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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING — JUNE 2019

Meeting. The Transportation Commission met on June 11, 2019, in Ames. The topics on which the Commission acted included:

Administrative Rules. The Department discussed, and the Commission approved, amending [761 IAC 164](#). The proposed rulemaking renames the “Traffic Safety Fund” to the “Traffic Safety Improvement Program” (TSIP). The rulemaking also allows public entities such as State universities and State schools to apply directly for TSIP funding rather than through intermediaries. There is no fiscal impact to the State for this rulemaking.

Five-Year Program Discussion. The Commission approved the 2020-2024 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program including a temporary transfer of funds from the Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy (RISE) Fund to the Primary Road Fund. In addition, Iowa Highway 2 overflow bridges were discussed.

Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Transit Program. The Commission approved \$8.3 million in federal funds to replace a total of 69 vehicles in 17 transit regions across the State. More information on the Transit Program may be found [here](#).

Statewide Transportation Enhancement — Scenic Acquisition Recommendation. The Commission approved up to \$500,000 of statewide Transportation Enhancement funding for the purchase of a 506-acre Green Hill Ranch property near Council Bluffs.

Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy (RISE). The Commission awarded a \$280,127 grant, or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, to West Des Moines. The project will construct 342 feet of South 85th Street. The grant will come from the city share of the RISE Fund. The Commission also reclassified a Mason City RISE Immediate Opportunity application to a RISE Local Development project and awarded a RISE grant of \$555,078, or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost. The RISE Program is funded by motor fuel and special fuel excise taxes per Iowa Code chapter [315](#).

More Information. The meeting’s agenda and a full list of projects approved may be found [here](#). The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for July 8 and 9 in Council Bluffs.

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