

**COMMISSION MINUTES**

**February 10, 2026**

# IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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February 10, 2026

Lincoln Highway Conference Room, Iowa DOT Complex

Ames, IA

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On Tuesday, February 10, 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.



Commissioner Gaesser called the meeting to order at 11:30 am on February 10, 2026, in the Lincoln Highway Conference Room at the Iowa DOT in Ames, Iowa.

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

**D-2026-51**

Jill Smith, Director's Office

Commissioner Gaesser asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2026, Commission meeting.

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

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

**Commission Comments**

None

**DOT Comments Comments**

None

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division Order No. TD-2026-52  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date February 10, 2026  
 Title Administrative Rules—761 IAC Chapter 924, Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 924 and adopt a new Chapter 924 with the same title.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10. This proposed chapter is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 8.57, 324A.1, and 324A.6A, providing applicant eligibility and project requirements for the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program.

The public comment period ended on December 30, 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 and adoption of Chapter 924.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Mulgrew Gronen Seconded by Juckette

	Aye	Vote	
		Nay	Pass
Anderson	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Arnold	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Gaesser	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Juckette	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Mulgrew Gronen	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Quirk	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Stutsman	<u>x</u>	_____	_____

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Division Director                      \_\_\_\_\_ Legal                      \_\_\_\_\_ State Director

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to public transit infrastructure grant program  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Transportation hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 924, “Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new Chapter 924 with the same title.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 324A.6A.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 8.57, 324A.1 and 324A.6A.

*Purpose and Summary*

This chapter is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 8.57, 324A.1 and 324A.6A, providing applicant eligibility and project requirements for the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program.

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 22, 2025

The Department received no comments.

*Fiscal Impact*

This proposed rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa. This proposed rulemaking outlines eligibility and project qualifiers for public transit agency infrastructure funding.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found. This proposed rulemaking explains how a designated public transit agency can apply for funding under the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program. Application elements and funding guidance are provided in this proposed rulemaking. This proposed rulemaking is for a program with the purpose of constructing or improving public transit vertical infrastructure; no jobs are created and no jobs are taken away based on this proposed chapter.

*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 comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 30, 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](mailto:ryan.pell@iowadot.us)

### *Public Hearing*

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

December 30, 2025 10 to 10:30 a.m.	<a href="#">Microsoft Teams link</a> Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 209 391 240#
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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 761—Chapter 924 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

## CHAPTER 924 PUBLIC TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

**761—924.1(324A) Purpose.** The purpose of the public transit infrastructure grant program is to provide funding for the improvement of the vertical infrastructure of Iowa's designated public transit systems.

**761—924.2(324A) Definitions.** The definitions in Iowa Code sections 324A.1 and 8.57(3) "c" apply to this chapter.

**761—924.3(324A) Information and forms.** Information, instructions and application forms are available from the Modal Transportation Bureau, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010; by telephone at 515.233.7870; or from the department's website at [iowadot.gov/modes-travel/transit](http://iowadot.gov/modes-travel/transit).

**761—924.4(324A) Project eligibility.** Projects may be considered for funding if:

**924.4(1)** The project is included in a locally approved transportation improvement program and in the statewide transportation improvement program.

**924.4(2)** A local match for the project is currently available.

**924.4(3)** The project is capable of being substantially completed within 18 months of project selection.

**761—924.5(324A) Eligible project activities.** Activities eligible for reimbursement include but are not limited to:

**924.5(1)** Construction, expansion or renovation of facilities, including associated design, land acquisition, grading and foundation work, for administration of public transit operations; servicing, maintenance or storage of public transit vehicles; transit vehicle fueling; or passenger waiting.

**924.5(2)** Relocating an existing administrative or maintenance facility, if necessary, to correct violations of safety or design standards. Such a project may include any associated design, land acquisition, grading and foundation work.

**761—924.6(324A) Ineligible project activities.** A transit facility may be incorporated into a larger project, such as an intermodal facility, a headquarters for the umbrella organization sponsoring the transit program or a public works facility. Any costs attributable to the nontransit elements of the larger project are not eligible under this program.

**761—924.7(324A) Funding.**

**924.7(1)** Program funds may reimburse up to 80 percent of transit-related project costs. Assistance from the public transit infrastructure grant program, when combined with federal or other state resources, will not exceed 80 percent of the project's transit-related costs.

**924.7(2)** At least 20 percent of transit-related project costs must be provided from local sources by the sponsoring transit system in cash or value of real property.

**924.7(3)** No single public transit system may receive more than 40 percent of the funding available in one year.

**761—924.8(324A) Project applications.**

**924.8(1)** Project applications shall be submitted to the department.

**924.8(2)** Each application shall contain:

*a.* General information, including the transit system name, contact person, mailing address, email address and telephone number.

*b.* A project data sheet, including:

(1) A brief description of the project, its purpose and anticipated benefits to the transit program.

(2) Cost information including total project cost and an itemized breakdown of project components (including transit vs. nontransit costs).

(3) The proposed implementation schedule.

(4) A statement of the applicant's ability to complete the project.

(5) A sketch of the project.

*c.* Documentation of project justification.

*d.* A resolution from the governing body of the sponsoring transit system endorsing the project and authorizing the necessary local funding match.

**761—924.9(324A) Review and approval.** Department staff will review project applications and submit recommendations to the transportation commission. The transportation commission is responsible for approving the projects to be funded.

**761—924.10(324A) Project priorities.** The transportation commission shall consider the following in project selection:

**924.10(1)** Benefits of project to the transit program in terms of:

*a.* Enhancement of the life of the transit vehicle fleet.

*b.* Enhancement to transit services.

*c.* Increased ridership.

**924.10(2)** Readiness to proceed.

**924.10(3)** Feasibility of timely completion of the proposed project.

**924.10(4)** Ability of the project to leverage other funds.

**761—924.11(324A) Project agreement, administration and ownership.**

**924.11(1) *Agreement.*** After a project has been approved, the department will enter into an agreement with the transit system sponsoring the project.

**924.11(2) *Payments.*** Payments to the transit system sponsor for eligible project costs will be made on a cost reimbursement basis.

**924.11(3) *Ownership.*** The transit system must retain ownership of the new, renovated or repaired structure or facility for its useful life. If the structure or facility is transferred or sold before the useful life has expired, the transit system must repay the prorated state interest to the department. Useful life thresholds can be found in the department's transit manager's handbook, which is available on the department's website at [iowadot.gov/modes-travel/transit](http://iowadot.gov/modes-travel/transit).

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 8.57, 324A.1 and 324A.6A.

**TD-2026-52**

Stuart Anderson, Transportation Development Division

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 924 and adopt a new Chapter 924 with the same title.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10. This proposed chapter is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 8.57, 324A.1, and 324A.6A, providing applicant eligibility and project requirements for the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program.

The public comment period ended on December 30, 2025. The department did not receive any public comments.

Therefore it is recommended that the Commission approve rescission and adoption of Chapter 924.

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.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division Order No. TD-2026-53  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date February 10, 2026  
 Title Administrative Rules—761 IAC Chapter 923, Capital Match Revolving Loan Fund

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 923 and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10. This proposed chapter is intended to implement 1985 Iowa Acts, chapter 265, regarding creation of a Capital Match Revolving Loan Fund for Iowa’s public transit systems.

The public comment period ended on December 30, 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 and adoption of Chapter 923.

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

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to capital match revolving loan fund  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Transportation hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 923, “Capital Match Revolving Loan Fund,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new Chapter 923 with the same title.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in 1985 Iowa Acts, chapter 265.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, 1985 Iowa Acts, chapter 265.

*Purpose and Summary*

This proposed chapter is intended to implement 1985 Iowa Acts, chapter 265, regarding creation of a Capital Match Revolving Loan Fund for Iowa’s public transit systems.

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 22, 2025

The Department received no comments.

*Fiscal Impact*

This proposed rulemaking has no impact to the State of Iowa. This proposed rulemaking outlines the interest-free Capital Match Revolving Loan Fund available to public transit systems to assist with federally or State-funded capital purchases.

*Jobs Impact*

This proposed rulemaking establishes criteria for receipt and award of interest-free match loans, enabling Iowa’s public transit agencies to procure capital items in a timely manner by providing local matches to the federal or State capital funding.

*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.

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 761—Chapter 923 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

### CHAPTER 923 CAPITAL MATCH REVOLVING LOAN FUND

#### **761—923.1(71GA,ch265) General information.**

**923.1(1) Scope of chapter.** The general assembly appropriated money from the petroleum overcharge fund to the department to be used as a revolving loan fund for transit capital purchases by public transit systems. The revolving loan fund enables public transit systems to obtain the matching funds needed to qualify for capital purchases under state-funded or federally funded programs. The fund provides interest-free loans to public transit systems to allow faster capital acquisitions. Loan recipients shall demonstrate the ability to repay the loan from budgeted funds or revenues.

**923.1(2) Information.** Requests for information and assistance with the preparation and submission of loan requests should be directed to the Modal Transportation Bureau, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010; or by telephone at 515.233.7870. Information is also available on the department's website at [iowadot.gov/modes-travel/transit](http://iowadot.gov/modes-travel/transit).

#### **923.1(3) Definitions.**

"*Project*" means a concerted set of actions that will develop, maintain or improve one or more elements of the public transit system's service.

"*Public transit system*" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 324A.1.

"*Van pool*" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 325A.12.

**761—923.2(71GA,ch265) System eligibility.** A public transit system is eligible to request a capital match revolving loan provided that the public transit system complies with all of the following criteria:

**923.2(1)** Abides by all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

**923.2(2)** Maintains primary documentation for all revenues and expenses for a period of at least three years following contract closeout.

**923.2(3)** Maintains the system's policies, routes, schedules, fare structure and budget in a manner that encourages public review, responsiveness to user concerns, energy conservation and fiscal solvency.

**761—923.3(71GA,ch265) Project eligibility.**

**923.3(1)** A project is eligible if it meets all of the following criteria:

- a. The project is a transit-related capital purchase (e.g., new or replacement vehicles, facilities or both).
- b. The project is an identifiable transit need and is included in the public transit system's adopted transportation improvement program.
- c. The local funding needed for the project justifiably exceeds the public transit system's capital match funding capability.

**923.3(2)** A project to purchase vans for a van pool may be submitted by an individual or a group through the appropriate local public transit system. A van pool project is eligible for an interest-free loan from the revolving loan fund only after funds for all other projects have been allocated as of July 1 each year.

**761—923.4(71GA,ch265) Procedure.**

**923.4(1)** *Funding request.* The public transit system shall submit a funding application for the proposed project to either the department or to the Federal Transit Administration, depending on the type of funding requested.

**923.4(2)** *Loan request.* The appropriate time for a public transit system to submit a request for a revolving fund loan to the department is with the annual grant application, but a request may be submitted at any time if a specific need arises. The request is to include but not be limited to:

- a. A description and cost estimate of the proposed project.
- b. An explanation of the benefits, including projected energy conservation benefits, to be gained from the project.
- c. An explanation and justification of need for the loan.
- d. A proposed schedule of when funds will be needed for the project.
- e. A proposed loan repayment plan with schedule and source of funds.

**923.4(3)** *Criteria for selection.* The department will review each loan request and evaluate the project for funding. Based on the following criteria (in no particular order), preference is given to public transit capital projects that:

- a. Foster coordination among transit services.
- b. Enhance local or regional economic development.
- c. Increase federal funding to the state.
- d. Extend services to the transportation disadvantaged.
- e. Promote energy conservation.
- f. Use the loan as only a portion of the local matching funds required.

**923.4(4)** *Approval.* Based on available funds, the department will approve loans for projects meeting the criteria in rule 761—923.3(71GA,ch265).

**923.4(5)** *Agreement.* Upon approval, the department will prepare a loan contract and send it to the public transit system for execution.

**923.4(6)** *Default.* If a public transit system fails to make a loan payment as agreed in the contract, the department may, at its option, deduct the amount of any past due loan payment from state transit assistance payments allocated to that transit system.

These rules are intended to implement 1985 Iowa Acts, chapter 265.

**TD-2026-53**

Stuart Anderson, Transportation Development Division

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 923 and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10. This proposed chapter is intended to implement 1985 Iowa Acts, chapter 265, regarding creation of a Capital Match Revolving Loan Fund for Iowa's public transit systems.

The public comment period ended on December 30, 2025. The department did not receive any public comments.

Therefore it is recommended that the Commission approve rescission and adoption of Chapter 923.

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**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division Order No. TD-2026-54  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date February 10, 2026  
 Title Administrative Rules—761 IAC Chapter 922, Federal Transit Assistance

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 922 and adopt a new Chapter 922 with the same title.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10 and determined rules 761—922 be repromulgated with intent to implement Iowa Code chapter 324A, regarding the receipt and distribution of federal aid to Iowa’s public transit systems.

The public comment period ended on December 30, 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 and adoption of Chapter 922.

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

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to federal transit assistance  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Transportation hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 922, “Federal Transit Assistance,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new Chapter 922 with the same title.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapter 324A.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 324A and 49 U.S.C. Sections 5310, 5311 and 5339.

*Purpose and Summary*

This proposed chapter is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 324A, regarding the receipt and distribution of federal aid to Iowa’s public transit systems.

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 22, 2025

The Department received no comments.

*Fiscal Impact*

This proposed rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa. As designated by the Governor, the Department is the recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding. This proposed rulemaking explains the FTA funding types received and incorporates by reference the State management plan explaining how the Department will administer the programs. The Department does not directly provide public transit services supported by these programs; therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the State as a result of this proposed rulemaking.

*Jobs Impact*

This proposed rulemaking outlines FTA programs that the Department administers and where to find more detail about how those programs are managed by the Department. No jobs are created or reduced due to the Department’s management of the programs.

*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*

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 761—Chapter 922 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

## CHAPTER 922 FEDERAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE

### **761—922.1(324A) Projects for nonurbanized areas and private nonprofit transportation providers.**

**922.1(1) General information.** As required by 49 U.S.C. Sections 5310, 5311 and 5339, the department has been designated by the governor to administer the following programs within Iowa, subject to review by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA):

*a.* The enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities program, providing federal financial assistance for support of public transportation service to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

*b.* The rural areas formula grants program, providing federal financial assistance for support of public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000 as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.

*c.* The grants for buses and bus facilities program, providing federal financial assistance for support of capital acquisitions for public transportation providers.

**922.1(2) State management plan.**

*a.* The federal transit assistance programs referenced in subrule 922.1(1) will be administered according to the "Iowa State Management Plan for Administration of Funding and Grants Under the Federal Transit Administration, Sections 5310, 5311, 5316, 5317 and 5339 Programs," dated May 2020,

prepared by the department and approved by the FTA in conformance with FTA Circulars 9040.1H and 9070.1H.

*b.* Copies of the state management plan are available from the modal transportation bureau, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010; by telephone at 515.233.7870; or on the department's website at [www.iowadot.gov/transit](http://www.iowadot.gov/transit).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 324A and 49 U.S.C. Sections 5310, 5311 and 5339.

**TD-2026-54**

Stuart Anderson, Transportation Development Division

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 922 and adopt a new Chapter 922 for Federal Transit Assistance.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10 and determined rules 761—922 be repromulgated with intent to implement Iowa Code chapter 324A, regarding the receipt and distribution of federal aid to Iowa’s public transit systems.

The public comment period ended on December 30, 2025. The department did not receive any public comments.

Therefore it is recommended that the Commission approve rescission and adoption of Chapter 922.

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

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division Order No. TD-2026-55  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date February 10, 2026  
 Title Administrative Rules—761 IAC Chapter 921, Advanced Allocations of State Transit Assistance  
Funding

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The rulemaking proposes permanently rescinding Chapter 921.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10 and determined rules 761—921 be rescinded and reserved. 761—Chapter 920 already addresses State Transit Assistance funds, so the portions of Chapter 921 explaining the process that a public transit agency must use to receive advanced allocations of monthly State transit assistance funding can more logically be placed within 761—Chapter 920. All content related to State Transit Assistance funds would then be combined.

The public comment period ended on December 30, 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 921.

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

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to advanced allocations of state transit assistance funding and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Transportation hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 921, “Advanced Allocations of State Transit Assistance Funding,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapter 324A.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 324A.

*Purpose and Summary*

The Department proposes to rescind Chapter 921 and move essential content from the chapter to 761—Chapter 920. 761—Chapter 920 already addresses State transit assistance funds, so the portions of Chapter 921 explaining the process that a public transit agency must use to receive advanced allocations of monthly State transit assistance funding can more logically be placed within 761—Chapter 920. All content related to State transit assistance funds would then be combined.

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 22, 2025

The Department received no comments.

*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 comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 30, 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](mailto:ryan.pell@iowadot.us)

*Public Hearing*

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

January 2, 2026 9 to 9:30 a.m.	<a href="#">Microsoft Teams link</a> Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 467 510 548#
January 2, 2026 3:30 to 4 p.m.	<a href="#">Microsoft Teams link</a> Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 399 202 900#

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 921**.

**TD-2026-55**

Stuart Anderson, Transportation Development Division

The rulemaking proposes permanently rescinding Chapter 921.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10 and determined the rules can be rescinded and reserved. 761—Chapter 920 already addresses State Transit Assistance funds, so the portions of Chapter 921 explaining the process that a public transit agency must use to receive advanced allocations can more logically be placed within Chapter 920. All content related to State Transit Assistance funds would now be in one chapter.

The public comment period ended on December 30, 2025. The department did not receive any public comments.

Therefore it is recommended that the Commission approve rescission of Chapter 921.

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

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division Order No. TD-2026-56  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date February 10, 2026  
 Title Administrative Rules—761 IAC Chapter 822, Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Fund Program

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 822.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10 and determined rules 761—822 be rescinded as unnecessary. Information concerning the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant (RRLG) Program is already available on the Department’s website: [RRLG Program](#).

The public comment period ended on December 30, 2025. The department did receive one public comment recommending Chapter 822 not be rescinded to allow for the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Fund Program to provide for increased economic development and job growth in the State. The commentor stated, “The Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Fund Program aligns our mutual goals to drive growth in the State of Iowa.”

The Department responded in writing to the commenters’ concerns as follows: The Department agrees the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Fund Program (RRLG) contributes towards the accomplishment of the efforts you have mentioned. The Department’s website establishes the program guidelines and standards for the administration of the RRLG Fund Program, which provides the needed implementation of Iowa Code 327H without the necessity of a formal rule. For these reasons, the Department will recommend rescinding Chapter 822 due to it being redundant and unnecessary.

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 822.

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

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to railroad revolving loan and grant fund program  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Transportation hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 822, “Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Fund Program,” 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 327H.20A.

*Purpose and Summary*

The Department proposes to rescind Chapter 822 because it is unnecessary. Information concerning the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant (RRLG) Program is already available on the Department’s website: [RRLG Program](#).

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 30, 2025

The Department received no comments.

*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 comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 30, 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](mailto:ryan.pell@iowadot.us)

*Public Hearing*

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

December 30, 2025  
9 to 9:30 a.m.

[Microsoft Teams link](#)  
Or dial: 515.817.6093  
Conference ID: 942 805 421#

December 30, 2025  
3 to 3:30 p.m.

[Microsoft Teams link](#)  
Or dial: 515.817.6093  
Conference ID: 374 175 406#

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 822**.

**TD-2026-56**

Stuart Anderson, Transportation Development Division

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 822.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10 and determined rules be rescinded as they are unnecessary. Information concerning the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant (RRLG) Program is already available on the Department's website.

The department did receive one public comment concerning the elimination of the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program but we did explain that the program still will continue, it is just the rulemaking that will be rescinded. There were no other further comments.

Therefore it is recommended that the Commission approve rescission of Chapter 822.

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

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.



**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to the highway-railroad grade crossing surface repair fund and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Transportation hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 821, “Highway-Railroad Grade Crossing Surface Repair Fund,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 307.12.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 312.2, 327G.29 and 327G.30.

*Purpose and Summary*

The Department proposes to rescind Chapter 821 because this chapter is unnecessary. The Department provides guidance on the administration of the Highway-Railroad Grade Crossing Surface Repair Fund and includes information on eligibility, the application process and payment allocation among the highway authority having jurisdiction of the roadway, the operating railroad and the Department on the Department’s website: [Highway-Railroad Grade Crossing Surface Repair Program](#).

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 29, 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 comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 30, 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](mailto:ryan.pell@iowadot.us)

*Public Hearing*

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

December 30, 2025  
9:30 to 10 a.m.

[Microsoft Teams](#)  
Or dial: 515.817.6093  
Conference ID: 182 416 103#

December 30, 2025  
2:30 to 3 p.m.

[Microsoft Teams](#)  
Or dial: 515.817.6093  
Conference ID: 203 303 682#

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 the Department 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 821**.

**TD-2026-57**

Stuart Anderson, Transportation Development Division

The rulemaking proposes permanently rescinding Chapter 821.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10. The Department provides guidance on the administration of the Highway-Railroad Grade Crossing Surface Repair Fund and includes information on eligibility, the application process and payment allocation among the highway authority having jurisdiction of the roadway, the operating railroad, and the Department on the Department's website.

The Department did receive one public comment by the December 30, 2025 deadline expressing concern about the elimination of this fund. It was explained that this does not eliminate the fund, it simply eliminates the rules and that the information will be placed on the website.

Therefore it is recommended that the Commission approve rescission of Chapter 821.

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

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division Order No. TD-2026-58  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date February 10, 2026  
 Title Administrative Rules–761 IAC Chapter 820, Highway Grade Crossing Safety Fund

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 820 and adopt a new Chapter 820 with the same title.

Proposed Chapter 820 is intended to comply with Iowa Code section 327G.15 governing the processing of claims to the Highway Grade Crossing Safety Fund. This proposed chapter defines the eligibility for operating railroads to receive funds and provides an explanation of the reimbursement process, billing, and proration of claims to the Highway Grade Crossing Safety Fund. The Department adopts by reference, with date certain, the 2025 Revision of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA) Communications and Signals Manual. This manual defines an American Association of Railroads (AAR) Signal Unit value. This value is assigned to the component parts of an active warning device and is used to determine the number of eligible units for each railroad to submit for reimbursement to the Highway Grade Crossing Safety Fund. This proposed rulemaking ensures uniformity and consistency for the administration of the funds.

The public comment period ended on December 30, 2025. The Department received one public comment requesting the removal of the word “approved” for the plural form of “includes” to the singular tense “include” as the word “approved” would be superfluous in 820.1(2) definitions defining “*maintenance costs of active warning devices*”.

The Department responded in writing to the commenters’ concerns, thanking them for their input and adopting their recommended language change.

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 and adoption of Chapter 820.

<b>COMMISSION ACTION:</b>			Vote	
	Aye	Nay	Pass	
Moved by <u>Quirk</u>	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	
Seconded by <u>Mulgrew Gronen</u>	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	

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Division Director                      Legal                      State Director

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to the highway grade crossing safety fund  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Transportation hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 820, “Highway Grade Crossing Safety Fund,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new Chapter 820 with the same title.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 327G.15.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 327G.15 and 327G.19.

*Purpose and Summary*

Proposed Chapter 820 is intended to comply with Iowa Code section 327G.15 governing the processing of claims to the Highway Grade Crossing Safety Fund. This proposed chapter defines the eligibility for operating railroads to receive funds and provides an explanation of the reimbursement process, billing, and proration of claims to the Highway Grade Crossing Safety Fund. The Department adopts by reference, with date certain, the 2025 Revision of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA) Communications and Signals Manual. This manual defines an American Association of Railroads (AAR) Signal Unit value. This value is assigned to the component parts of an active warning device and is used to determine the number of eligible units for each railroad to submit for reimbursement to the Highway Grade Crossing Safety Fund. This proposed rulemaking ensures uniformity and consistency for the administration of the funds.

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 30, 2025

*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa. The proposed chapter is in accordance with Executive Order 10. This rulemaking brings uniformity and consistency to the fund.

*Jobs Impact*

This rulemaking has no jobs impact to the State of Iowa. The proposed chapter is in accordance with Executive Order 10.

*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 comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 30, 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](mailto:ryan.pell@iowadot.us)

### *Public Hearing*

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

December 30, 2025 10 to 10:30 a.m.	<a href="#">Microsoft Teams</a> Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 585 428 53#
December 30, 2025 2 to 2:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Microsoft Teams</a> Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 869 913 848#

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 the Department 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 761—Chapter 820 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

## CHAPTER 820 HIGHWAY GRADE CROSSING SAFETY FUND

### **761—820.1(327G) General.**

**820.1(1) Purpose.** This chapter establishes requirements for use of the safety fund to reimburse railroads for a portion of the maintenance costs associated with active warning devices.

**820.1(2) Definitions.**

“*AAR signal unit*” means the relative maintenance difficulty value assigned to component parts of an active warning device. Units and interpretations are designated by the 2025 Revision of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA) Communications and Signals Manual, Volume 1, Section 1 (1.3.2) [Recommend Table of Signal and Interlocking Units and Interpretations]. The AREMA publication may be ordered from the website [www.arema.org](http://www.arema.org). A member of the public with questions about specific content in the AREMA may contact the department's modal transportation bureau.

“*Active warning devices*” means traffic control devices activated by the approach or presence of a train, such as flashing light signals, flashing light signals with cantilever assemblies, and flashing light signals with automatic gate arms, all of which actively warn motorists of a train.

“*Maintenance costs of active warning devices*” means costs incurred by a railroad associated with the repair or replacement of obsolete, worn out, damaged or missing component parts of an active warning device. Maintenance costs include repair or replacement of damaged, vandalized or stolen

component parts only for that amount that exceeds the amount recovered from the liable party or the liable party's insurer.

"*Safety fund*" means the highway grade crossing safety fund established in Iowa Code section 327G.19 and administered by the department.

**820.1(3) Information and submissions.** For information or submissions on this chapter, contact Modal Transportation Bureau, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010; or call 515.239.1108. Submissions may be electronically filed with the safety fund program manager.

**761—820.2(327G) Eligibility and reimbursement.**

**820.2(1) Eligible costs of warning devices.** The safety fund provides moneys for the annual maintenance costs of active warning devices ordered or agreed to be installed on or after July 1, 1973, as stated in the individual order or agreement.

a. Orders or agreements that provide for revision of the maximum amount that can be expended from the safety fund by reason of amendment to Iowa Code section 327G.15 are binding. These orders and agreements were amended to read: The fund's participation for calendar years preceding 1977 will be equal to that of the railroad but limited to a maximum of \$450 for any one year, for any one crossing; and for calendar year 1977 and subsequent years, the fund may participate in an amount of up to 75 percent of annual maintenance costs of active warning devices based upon a cost for each eligible AAR signal unit.

b. Orders or agreements issued on or after March 8, 1978, provide that the safety fund may be used to participate in an amount of up to 75 percent of the annual maintenance costs of active warning devices based upon a cost for each eligible AAR signal unit.

c. Participation in annual maintenance costs is on a reimbursement basis.

**820.2(2) Reimbursement.**

a. Reimbursement to a railroad for its active warning devices that are eligible for reimbursement under this rule equals the number of AAR signal units for that railroad's eligible active warning devices times the average annual maintenance cost per AAR signal unit times the percentage of participation.

(1) Each railroad is to tabulate the number of AAR signal units for each eligible warning device and furnish this tabulation to the department. The department will review the railroads' tabulations for conformance with AAR guidelines.

(2) Each year, the department will compute an average annual maintenance cost per AAR signal unit. This unit cost is to be used by all railroads for billing purposes.

(3) The percentage of participation will not exceed 75 percent.

b. Before April 15 of each year, each railroad is to submit one billing to the department covering maintenance costs for the preceding calendar year for all eligible warning devices. Prior to reimbursement, the department may audit the billings to determine conformity of the billings with the orders or agreements. Reimbursement to a railroad may be denied if the railroad fails to submit its billing before April 15.

c. If, in any year, the balance of the safety fund is inadequate to fully reimburse all railroads, the department will reimburse each railroad on a pro-rata basis.

d. If a warning device has been in operation for less than one calendar year, the maintenance costs will be prorated from the date the device was placed in operation to the end of that calendar year.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 327G.15 and 327G.19.

**TD-2026-58**

Stuart Anderson, Transportation Development Division

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 820 and adopt a new Chapter 820 titled Highway Grade Crossing Safety Fund.

Proposed Chapter 820 is intended to comply with Iowa Code section 327G.15 governing the processing of claims to the Highway Grade Crossing Safety Fund. This proposed chapter defines the eligibility for operating railroads to receive funds and provides an explanation of the reimbursement process, billing, and proration of claims to the Highway Grade Crossing Safety Fund.

The public comment period ended on December 30, 2025. The Department received one public comment suggesting clarification to how we had drafted the rules. We agreed with that recommendation and adopted their recommendation in the language proposed.

Therefore it is recommended that the Commission approve rescission and adoption of Chapter 820.

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

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division Order No. TD-2026-59  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date February 10, 2026  
 Title Administrative Rules—761 IAC Chapter 812, Classifications and Standards for Highway-Railroad Grade Crossings

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 812.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10 and determined rules 761—812 be rescinded as unnecessary. Information on the classification and standards for highway railroad grade crossings is already available on the Department’s website: [Federal Aid Crossing Safety Program](#).

The public comment period ended on December 30, 2025. The department did receive two public comments concerning the removal of chapter 812 and all information concerning the program being placed on the Department’s website.

The Department responded in writing to the commenters’ concerns as follows: The Department’s website establishes the standards for warning devices at highway railroad crossings under our benefit-costs analysis, which provides the needed criteria without the necessity of a formal rule. Because the Department sets this guidance, it is not an ad-hoc approach that could differ across county or city boundaries. Each county and city would refer to the Department standards, whether those standards be on the website or an administrative rule. Department personnel changes will not negate the statutory requirement to establish standards, whether those standards be set forth on the website or in an administrative rule chapter. For these reasons, the Department will recommend rescinding Chapter 812 due to it being redundant and unnecessary.

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 812.

<b>COMMISSION ACTION:</b>			Vote	Pass
	Aye	Nay		
Moved by <u>Juckette</u>	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	_____
Seconded by <u>Stutsman</u>	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	_____
	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	_____
	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	_____
	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	_____
	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	_____

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to classifications and standards for highway-railroad grade crossings and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Transportation hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 812, “Classifications and Standards for Highway-Railroad Grade Crossings,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 307.12.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 307.26.

*Purpose and Summary*

The Department proposes to rescind Chapter 812 because this chapter is unnecessary. Information on the classification and standards for highway railroad grade crossings is already available on the Department’s website: [Federal Aid Crossing Safety Program](#).

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 30, 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 comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 30, 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](mailto:ryan.pell@iowadot.us)

*Public Hearing*

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

December 31, 2025  
9 to 9:30 a.m.

[Microsoft Teams](#)  
Or dial: 515.817.6093  
Conference ID: 420 869 78#

December 31, 2025  
3 to 3:30 p.m.

[Microsoft Teams](#)  
Or dial: 515.817.6093  
Conference ID: 484 280 38#

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 the Department 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 812**.

**TD-2026-59**

Stuart Anderson, Transportation Development Division

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 812.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10 and determined rules 761—812 be rescinded as unnecessary. Information on the classification and standards for highway railroad grade crossings is already available on the Department’s website for that program.

The department did receive two public comments concerning the removal of this chapter. The department responded to those commenters concerns explaining the Department's website establishes the standards for warning devices under our benefit-cost analysis, which provides the needed criteria without the necessity of a formal rule.

Therefore it is recommended that the Commission approve rescission of Chapter 812.

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

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division Order No. TD-2026-60  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date February 10, 2026  
 Title Administrative Rules—761 IAC Chapter 811, Highway Grade Crossing Warning Devices

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 811.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10 and determined rules 761—811 be rescinded as unnecessary. The Department already adopted the Manual on Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) within 761—Chapter 130. Information concerning the standards for highway-railroad grade crossing warning devices is already available on the Department’s website: [Federal Aid Crossing Safety Program](#).

The public comment period ended on December 30, 2025. The department did receive one public comment stating that the DOT’s decision to rescind Chapter 811 could remove the Department’s adoption of the MUTCD standards by which the installation of highway grade crossing warning devices shall conform resulting in uncertainty and efficiency.

The Department responded in writing to the commenter’s concerns. We agree that Iowa Code section 321.252 requires the DOT to adopt a manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic-control devices consisted with the provisions of Iowa Code for use upon highways within this state. The Department adopts the MUTCD by administrative rule in Chapter 130. The Department has no plans to rescind Chapter 130 for several reasons, one of which is it is the chapter by which the Department complies with Iowa Code section 321.252. Chapter 811 is not necessary to adopt the MUTCD since it is adopted in Chapter 130. Additionally, the Department’s website establishes the standards for warning devices at highway railroad crossings and provides that implementation of the standards must comport with Part 8 of the MUTCD. For these reasons, the Department recommends rescinding Chapter 811 due to it being redundant and unnecessary.

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 811.

<b>COMMISSION ACTION:</b>			Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
			x	_____	_____
			x	_____	_____
			x	_____	_____
Moved by	<u>Mulgrew Gronen</u>	Seconded by	<u>Juckette</u>	x	_____
				x	_____
				x	_____
				x	_____
				x	_____
				x	_____

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Division Director                      \_\_\_\_\_ Legal                      \_\_\_\_\_ State Director

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to highway-railroad grade crossing warning devices  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Transportation hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 811, “Highway-Railroad Grade Crossing Warning Devices,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 307.12.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 307.26, 321.252 and 327G.2.

*Purpose and Summary*

The Department proposes to rescind Chapter 811 because this chapter is unnecessary. The Department already adopted the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) within 761—Chapter 130. Information concerning the standards for highway-railroad grade crossing warning devices is already available on the Department’s website: [Federal Aid Crossing Safety Program](#).

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 30, 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 comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 30, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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*Public Hearing*

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Conference ID: 956 584 469#

December 31, 2025  
2:30 to 3 p.m.

[Microsoft Teams](#)  
Or dial: 515.817.6093  
Conference ID: 158 629 991#

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*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

- ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **761—Chapter 811**.

**TD-2026-60**

Stuart Anderson, Transportation Development Division

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 811.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10 and determined the rules can be rescinded as unnecessary. The Department already adopted the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) within 761—Chapter 130. Information concerning the standards for highway-railroad grade crossing warning devices is already available on the Department’s website.

The department did receive one public comment stating that the DOT’s decision to rescind Chapter 811 could remove the Department’s adoption of the MUTCD standards in this chapter. The Department responded that we are adopting that manual in Chapter 130.

Therefore it is recommended that the Commission approve rescission of Chapter 811.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division Order No. TD-2026-61  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date February 10, 2026  
 Title Administrative Rules—761 IAC Chapter 802, Notification of Railroad Accidents/Incidents

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 802 and adopt a new Chapter 802 with a new title “Notification of Railroad Accidents or Incidents”.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10 and determined rules 761—802 be repromulgated. Proposed Chapter 802 explains the notification requirements when certain railroad accidents or incidents occur in Iowa and requires that railroads notify the Department’s Traffic Management Center by telephone within four hours of a certain accident or incident and within 24 hours of a property-damage-only accident or incident. The Traffic Management Center promptly distributes the collected information and details to the Department’s Modal Transportation Bureau for a review and a determination if an investigation is necessary. In accordance with Iowa Code section 327C.37, the Department must decide when it is necessary to notify the Governor when a railroad accident or incident occurs in Iowa.

The public comment period ended on December 30, 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 and adoption of Chapter 802.

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

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to notification of railroad accidents or incidents  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Transportation hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 802, “Notification of Railroad Accidents/Incidents,” and to adopt a new Chapter 802, “Notification of Railroad Accidents or Incidents,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 307.12.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 327C.37 and 327C.41.

*Purpose and Summary*

Proposed Chapter 802 explains the notification requirements when certain railroad accidents or incidents occur in Iowa and requires that railroads notify the Department’s Traffic Management Center by telephone within 4 hours of a certain accident or incident and within 24 hours of a property-damage-only accident or incident. The Traffic Management Center promptly distributes the collected information and details to the Department’s Modal Transportation Bureau for a review and a determination if an investigation is necessary. In accordance with Iowa Code section 327C.37, the Department must decide when it is necessary to notify the Governor when a railroad accident or incident occurs in Iowa.

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 29, 2025

*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa. The proposed chapter is in accordance with Executive Order 10 and compliance with the Iowa Code. This rule implements Iowa Code section 327C.37 regarding railroad accidents and incidents within the State. Resources are only utilized in the event of an incident or accident occurrence.

*Jobs Impact*

This rulemaking has no jobs impact to the State of Iowa. The proposed chapter is in accordance with Executive Order 10.

*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 comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 30, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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Department of Transportation  
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### *Public Hearing*

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

December 31, 2025 10 to 10:30 a.m.	<a href="#">Microsoft Teams</a> Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 196 412 555#
December 31, 2025 2 to 2:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Microsoft Teams</a> Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 604 834 603#

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.

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### *Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 761—Chapter 802 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

## CHAPTER 802 NOTIFICATION OF RAILROAD ACCIDENTS OR INCIDENTS

### **761—802.1(307,327C) Notification of railroad accidents or incidents.**

**802.1(1)** *Accidents or incidents requiring notification.* Any accident or incident involving train movement that results in any of the following must be reported within 4 hours of the accident or incident to the department's traffic management center by telephone at 515.237.3300 (open year-round, 24 hours a day, including legal holidays):

- a. Fatality.
- b. Personal injury requiring hospitalization.
- c. Derailment of ten or more rail cars and locomotives.
- d. Derailment of any number of cars or locomotives when one or more are not upright.
- e. Derailment or other incident involving a railroad passenger train.
- f. Release or potential release of hazardous materials that presents a risk or potential risk to public safety, including injury, fatality, evacuation or shelter-in-place of persons.
- g. Damage to public or private transportation infrastructure not owned by the involved railroad.

**802.1(2)** *Property damage only.* Any accident or incident involving train movement that results in property damage only must be reported within 24 hours of the accident or incident in the same manner as provided in subrule 802.1(1).

**802.1(3)** *Content of notice.* The notice of an accident or incident is to provide, at a minimum, the following information:

- a.* Name of the railroad involved.
- b.* Name and contact information of the individual calling to file the notice.
- c.* Date and time the accident or incident occurred.
- d.* Location of the accident or incident, described as accurately as possible, including the nearest city and the U.S. DOT crossing identification number or railroad milepost.
- e.* Description of the accident or incident.
- f.* Impact on motor vehicle travel, if known.
- g.* Number of injuries and fatalities.
- h.* Hazardous materials involved in the incident and actions taken in the event of a release.
- i.* Number of rail cars derailed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 307.12(1)“j,” 327C.37 and 327C.41.

**TD-2026-61**

Stuart Anderson, Transportation Development Division

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 802 and adopt a new Chapter 802 with a new title “Notification of Railroad Accidents or Incidents”.

The Department reviewed this chapter in accordance with Executive Order 10 and determined rules should be repromulgated. This chapter explains the notification requirements when certain railroad accidents or incidents occur in Iowa and requires that railroads notify the Department’s Traffic Management Center by telephone within four hours of a certain accident or incident and within 24 hours of a property-damage-only accident or incident.

The public comment period ended on December 30, 2025. The department did not receive any public comments.

Therefore it is recommended that the Commission approve rescission and adoption of Chapter 802.

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

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.



**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to traffic control device manual  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Transportation hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 130, “Signing Manual,” and to adopt a new Chapter 130, “Traffic Control Device Manual,” 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 321.249 and 321.252 and 23 U.S.C. §655.601.

*Purpose and Summary*

This rulemaking proposes to repromulgate Chapter 130 in compliance with Executive Order 10. Proposed Chapter 130 implements Iowa Code section 321.252 and complies with federal law by formally adopting the national Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as the State’s manual and specifications governing the installation of traffic control devices. Traffic control devices include all signs, signals, markings, and other devices used to regulate, warn, or guide traffic.

This proposed rulemaking adopts the 11th Edition of the national MUTCD that was published in December 2023, with two exceptions added for the use of portable STOP signs in school zones and law enforcement pictographs on memorial signs. This proposed rulemaking also reflects the manual’s application not just to highways but to any street, highway, or bicycle trail open to public travel.

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 20, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- September 11, 2025

The Department received no comments.

*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 comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 30, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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### *Public Hearing*

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

### *Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 761—Chapter 130 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

### CHAPTER 130 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE MANUAL

**761—130.1(307,321) Manual.** The “Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices” (MUTCD), 11th Edition, dated December 2023, published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, constitutes the manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices for use upon any street, highway, or bicycle trail open to public travel within this state.

**130.1(1)** The department makes the following exception to the MUTCD in Part 2, Section 2B.06, General Considerations, paragraph 10. In lieu of the sentence, “Portable or part-time STOP or YIELD signs shall not be used except for emergency and temporary traffic control zone purposes.”, the department adopts the following: “Portable or part-time YIELD signs shall not be used except for emergency and temporary traffic control zone purposes. Portable or part-time STOP signs may be used only in the following situations:

- “1. When necessary for emergency and temporary traffic control zone purposes, or
- “2. In school zones at appropriate school crosswalks.”

**130.1(2)** The department makes the following exception to the MUTCD in Part 2, Section 2M.10, Memorial or Dedication Signing, paragraph 08. In lieu of the sentence, “Decorative or graphical elements, pictographs, logos, or symbols shall not be displayed on memorial or dedication signs.”, the department adopts the following: “Decorative or graphical elements, pictographs, logos, or symbols

shall not be displayed on memorial or dedication signs, with the exception of an official pictograph representing an Iowa law enforcement agency.”

**130.1(3)** Information regarding this chapter is available from: Traffic and Safety Bureau, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010. The MUTCD is available at [www.mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov](http://www.mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 307.12(1)“j,” 321.249 and 321.252.

**SO-2026-62**

Wes Musgrove, Systems Operations Division

The rulemaking proposes to rescind Chapter 130 and adopt a new Chapter 130 with a new title “Traffic Control Device Manual”.

Proposed Chapter 130 implements Iowa Code section 321.252 and complies with federal law by formally adopting the national Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as the State’s manual and specifications governing the installation of traffic control devices.

This proposed rulemaking adopts the 11th Edition of the national MUTCD, with two exceptions. One for the use of portable STOP signs in school zones and second, law enforcement pictographs on memorial signs.

It is recommended that the Commission approve rescission and adoption of Chapter 130.

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

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.



## FFY 27 Federal Airport Funding Preapplications

### Safety and planning projects

Airport	Project description	Federal AIP	Federal IIJA	Total Project Cost*
Creston Municipal	Environmental Assessment for Full Parallel Taxiway	\$162,000		\$180,000
Emmetsburg Municipal	Environmental Assessment for Realigned Turf Runway	\$71,000	\$109,000	\$200,000
Fort Dodge Regional	Update Airport Master Plan and AGIS	\$450,000		\$500,000
Iowa DOT	Pavement Condition Study	\$198,000		\$220,000
Iowa DOT	Land Use Study Update	\$315,000		\$350,000
Osceola Municipal	Parallel Taxiway Design	\$105,750		\$117,500
Ottumwa Regional	Taxiway Rehabilitation Design	\$90,250		\$95,000
Sheldon Regional	Runway 33 Safety Area Environmental	\$84,238	\$77,762	\$180,000
Vinton Veterans	Runway 09-27 Reconstruction Design	\$135,000	\$315,000	\$500,000
	<b>Total planning projects</b>	<b>\$1,611,238</b>	<b>\$501,762</b>	<b>\$2,342,500</b>

### Maintenance and development projects

Airport	Project description	Federal AIP	Federal IIJA	Total Project Cost*
Algona Municipal	Runway Rehabilitation	\$150,000		\$166,667
Ames Municipal	Reconstruct Runway 01-19	\$14,085,000		\$15,650,000
Arthur N New	Construct Hangar	\$351,000	\$399,000	\$1,200,000
Belle Plaine	Automated Fuel Terminal	\$76,500		\$85,000
Boone Municipal	Runway, Taxiway, and Apron Rehabilitation	\$450,000	\$181,481	\$701,645
Clarinda Municipal	Rehabilitate Taxilanes and Approach Pavement	\$163,697	\$151,303	\$350,000
Decorah Municipal	Runway Pavement Maintenance	\$315,050	\$274,000	\$654,500
Denison Municipal	Construct Runway 18-36	\$4,306,100	\$94,000	\$4,889,000
Estherville Municipal	Construct Grass Pathway	\$330,000	\$300,000	\$700,000
Fort Madison Municipal	Construct Wildlife Fence	\$416,625	\$393,375	\$900,000
Greenfield Municipal	Construct Hangar	\$150,210		\$166,900
Harlan Municipal	Install Jet A Fuel System		\$140,000	\$200,000
Humboldt Municipal	Apron, Taxiway, and Access Road Rehabilitation	\$810,000		\$900,000
Iowa City Municipal	Construct T-Hangar		\$577,122	\$902,750
Marshalltown Municipal	Reconstruct Runway 13-31 and Lighting System	\$14,369,531	\$379,943	\$16,388,304
Muscatine Municipal	Snow Removal Equipment Building	\$254,500	\$137,000	\$686,750
Newton Municipal	Snow Removal Equipment	\$66,427	\$226,073	\$325,000
Oelwein Municipal	Install Precision Approach Path Indicator		\$198,900	\$221,000
Oskaloosa Municipal	Install Runway 13-31 Edge Lighting and Visual Guidance	\$792,000		\$880,000
Ottumwa Regional	T-Hangar and Taxilane Improvements	\$300,000	\$214,518	\$1,194,009
Perry Municipal	Construct Taxilanes		\$300,200	\$333,555
Shenandoah Municipal	Reconstruct Runway 12-30 Lighting and NAVAIDs	\$391,146	\$240,654	\$702,000
Southeast Iowa Regional	Aircraft Hangar and Apron Expansion	\$1,895,343	\$408,915	\$2,699,176
Vinton Veterans	Wetland Mitigation and Grading	\$450,000		\$500,000
Washington Municipal	Runway 18-36 Pavement Rehabilitation	\$90,000		\$100,000
	<b>Total maintenance and development projects</b>	<b>\$40,213,129</b>	<b>\$4,616,484</b>	<b>\$51,496,256</b>

## Land acquisition projects

Airport	Project description	Federal AIP	Federal IIJA	Total Project Cost*
Grinnell Regional	Land Acquisition for Parallel Taxiway	\$90,000		\$100,000
Mathews Memorial	Land Acquisition	\$250,332		\$263,507
Monticello Regional	Land Acquisition	\$47,300	\$47,300	\$99,580
Northeast Iowa Regional	Acquire Land for RPZ and Extension	\$1,154,250		\$1,282,500
	<b>Total land acquisition projects</b>	<b>\$1,541,882</b>	<b>\$47,300</b>	<b>\$1,745,587</b>
<b>38 Total projects</b>	<b>Total preapplications</b>	<b>\$43,366,249</b>	<b>\$5,165,546</b>	<b>\$55,584,343</b>

\* Total Project Cost includes local, state, and other sources of funds not included on this summary

**TD-2026-63**

Shane Wright, Modal Transportation Bureau

Earlier today, a recommendation was presented for preapplications for FFY 2027 FAA funding totaling \$55,584,343 at 37 airports across the state. No questions or comments were received regarding the recommendation.

It is recommended the Commission approve the submittal of the FY 2027 Federal Aviation Administration funding preapplications as attached to the Commission Order.

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

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned 11:45 a.m.