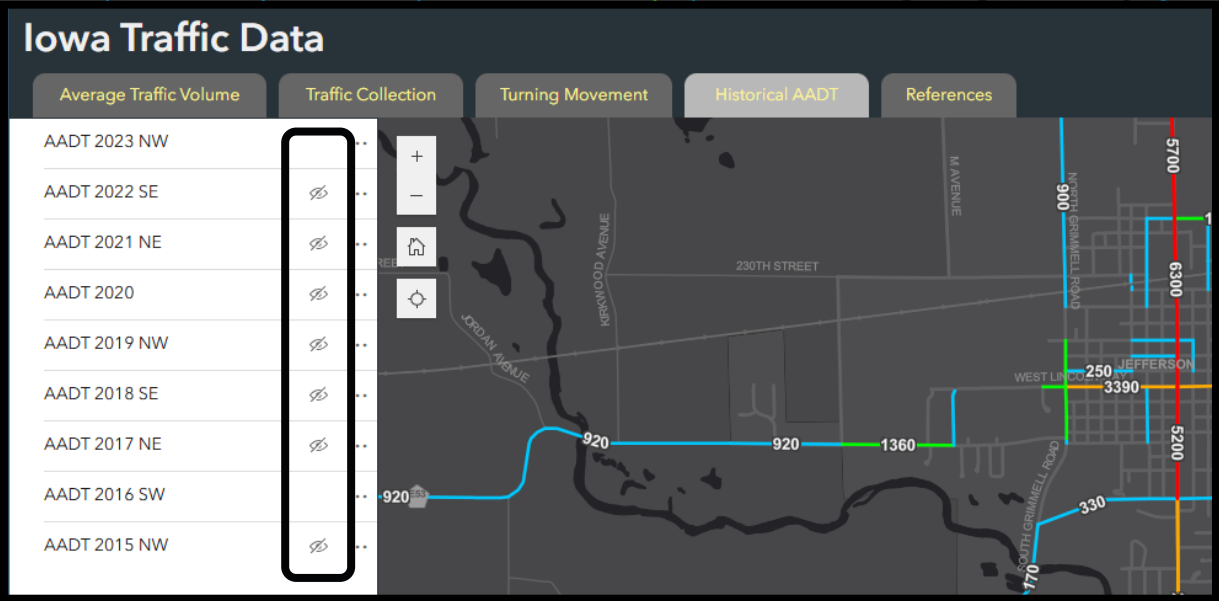


Print function



Current

Historic



# UPCOMING MEETINGS & SEMINARS

## Local Systems Federal-aid Overview Seminar (1 this year)

- **Date/Location: February 11-12 @ Boone**
- **Content**
  - **Day 1 (Preconstruction activities):** Project Programming, Project Concept, Environmental Overview, Project Development, ROW, Letting
  - **Day 2 (Construction Inspection & Administration):** Construction Inspection, Contract Administration, Materials Inspection, Doc Express®, Appia®, Project Close-out

## Local Systems Update Meetings (old “Spring Meetings”)

- **Dates/Locations:**
  - **January 21 @ Boone**
  - **January 22 @ Denison**
  - **January 29 @ Coralville (new location!)**

<https://iowadot.gov/transportation-development/local-systems/resources-tools/trainings-videos>

## WAYS TO STAY **HANDS-FREE**



### **AUXILIARY CABLE** EST. COST: \$3 - \$7

Connect your phone to the AUX jack to use voice commands or one-touch control, with audio through your car speakers.



### **BLUETOOTH®** EST. COST: \$10 - \$20

Bluetooth® devices like speakers, earpieces, or adapters let you go hands-free without wires.



### **VEHICLE MOUNT** EST. COST: \$5+

Use a vent clip or cup holder mount to secure your phone. Then use voice commands or a single tap.



### **SPEAKERPHONE** EST. COST: \$0

Turn on speakerphone and set your phone in a secure spot to comply with hands-free laws.

## ENABLE DRIVE FOCUS

#### **ANDROID:**

1. Open Settings
2. Find Modes and Routines or a similar term
3. Select Driving: Find and tap on "Driving" mode

#### **IPHONE:**

1. Open Settings
2. Go to Focus
3. Select Driving
4. Customize Driving Focus

## VOICE COMMANDS



1. Press the voice button
2. Wait for prompt
3. Speak clearly  
"Call home"  
"Navigate to 321 S Road Street"
4. Follow prompt if needed



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### LEARN MORE

Visit [DriveSmartIowa.com](http://DriveSmartIowa.com) for more information.

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# HANDS-FREE DRIVING

IT'S  
THE  
LAW

New legislation prohibits drivers from using electronic communication devices while driving—**unless the device is used hands-free.**

## "HANDS-FREE" MEANS:



**You can't** hold your phone in any way.



**You can't** manually scroll, type, or interact with your phone in any way.



**You can't** enter in an address to GPS while driving.



**You can't** stream videos or make video calls, even with voice commands.



**You can't** view texts, videos, or social media.



**You can't** call, text, or dial unless using hands-free or voice activation.

## WHAT COUNTS AS AN "ELECTRONIC DEVICE"



Cell  
phones



Laptops



PDAs



Tablets



Gaming  
devices

New: Hands-Free Driving Law  
~ Ticket issuance started January 1~

# QUESTIONS?

