

5.6. Freight Investment Plan

The NHFP was developed to improve the condition and performance of the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN). The NHFP includes a formula program providing funding to be used for freight-related projects on the NHFN across the country. Each state receives funds in proportion to the amount of funds a state receives compared to other states under all formula-apportioned programs (see Table 5.6).

A state may not obligate these funds unless the state has developed an approved freight plan which includes a freight investment plan listing of priority projects and describes how NHFP funds made available would be invested and matched. Table 5.7 shows Iowa's Freight Investment Plan for FY2026-2030, documenting the planned use of NHFP funds, National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds, and Primary Road Fund (PRF) match. Table 5.8 summarizes NHFP funding available and allocated by year.

Each federal fiscal year (FY), a state may obligate up to 30 percent of the total apportionment to the state for freight intermodal or freight rail projects. The Iowa Transportation Commission allocated NHFP flexible funds to the LIFTS competitive grant program for use on freight projects.

NHFP funds from FY 2016 to FY 2025 were awarded and/or authorized to the following projects:

- Council Bluffs I-29/I-80 capacity and interchange improvements (Priority #1 in 2017 SFP)
- Davenport I-74 bridge replacement (Priority #3 in 2017 SFP)
- Iowa City I-80/I-380 interchange (Priority #7 in 2017 SFP)
- Johnson County I-80 capacity (Need identified in 2022 SFP)
- Cedar County I-80 capacity (Need identified in 2022 SFP)
- Polk County I-80 capacity and interchange improvements (Need identified 2022 SFP)
- Council Bluffs TSL Company container terminal (LIFTS program)

Table 5.6: Iowa NHFP apportionment, 2016-2030

Year	Apportionment	98% Apportionment*
FY 2016	\$14,085,949	\$13,804,230
FY 2017	\$13,386,574	\$13,118,843
FY 2018	\$14,627,929	\$14,335,370
FY 2019	\$16,511,333	\$16,181,106
FY 2020	\$18,276,135	\$17,910,612
FY 2021	\$18,161,883	\$17,798,645
FY 2022	\$17,043,984	\$16,703,104
FY 2023	\$17,384,864	\$17,037,167
FY 2024	\$17,732,561	\$17,377,910
FY 2025	\$18,087,213	\$17,725,469
FY 2026	\$18,448,957	\$18,079,978
FY 2027**	\$18,448,957	\$18,079,978
FY 2028**	\$18,448,957	\$18,079,978
FY 2029**	\$18,448,957	\$18,079,978
FY 2030**	\$18,448,957	\$18,079,978
Total	\$257,543,210	\$252,392,346

* Includes a 2% subtraction from full apportionment to account for State Planning and Research funds

** All NHFP funding apportionments for FY2027-FY2030 are estimates based on FY2026 funding levels

Source: Iowa DOT and Federal Highway Administration

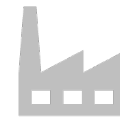


Table 5.6: Iowa Freight Investment Plan, 2026-2030

Category	Project	Funding Source	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Total
Freight Projects	I-80 in Polk County capacity <i>University Ave to N of Douglas Ave</i>	NHPP	\$7,099,222					\$7,099,222
		NHFP	\$18,079,978					\$18,079,978
		PRF match	\$6,294,800					\$6,294,800
		Total project cost	\$31,474,000					\$31,474,000
	I-80 in Polk County interchange improvements <i>Southwest MixMaster</i>	NHPP		\$2,955,272				\$2,955,272
		NHFP		\$18,079,978				\$18,079,978
		Mega Grant Program		\$68,014,000				\$68,014,000
		PRF match		\$19,790,750				\$19,790,750
		Total project cost		\$108,840,000				\$108,840,000
	I-80 in Scott County major bridge replacement <i>Mississippi River Bridge</i>	NHPP			\$54,820,022	\$53,820,022	\$53,820,022	\$162,460,066
		NHFP			\$18,079,978	\$18,079,978	\$18,079,978	\$54,239,934
		PRF match			\$8,100,000	\$8,100,000	\$8,100,000	\$24,300,000
		Total project cost			\$81,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$241,000,000
Flexible Funding Projects	<i>(No projects identified)</i>	NHFP						\$0
		Match						\$0
		Total Project Cost						\$0

Source: Iowa DOT

Table 5.7: Summary of Iowa NHFP Funds

	FY2026	FY2027**	FY2028**	FY2029**	FY2030**	Total
Total apportionment (98%)*	\$18,079,978	\$18,079,978	\$18,079,978	\$18,079,978	\$18,079,978	\$90,399,889
Freight projects subtotal	\$18,079,978	\$18,079,978	\$18,079,978	\$18,079,978	\$18,079,978	\$90,399,889
Flexible funding projects subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total funds spent	\$18,079,978	\$18,079,978	\$18,079,978	\$18,079,978	\$18,079,978	\$90,399,889
Total funds remaining	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

* Includes a 2% subtraction from full apportionment to account for State Planning and Research funds

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Source: Iowa DOT