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## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING — JULY 2018

**Ames.** The Transportation Commission met on July 10, 2018, in Ames. The following topics were covered.

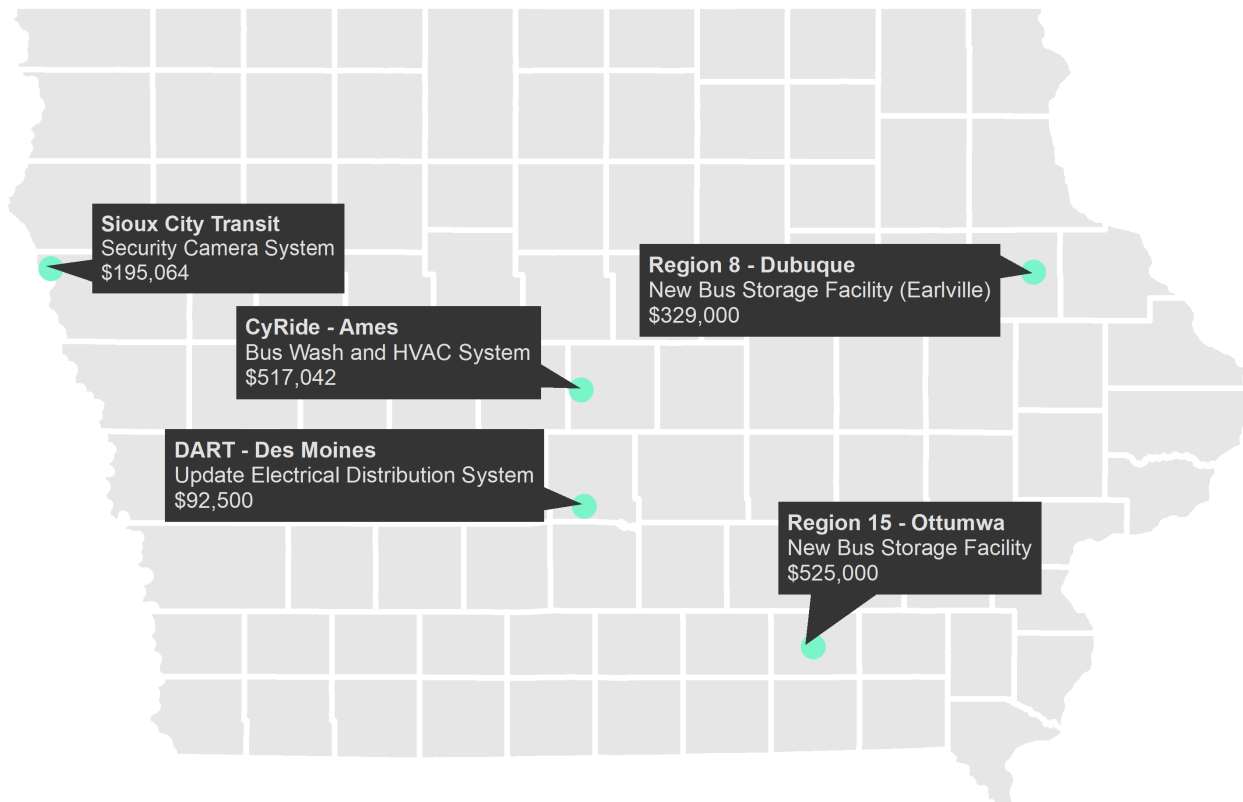
**Election of Officers.** The Commission elected [Kathy Fehrman](#) as Chairperson and [Tom Rielly](#) as Vice Chairperson of the Transportation Commission.

**Administrative Rules.** The Commission discussed and approved the following rulemaking:

- 761 IAC 401 – [Special Registration Plates](#)

**Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program.** The Commission approved approximately \$1.7 million in funding to support five public transit projects. Grants are funded by appropriations from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund. During the [2018](#) Legislative Session, the General Assembly appropriated \$1.5 million for vertical infrastructure for public transit.

#### Public Transit Infrastructure Grants

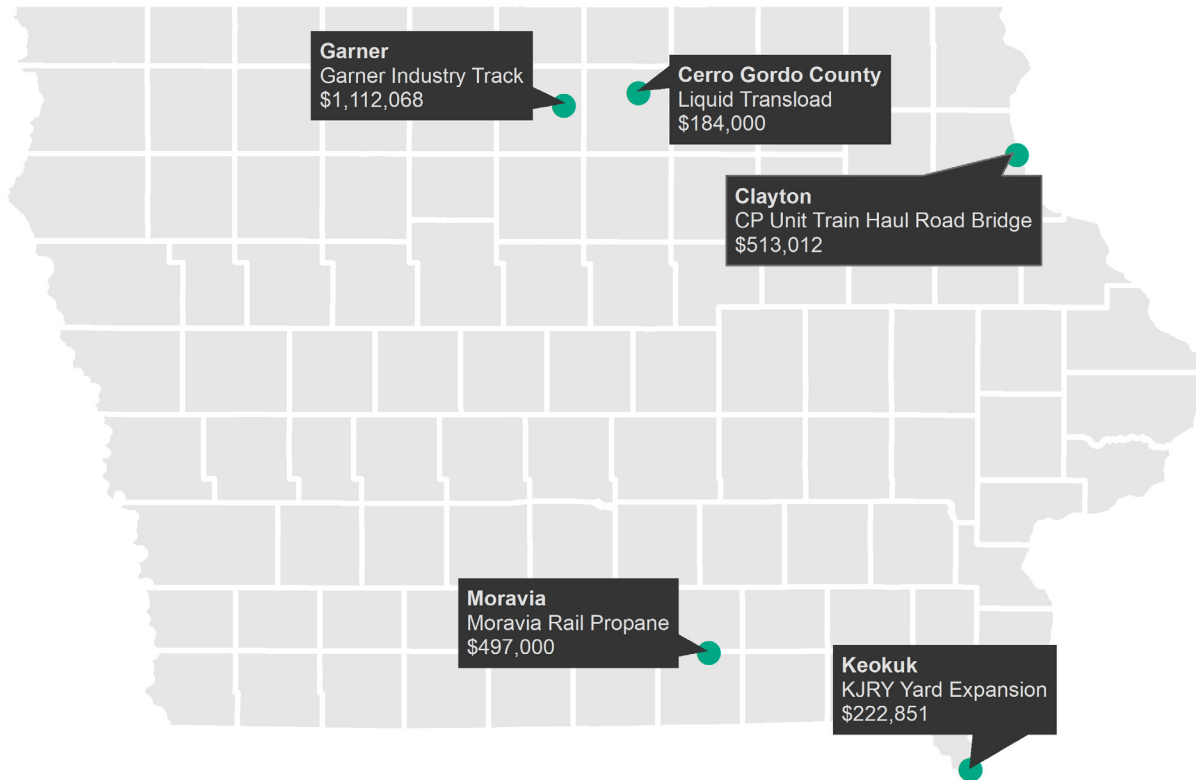


**FFY 2018 Transit Program.** The Commission approved approximately \$11.6 million in grants from federal funding to purchase 99 vehicles for 26 different transit agencies. Funds are granted through the

Federal Transit Administration's Bus and Bus Facilities Formula and Discretionary programs as well as the Federal Highway Administration's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program. A full list of vehicles funded for FFY 2018 can be found [here](#).

**Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System (LIFTS) Program.** The Commission approved \$2.5 million in funding for five projects under the LIFTS Program. The Program provides funding for freight-intermodal or freight-rail projects that have economic and public benefit. Grants funded by the Program come from the National Highway Freight Program (NHFP), a federal Program under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Up to 10.0% of the annual federal allocation each year can be spent on freight-rail and freight-intermodal projects.

### LIFTS Program Grants



**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 August 14. The Commission will hold a public input meeting following its business meeting in Clinton. Public officials, interest groups, and individuals are encouraged to address the Commission on transportation-related topics in Iowa. For more information or to obtain a scheduled time on the agenda, contact the [Department of Transportation](#).

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