



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING — MAY 2017

Meeting. The Transportation Commission met on May 9, 2017, in Ames. The topics covered included:

Administrative Rules. The Department discussed and the Commission approved the following proposed amendments to [761 IAC 405](#) and [761 IAC 450](#):

- Removes the requirement that a vehicle owner with a foreign salvage title first obtain an Iowa salvage title and complete a salvage theft examination of the vehicle before a new title without a salvage designation is issued. The requirement for an Iowa salvage title was removed for these circumstances. The rule amendment increases the salvage theft examination fee from \$30 to \$50. Of the \$50 fee, \$5 goes to the Department of Transportation (DOT), \$5 is remitted to the General Fund, and the remaining \$40 is collected by the local authority administering the examination.
- Adds an exception to certain safety rules which allows for implements of husbandry to be towed on highways.

Election of Officers. The Commission approved the election of [John Putney](#) as Chair and [Kathy Fehrman](#) as Vice Chair of the Transportation Commission. In addition to the election of officers, the Commission welcomed two new members appointed by the Governor to the Commission: [Nancy Mahler](#) and [Tom Rielly](#).

Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE). The Commission awarded a RISE grant to Osceola County. The RISE Program is funded by motor fuel and special fuel excise taxes, per Iowa Code chapter [315](#). Up to \$209,000 from the county share of the RISE Fund was awarded to Osceola County for construction on Tyler Avenue and for the addition of a right-turn lane on Iowa Highway 9. This grant will support the creation of 19 full-time jobs.

State Transportation Plan: Iowa in Motion 2045. The Commission approved and adopted the new [State Transportation Plan](#). The Plan is a long-range document that guides federal requirements and investments in funding. The Plan is updated every five years.

Intercity Bus Grant Program. The Commission approved two grants to the following recipients under the Intercity Bus Grant Program:

- Burlington Trailways was awarded \$371,447 for the partial purchase of a new coach.
- Jefferson Lines was awarded \$513,315 for the purchase of a new coach.

The Intercity Bus Grant Program is funded by federal nonurbanized transit funding.

2018-2022 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program. The DOT presented a draft of the updated [Iowa Transportation Improvement Program](#). This document programs investments of \$3.5 billion in the Primary Highway System over the next five years. The Program is available for public comment, and is scheduled for consideration of approval at the next Commission meeting.

Informal Workshop. During the informal workshop, the Commission discussed modifications to the 2018 Highway Program for additional stewardship projects on the Primary Highway System. The additional investments are due to favorable contract lettings during FY 2017. The Commission also heard a presentation on [HF 203](#). House File 203 was signed by the Governor on March 23, 2017, and allows for cities and counties to swap federal road money for State road money from the Primary Road Fund. The commission will determine policies for federal road money exchanges over the summer of 2017, and is scheduled to consider approval by October 2017.

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 June 12 and 13, 2017, in Coralville.

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