

Commission Minutes
January 9, 2018



IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

January 9, 2018
Materials Conference Room
Ames DOT Complex

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3:40 p.m.	Adjourn		

*Action Item

On Tuesday, January 9, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 1:30 p.m. in the Materials Conference Room at the DOT complex in Ames. Transportation-related matters will be discussed but no action will be taken.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Director's Office Order No. D-2018-45
Submitted by Danielle Griggs Phone No. 515-239-1919 Meeting Date January 9, 2018
Title Approve Minutes of the December 12, 2017 Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 Commission meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Nancy Maher Seconded by Tom Rielly

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Fehrman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Huber	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Maher	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Putney	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Rielly	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Rose	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Yanney	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Division Director Legal State Director

D-2018-45

Commissioner Maher made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Rielly seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commission Comments

No comments.

DOT Comments

Mark Lowe thanked the staff for their work. The Legislative Briefing will be on January 30th at 7:30 a.m. at the Capitol Rotunda.

MV-2018-46

Melissa Spiegel, Motor Vehicle Division; This morning we discussed the Administrative Rule change to Chapter 520, which is Regulations Applicable to Carriers.

It is recommended the Commission reaffirm its approval of the rule amendment as attached to the Commission Order.

Commissioner Maher made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Fehrman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Amend rule 761—520.8(321) as follows:

761—520.8(321) Planting and harvesting ~~periods~~ period. In accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR ~~395.1~~ 395.1(k), the planting and harvesting ~~periods~~ period pertaining to agricultural operations are ~~March 15 through June 30 and October 4 through December 14~~ is January 1 through December 31.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.449 and 321.450.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Public Transit Order No. PPM-2018-47
Submitted by Ryan Ward Phone No. 515-233-7877 Meeting Date January 9, 2018
Title Calendar Year (CY) 2018 Intercity Bus Program

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Approval is requested for the CY 2018 Intercity Bus Program. Specific project recommendations are listed below.

System	Project	Amount recommended
Burlington Trailways	Existing service support	\$328,772
	Two over-the-road coaches	\$828,726
	Marketing existing service	\$7,500
Jefferson Lines	Existing service support	\$156,948
	Two over-the-road coaches	\$886,987
	Marketing of existing service	\$7,500
City of Dubuque Public Transit (The Jule)	Marketing of existing service	\$7,500
Mid-Iowa Development Association (MIDAS Region 5 public transit)	Marketing of existing service	\$7,500
	Total	\$2,231,433

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the CY 2018 Intercity Bus Program funding recommendations as listed above.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Charese Yanney Seconded by Nancy Maher

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Fehrman	<u>x</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Huber	<u>x</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Maher	<u>x</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Putney	<u>x</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Rielly	<u>x</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Rose	<u>x</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Yanney	<u>x</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>

Division Director Legal State Director

PPM-2018-47

Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division; Last month we presented a funding recommendation for the calendar year 2018 Intercity Bus Program. This is a federal funding program this is available to support intercity bus services that include rural communities to connect those communities to the nationwide intercity bus network.

The recommendation is to award approximately \$2.2 million to the four service providers for the projects that are listed on the order. We did not receive any comments or questions since last month's recommendation and presentation. Therefore, it is recommended that the commission approve the CY 2018 Intercity Bus Program funding recommendations as listed on the Commission Order.

Commissioner Yanney made a motion to approve the CY 2018 Intercity Bus Program funding. Commissioner Maher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2018-48
Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 9, 2018
Title Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the statewide Transportation Alternatives program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership (Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments and Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission)	\$ 196,574
UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (University of Northern Iowa and UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management)	\$ 479,510
Urban Youth Corps (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 80,000
Total	\$ 756,084

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the Statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendations as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:				Vote		
				Aye	Nay	Pass
			Fehrman	x	_____	_____
			Huber	x	_____	_____
			Maher	x	_____	_____
Moved by <u>David Rose</u>	Seconded by <u>Tom Rielly</u>		Putney	x	_____	_____
			Rielly	x	_____	_____
			Rose	x	_____	_____
			Yanney	x	_____	_____
_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director				

PPM-2018-48

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning; The Transportation Alternatives Program was first authorized as federal transportation funding act, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" and replacing the former Transportation Enhancement, Safe Routes to School, and several other discretionary programs such as National Scenic Byway Program. This funding supports community based projects that expand travel choices and enhance transportation experience by supporting bicycle and pedestrian, cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental projects related to surface transportation infrastructure.

By Transportation Commission decision, the department has reserved \$1 million for statewide projects with the remainder of the funding reserved for local projects in consultation with Iowa's nine metropolitan planning organizations and 18 regional planning organizations. The project selection process is administered by the department.

In this round, we received six applications requesting over \$3.8 million in funding. Last month, we reviewed with you our recommendation to fund three projects with \$756,084. We recommend you approve the Statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendation as listed on the Commission Order.

Commissioner Rose made a motion to the Statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendation. Commissioner Rielly seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2018-49
Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 9, 2018
Title Federal Recreational Trails Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

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

Des Moines River Trail, Phase 2 (Des Moines)	\$ 250,000
Iowa DNR Off-Highway Vehicle Program (Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa Off-Highway Vehicle Association)	\$ 295,370
Iowa State Parks Trail Repair Crew (Iowa DNR)	\$ 159,384
Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector – Quinlan Avenue to city of Woodward Acquisition Phase (Dallas County Conservation Board)	\$ 161,968
Support for Program and Bicycle Summit (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 7,000
Tatonka Ska Trace – Rail Trail Phase II (Dickinson County Trails Board)	\$ 344,048
Trail Maintenance Equipment (Franklin County and Iowa State Snowmobile Association Snowmobile Grant Fund Program)	\$ 200,000
Total	\$1,417,770

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Kathleen Fehrman Seconded by Tom Rielly

	Aye x	Vote Nay	Pass
Fehrman	x	_____	_____
Huber	x	_____	_____
Maher	x	_____	_____
Putney	x	_____	_____
Rielly	x	_____	_____
Rose	x	_____	_____
Yanney	x	_____	_____

Division Director Legal State Director

PPM-2018-49

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning; The Federal Recreational Trails Program was created under ISTEA legislation in 1991 and provides funding to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail related facilities both non-motorized and motorized users; including hiking, bicycling, water trails, equestrian, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicles, and many others.

We received 19 applications requesting over \$7.7 million in funding. Last month we shared with you a recommendation to fund seven projects with \$1,417,770. We recommend you approve the federal Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations as listed on the Commission Order.

Commissioner Fehrman made a motion to approve the federal Recreational Trails Program funding recommendation. Commissioner Rielly seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2018-50
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date January 9, 2018
 Title Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

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

#9 Plum Weekday Route Expansion (Ames Transit Agency)	\$ 212,980
Ashworth Road Adaptive Traffic Signal Control System (West Des Moines)	\$ 263,200
Euclid/Douglas Avenue Crosstown Service (Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority)	\$ 304,585
South Grand Avenue Extension (Ames)	\$1,800,000
Traffic Signal System Timings Update (Indianola)	\$ 121,600
Traffic Signal System Timings Update - Phase 3 (Des Moines)	\$ 160,000
U.S. Highway 6 & NW 128th Street Intersection Improvements (Clive and Urbandale)	\$1,137,635
 Total	 \$4,000,000

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by David Rose Seconded by Nancy Maher

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Fehrman	x	_____	_____
Huber	x	_____	_____
Maher	x	_____	_____
Putney	x	_____	_____
Rielly	x	_____	_____
Rose	x	_____	_____
Yanney	x	_____	_____

Division Director Legal State Director

PPM-2018-50

Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning; Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program came as a result of the creation of the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program in ISTEA legislation. We have \$4 million in CMAQ funding set aside annually for the ICAAP program. This is an application based program that awards funds to projects with the highest potential for reducing transportation related congestion and air pollution. The project priorities include reducing vehicle mile of travel and single occupant vehicle travel or result in improving vehicle traffic flow or the projects that improve air quality or reduce traffic congestion. The projects are also evaluated based on cost effectiveness.

In this round, we received 14 applications requesting over \$11 million in funding. Last month we shared with you a recommendation to fund seven projects totaling \$4 million. We recommend you approve the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program funding recommendation as listed on the Commission Order.

Commissioner Rose made a motion to approve the Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program funding recommendation. Commissioner Maher seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Date: January 9, 2018

Commission Meeting Media/General Public Registration

NAME/OCCUPATION	REPRESENTING
<i>Clay Merritt / City Employee</i>	<i>Davenport</i>