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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING — JULY 2017

Meeting. The Transportation Commission met on July 11, 2017, in Ames. The topics covered included:

Administrative Rules. The Department discussed and the Commission approved the proposed amendments to <u>761 IAC 111</u>, "Real Property Acquisition and Relocation Assistance." Iowa Code section <u>316.9</u> requires the Department to adopt administrative rules that ensure compliance with the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. This manual is based upon federal regulations found at 49 C.F.R. pt. 24.

The amended rules have no fiscal impact to the State. Most of the changes are technical and include:

- Occupancy requirement for homeowner's reduction and replacement housing payment monetary limit increase.
 - Reduces 180 days' occupancy to 90-day occupancy.
 - 90-day homeowner payment increase from \$22,500 to \$31,000.
- Replacement housing payment limits increase for tenants.
 - 90-day tenants monetary increase from \$5,250 to \$7,200.
- Moving and related expenses.
 - Business reestablishment payment monetary limit increase from \$10,000 to \$25,000.
 - Fixed payments in lieu of actual moving and reestablishment monetary increase from \$20,000 to \$40,000.
- Raising the appraisal waiver limit from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Public Transit Infrastructure Grant (PTIG) Program. The Commission awarded three PTIG grants totaling \$1.5 million. More information on the PTIG Program may be found here.

- Ames Replacement of three in-ground hoists for a total of \$405,009.
- Fort Dodge Purchase of land and construction of Humboldt facility for a total of \$539,895.
- **lowa City –** Rehabilitation of maintenance facility for a total of \$600,000.

More Information. The meeting's agenda and a full list of projects approved may be found <u>here</u>. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for August 7 and 8 in Shenandoah.

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