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**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OCTOBER MEETING**

**Meeting.** The Transportation Commission met on October 10 and 11, 2016, in Dubuque. The topics covered included:

**Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) — Calmar.** [RISE](#) is a program created in 1985 for the purpose of promoting economic development in Iowa through the establishment, construction, improvement, and maintenance of roads and streets. In September of 2016, the city of Calmar requested RISE funds for road construction. At the October meeting, the Commission approved a grant of \$135,000 or up to 50% of the RISE project cost, whichever is less. The anticipated completion date of the construction project is July 2017. A summary of the project may be found [here](#).

**RISE — Davenport.** In September of 2016, the city of Davenport requested RISE funds for road construction and intersection improvements. At the October meeting, the Commission approved a grant of \$2.4 million or up to 50% of the RISE project cost, whichever is less. The anticipated completion date of the construction project is December 2017. A summary of the project may be found [here](#).

**State Recreational Trails Program Funding Recommendations.** The Department of Transportation presented and the Commission approved the following recommendations for \$2.5 million in funding from the State Recreational Trails Program (The entities that will receive the funds are shown in parentheses.):

- East Blue Creek Bridge Replacement Along Cedar Valley Nature Trail (Linn and Black Hawk County Conservation Boards): \$250,000
- Extension of Felderman Trail (Bellevue and Iowa Department of Natural Resources): \$300,000
- Interstate 29 Riverfront Trail Connection (Sioux City): \$650,000
- Iowa River Trail – Marshalltown to South Side of Iowa River (Marshalltown): \$650,000
- Rolling Prairie Trail – Allison to Bristow (Butler County Conservation Board): \$665,000

**2018 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program Recommendations.** [The Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program](#) funds the installation and upgrades of warning or control devices for places where roads and railroads cross. The Commission approved FY 2018 federal funding for projects in Iowa funded through the Program. The Department provided [a list](#) of the approved projects.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Commission will be held on November 8, 2016, in Ames.

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