



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING — MARCH 2017

Meeting. The Transportation Commission met on March 14, 2017, in Ames. The topics covered included:

Administrative Rules. The Department discussed and the Commission approved the following proposed amendments to [761 IAC 4](#):

- Changes to reflect current Iowa Code language, changing “citizens’ aide” to “ombudsman.”
- Addition of a new subrule to comply with Iowa Code section [22.7\(50\)](#), relating to the confidentiality of the Department’s records regarding security, emergency preparedness, and disaster recovery.

Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy (RISE). The Commission awarded three RISE grants and approved a settlement related to a previous grant. The RISE Program is funded by motor fuel and special fuel excise taxes, per Iowa Code chapter [315](#).

- **Davenport** – The Commission approved up to \$1.9 million from the city share of the RISE fund and \$704,000 from the county RISE fund for construction of turn lanes and other intersection improvements on several streets on the northwest side of town. The project is expected to support the creation of 100 full-time jobs.
- **Rock Valley** – The Commission approved up to \$364,000 to aid in the construction of Rock Ridge Drive, which will provide access to 15 lots of manufacturing, warehouse, and professional spaces. The number of new full-time jobs that the Department anticipates will be created or maintained by this project was not provided.
- **Cedar Rapids** – The Commission approved up to \$2.7 million to aid in the construction of new roadway and a roundabout to provide access to the Cedar Rapids Land and Air Super Park. The number of new full-time jobs that the Department anticipates will be created or maintained by this project was not provided.
- **Burlington** – The Commission approved a repayment settlement of \$156,000 from the city of Burlington regarding a 2012 RISE grant of \$923,000 to assist with the reconstruction of Bluff Road. The grant was awarded on the contingency of the creation of 118 new jobs within three years. The average number of jobs created was 53.

Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program. The Commission approved funding totaling \$503,000 to the UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Program and the Urban Youth Corps for two projects. The Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program is funded by federal transportation funding.

Federal Recreational Trails Program. The Commission approved funding totaling \$1.3 million for six projects statewide under this Program.

Clean Air Attainment Program. The Commission approved \$4 million in funding for a statewide total of 13 projects under this Program. This Program is funded by federal transportation funding.

Commercial and Industrial Network. The Commission approved modifications to the Commercial and Industrial Network in three locations.

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 April 11 and 12, 2017.

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