

**Commission Minutes**  
**July 9, 2019**



# IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

July 9, 2019  
Mid-America Center  
1 Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA

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*Action Item			

On Monday, July 9, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 3:30 p.m. in Room F at the Mid-America Center, 1 Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA. Transportation-related matters will be discussed but no action will be taken.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Commission Order No. C-2020-1  
Submitted by Kathy Fehrman Phone No. 515-239-1919 Meeting Date July 9, 2019  
Title Election of Officers

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

As a part of the first meeting on or after July 1 of each year, the Commission is required to take action on the following:

In accordance with Iowa Code section 307A.1A, the “commission shall meet in July of each year for the purpose of electing one of its members as chairperson.” In addition, it is the desire of the Commission that one of its members be designated as vice chairperson to act in the absence of the chairperson.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended Tom Rielly be elected chairperson and Nancy Maher be elected vice chairperson for the period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Charese Yanney Seconded by John Putney

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Arnold	<u>x</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Fehrman	<u>x</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Juckette	<u>x</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Maher	<u>x</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Putney	<u>x</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Rielly	<u>x</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Yanney	<u>x</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>

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C-2020-1

Commissioner Yanney made a motion to nominate Tom Rielly as Chair; Nancy Maher as vice chair for the Iowa Department of Transportation Commission. Commissioner Juckette seconded.

Commissioner Putney asked that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast.

Motions passed unanimously.

Commission Chair Rielly presented Commissioner Fehrman with a gavel; he said I want to say thank you for your leadership. You will be missed as chair.

Commissioner Fehrman said -I would just like to say a couple words. I'd like to start by thanking this Commission for an incredibly good year. In particular, John Putney, I want to say thank you. If it hadn't been for you reaching out about three and a half years ago and asking me to consider putting in my name, I wouldn't have done this. So thank you for that. Then I also wanted to say thank you; He, John sent a great letter this weekend that thanked me for taking this chairmanship to a new level and I would argue that this commission has taken itself to a new level. You talked about the onboarding document. It's not just an onboarding document, it's a self-governance document as well. I guess if any other commissions or boards are out there looking for good template, that is fantastic. A lot of work went into that. The other thing that I don't think people remember is that project prioritization tool. The department launched that this year and it is doing a lot to add to the transparency of what they do and the decisions we make on this Commission. So, I think we should be very proud of the work that we put into that and hopefully we, we tweak it a little this year and it was just the first iteration and there's a lot of improvements that can be made on it yet. So, thank you John.

Commissioner Maher said I also just want to say thank you, Kathy. You did a great job and you've been a great leader for our group and I look forward to still working with you and thanks for all you've done. You've done a lot of organization you've kept us out of chaos sometimes, so thank you. I appreciate it.

Commissioner Maher gave a short summary of the tour.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Director's Office Order No. D-2020-2  
Submitted by Danielle Madden Phone No. 515-239-1919 Meeting Date July 9, 2019  
Title Approve Minutes of the June 11, 2019 Commission Meeting

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 Commission meeting.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Kathy Fehrman Seconded by Charese Yanney

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Arnold	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Fehrman	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Juckette	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Maher	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Putney	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Rielly	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Yanney	<u>x</u>	_____	_____

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D-2020-2

Commissioner Fehrman made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Yanney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Commission Comments

Commission Chair Rielly said that he would like to thank the staff for the great job that has been done down in Southwest Iowa. There's been some serious challenges and you guys are rose to the occasion. We also had a great conversation with the Corps of Engineers yesterday during workshop and, I think I have a much better perspective of what the corps does and also better appreciation of what we need to do moving forward to work with them.

### DOT Comments

Director Lowe; I want to take a moment and, congratulate, Tom and Nancy. I'm looking forward to working with you in the coming year as we have in the last year and all of you again in the coming year and to welcome Rich Arnold. This is his first commission meeting and his first tour are all in one week; thank you, and welcome. I did just want to mention, you know, I've worked with two different chairs now starting with John and, then moving to Kathy I've really liked the way that we've progressed in terms of building a cohesive and collegial group that works well together John started that trend and Kathy continued that and I know that that will continue on. If you have an organization that has a board and commission, you should want a very engaged chair and a very engaged, commission, and we have that. I want to thank you all for, for helping build that success, but Kathy has really been a pleasure working with you, you're not going to get that far away from it. We're going to continue to seek your input and insight. I want to again, thank Scott Schram, Scott Suhr, Wes Mayberry for all the work they've done on the tour. I'd also like to mention to everybody, we're gonna take a secondary tour this afternoon, we're going to go back down and go through those, flooded areas in the areas where we're doing work and take another look at that.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Motor Vehicle Division Order No. MV-2020-3

Submitted by Melissa Spiegel Phone No. 515-237-3010 Meeting Date July 9, 2019

Administrative Rules — 761 IAC 600, General Information; 761 IAC 602, Classes of Driver’s Licenses; Chapter 604, License Examination; Chapter 605, License Issuance; and Chapter 607,  
Title Commercial Driver Licensing

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The proposed rule making makes technical changes to Chapters 600 and 605 by relocating rules to gather all the rules relating to eligibility and ineligibility for issuance of a driver’s license into Chapter 605. The proposed amendments update the definition of “qualified medical professional” to comply with the Iowa Code and amend subrule 605.11(2) to align with department practice to require a licensee who is replacing a license to notify the department of a residential address change, but not require the licensee to provide two forms of proof of address.

The rulemaking also rescinds and does not transfer existing subrule 600.4(9) to Chapter 605 because 2019 Iowa Acts, Senate File 304, section 3, eliminated the Iowa College Student Aid Commission’s authority to issue a certificate of noncompliance and trigger a license suspension for failure to satisfy student debt by repealing Iowa Code sections 261.121 through 261.127. It did not make sense for the department to transfer and perpetuate a subrule that will no longer be authorized beginning July 1, 2019.

Other proposed amendments make minor updates to Chapters 600 and 605 and make conforming amendments to rule citations in Chapters 602, 604 and 607.

A complete summary explaining the proposed amendments is included in the attached Notice of Intended Action.

The public comment period ended June 25. The department did not receive any public comments or requests for oral presentations.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Commission approve the rule amendments included in the attached Notice of Intended Action.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Linda Juckette Seconded by Kathy Fehrman

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Arnold	<u>x</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Fehrman	<u>x</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Juckette	<u>x</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Maher	<u>x</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Putney	<u>x</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Rielly	<u>x</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Yanney	<u>x</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

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MV-2020-3

Director Lowe for Melissa Spiegel, Motor Vehicle Division; The rules that we're presenting for approval today, have been discussed at the workshop, in detail. So I'll just give you a high level overview, but these are rules that affect chapters 600, 602, 604,605 and 607 of the department's rules. These are all, driver license study identification rules. These, as we described yesterday are primarily technical corrections. They consolidate out eligibility provisions into one single chapter so that a reader does not have to search all over to find the relevant provisions. It corrects the professional licensing references for nurse practitioners and eliminates provisions for suspensions, for failure to satisfy student debt that we're no longer exercised by the Iowa Student College Aid Commission and were eliminated by the legislature this past year and an otherwise business unit. Names, website, a references and updates from legal citations throughout.

These were submitted for public comment, the public comment period ended June 25th and received no comments and no, requests for oral presentations. We're recommending them for approval at this time.

Commissioner Juckette made a motion to approve the rules amendments included in the attached Notice of Intended Action. Commissioner Fehrman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT [761]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

The Department of Transportation hereby proposes to amend Chapter 600, “General Information,” Chapter 602, “Classes of Driver’s Licenses,” Chapter 604, “License Examination,” Chapter 605, “License Issuance,” and Chapter 607, “Commercial Driver Licensing,” Iowa Administrative Code.

#### *Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 307.12, 321.189 and 321.445.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 321.176, 321.177, 321.182, 321.189, 321.196 and 321.445, and 2019 Iowa Acts, Senate File 304, section 3.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The proposed rule making makes technical changes to Chapters 600 and 605 to relocate rules relating to persons exempt from driver’s licensing requirements and persons not to be licensed that are currently found in Chapter 600, “General Information,” to Chapter 605, “License Issuance.” The goal of the proposed relocation of the affected rules from Chapter 600 to Chapter 605 is to gather all the rules relating to eligibility and ineligibility for issuance of a driver’s license into Chapter 605, and to save the reader from having to go to multiple chapters to review pertinent information related to driver’s license issuance.

In addition to relocating rules from Chapter 600 to Chapter 605, the proposed amendments update the definition of “qualified medical professional” to reference an advance registered nurse practitioner being “licensed” with the Board of Nursing, rather than “registered,” as the term “licensed” matches the terminology used in the definition section for the Board of

Nursing in Iowa Code section 152.1. The proposed amendments also amend subrule 605.11(2), which addresses criteria for replacing a driver's license, to require a licensee to notify the Department of a residential address change, but does not require the licensee to provide two forms of proof of address as required by subrule 601.5(3). This change aligns with current Department practice of not requiring two forms of proof of address when a licensee is issued a duplicate license and reduces the chance that a licensee will be turned away for not having the necessary documentation to be issued a duplicate license.

The proposed amendments do not transfer existing subrule 600.4(9) to new rule 761—605.4(252J,321), but instead eliminate this subrule entirely. Subrule 600.4(9) prohibits the Department from issuing a driver's license to a person who is named on a certificate of noncompliance issued by the College Student Aid Commission for failure to satisfy student debt. 2019 Iowa Acts, Senate File 304, section 3 (Senate File 304), which will become effective July 1, 2019, eliminated the College Student Aid Commission's authority to issue a certificate of noncompliance and trigger a license suspension for failure to satisfy student debt by repealing Iowa Code sections 261.121 through 261.127. It did not make sense to transfer and perpetuate a subrule that will no longer be authorized beginning July 1, 2019, so subrule 600.4(9) was not included in the reorganization. The Department will make necessary changes in other chapters needed to implement Senate File 304 in a subsequent rule making when Senate File 304 becomes effective. The College Student Aid Commission has not exercised the option to trigger a license suspension for failure to satisfy student debt since 2012.

The proposed amendments make other modifications in Chapters 600 and 605 to correct an office name, telephone number, and Iowa Code and rule citations.

The proposed amendments also make conforming rule citation changes in Chapters 602, 604 and 607.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the person's circumstances meet the statutory criteria for a waiver may petition the Department for a waiver under 761—Chapter 11.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making or may submit a written request to make an oral presentation at a public hearing. Written comments or requests to present oral comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 25, 2019.

Comments should be directed to:

Tracy George  
Department of Transportation  
DOT Rules Administrator, Strategic Communications and Policy  
800 Lincoln Way  
Ames, Iowa 50010  
Email: [tracy.george@iowadot.us](mailto:tracy.george@iowadot.us)

*Public Hearing*

A public hearing to hear requested oral presentations will be held as follows:

June 27, 2019, at 1 p.m. (if requested)  
Department of Transportation

Motor Vehicle Division  
6310 SE Convenience Boulevard  
Ankeny, Iowa

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rule making.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact Tracy George, the Department's rules administrator, and advise of specific needs.

The public hearing will be canceled without further notice if no oral presentation is requested.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making actions are proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend rule 761—600.1(321) as follows:

**761—600.1(321) Definitions.** The definitions in Iowa Code section 321.1 and the following definitions apply to the rules in 761—Chapters 600 to 699.

“*Director of ~~the office of driver~~ and identification services” includes the office director’s designee.*

“License” means “driver’s license” as defined in Iowa Code ~~subsection~~ section 321.1(20A) unless the context otherwise requires.

~~“Medical report” means a report from a qualified medical professional attesting to a person’s physical or mental capability to operate a motor vehicle safely. The report should be submitted on Form 430031, “Medical Report.” In lieu of Form 430031, a report signed by a qualified medical professional on the qualified medical professional’s letterhead may be accepted if it contains all the information specified on Form 430031.~~

~~“Qualified medical professional” means a person licensed as a physician under Iowa Code chapter 148, a person licensed as an advanced registered nurse practitioner under Iowa Code chapter 152 and registered with the board of nursing, or a person licensed as a physician assistant under Iowa Code chapter 148C, when practicing within the scope of the person’s professional licensure.~~

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.1.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 761—600.2(17A) as follows:

**761—600.2(17A) Information and location.** Applications, forms and information concerning driver’s licensing are available at any driver’s license ~~examination station~~ service center. Assistance is also available by mail from ~~the Office of Driver~~ and Identification Services, Iowa Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 9204, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9204; in person at 6310 SE Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa; by telephone at ~~(800)532-1121~~ (515)244-8725; ~~or~~ by facsimile at ~~(515)237-3074~~ (515)239-1837; or on the department’s website at www.iowadot.gov.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.3.

ITEM 3. Rescind rules 761—600.3(321) and 600.4(252J,261,321).

ITEM 4. Renumber rule 761—600.16(321) as 761—600.3(321).

ITEM 5. Amend renumbered rule 761—600.3(321) as follows:

**761—600.3(321) Seat belt exemptions.**

**600.3(1)** A person who is unable to wear a safety belt or safety harness for physical or medical reasons may obtain a form to be signed by the person’s health care provider licensed under Iowa Code chapter 148 or 151. Form No. 432017, “Iowa Medical Safety Belt Exemption,” is available from ~~the office of driver and identification services at the address in rule 761—600.2(17A).~~

**600.3(2)** Iowa Code ~~section 321.445, subsections 1 and 2~~ sections 321.445(1) and 321.445(2), shall not apply to the front seats and front seat passengers of motor vehicles owned, leased, rented or primarily used by a person with a physical disability who uses a collapsible wheelchair.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.445.

ITEM 6. Amend paragraph 602.12(1)“b” as follows:

*b.* The license shall have one endorsement authorizing a specific type of motor vehicle or type of operation, as listed in 761—subrule ~~605.4(3)~~ 605.7(3). The gross vehicle weight rating shall be determined pursuant to rule 761—604.35(321).

ITEM 7. Amend subrule 602.21(2) as follows:

**602.21(2) Requirement.** An applicant must submit a medical report ~~pursuant to~~ as referenced in 761—subrule ~~600.4(6)~~ 761—subrule 605.4(6).

ITEM 8. Amend paragraph 604.31(1)“c” as follows:

*c. Class D driver’s licenses.* For a Class D driver’s license, a driving test in a representative vehicle for the endorsement requested, as set out in 761—subrule ~~605.4(3)~~ 605.7(3) is required.

ITEM 9. Renumber rules 761—605.2(321) to 761—605.6(321) as 761—605.5(321) to 761—605.9(321).

ITEM 10. Adopt the following **new** rules 761—605.2(321), 761—605.3(321) and 761—605.4(252J,261,321) as follows:

**761—605.2(321) Definitions.** The definitions in Iowa Code section 321.1 and the following definitions apply to this chapter.

“*License*” means “driver’s license” as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1(20A) unless the context otherwise requires.

“*Medical report*” means a report from a qualified medical professional attesting to a person’s physical or mental capability to operate a motor vehicle safely. The report should be submitted on Form 430031, “Medical Report.” In lieu of Form 430031, a report signed by a qualified medical professional on the qualified medical professional’s letterhead may be accepted if it contains all the information specified on Form 430031.

“*Qualified medical professional*” means a person licensed as a physician under Iowa Code chapter 148, a person licensed as an advanced registered nurse practitioner under Iowa Code chapter 152 and licensed with the board of nursing, or a person licensed as a physician assistant under Iowa Code chapter 148C, when practicing within the scope of the person’s professional licensure.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.1.

**761—605.3(321) Persons exempt.**

**605.3(1)** Persons listed in Iowa Code section 321.176 are exempt from driver’s licensing requirements.

**605.3(2)** “Nearby” in Iowa Code section 321.176(2) shall mean a distance of not more than two miles.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.176.

**761—605.4(252J,321) Persons not to be licensed.**

**605.4(1)** The department shall not knowingly issue a license to any person who is ineligible for licensing.

**605.4(2)** The department shall not knowingly license any person who is unable to operate a motor vehicle safely because of physical or mental disability until that person has submitted a medical report stating that the person is physically and mentally capable of operating a vehicle safely.

**605.4(3)** The department shall not knowingly license any person who has been specifically adjudged incompetent, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 229, on or after January 1, 1976, including anyone admitted to a mental health facility prior to that date and not released until after, until the department receives specific adjudication that the person is competent. A medical report stating that the person is physically qualified to operate a motor vehicle safely shall also be required.

**605.4(4)** The department shall not knowingly license any person who suffers from syncope of any cause, any type of periodic or episodic loss of consciousness, or any paroxysmal disturbances of consciousness, including but not limited to epilepsy, until that person has not had an episode of loss of consciousness or loss of voluntary control for six months, and then only upon receipt of a medical report favorable toward licensing.

*a.* If a medical report indicates a pattern of only syncope, the department may license without a six-month episode-free period after favorable recommendation by the medical advisory board.

*b.* If a medical report indicates a pattern of such episodes only when the person is asleep or is sequestered for sleep, the department may license without a six-month episode-free period.

*c.* If an episode occurs when medications are withdrawn by a qualified medical professional, but the person is episode-free when placed back on medications, the department may license without a six-month episode-free period with a favorable recommendation from a neurologist.

*d.* If a medical report indicates the person experienced a single nonrecurring episode, the cause has been identified, and the qualified medical professional is not treating the person for the episode and believes it is unlikely to recur, the department may license without the six-month episode-free period with a favorable recommendation from a qualified medical professional.

**605.4(5)** The department shall not license any person who must wear bioptic telescopic lenses to meet the visual acuity standard required for a license.

**605.4(6)** When a medical report is required, a license shall be issued only if the report indicates that the person is qualified to operate a motor vehicle safely. The department may submit the report to the medical advisory board for an additional opinion.

**605.4(7)** When the department receives evidence that an Iowa licensed driver has been adjudged incompetent or is not physically or mentally qualified to operate a motor vehicle safely, the department shall suspend the license for incapability, as explained in rule 761—615.14(321), or shall deny further licensing, as explained in rule 761—615.4(321).

**605.4(8)** The department shall not knowingly issue a license to a person who is the named individual on a certificate of noncompliance that has been received from the child support recovery unit, until the department receives a withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance or unless an application has been filed pursuant to Iowa Code section 252J.9.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 252J.8, 252J.9, 321.13, 321.177, 321.210, and 321.212.

ITEM 11. Amend renumbered rule 761—605.5(321), introductory paragraph, as follows:  
**761—605.5(321) Contents of license.** In addition to the information specified in Iowa Code ~~subsection~~ section 321.189(2), the following information shall be shown on a driver’s license

ITEM 12. Amend renumbered subparagraph 605.8(6)“b”(1) as follows:

(1) If a person is licensed pursuant to ~~761—subrule 600.4(4)~~ subrule 605.4(4) the department shall issue the first driver’s license with a restriction stating: “Medical report to be furnished at the end of six months.”

ITEM 13. Renumber rule 761—605.9(321) as 761—605.10(321).

ITEM 14. Amend paragraph 605.11(2)“b” as follows:

*b.* Replacement to change the current residential address on a license. The licensee shall ~~comply with the requirements of 761—subrule 601.5(3) to establish a change of current residential address~~ notify the department to establish the current residential address.

ITEM 15. Amend paragraph 605.11(2)“j” as follows:

*j.* Replacement to add a veteran designation to the license. To be eligible for a veteran designation, the licensee must comply with the requirements of paragraph ~~605.2(7)“e.”~~ 605.5(7)“e.”

ITEM 16. Amend rule 761—607.18(321), introductory paragraph, as follows:

**761—607.18(321) Restrictions.** The restrictions that may limit commercial motor vehicle operation with a commercial driver’s license are listed in 761—subrule ~~605.5(3)~~ 605.8(3) and are explained below:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Systems Planning Bureau Order No. PPM-2020-4  
Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date July 9, 2019  
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Waterloo

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The city of Waterloo submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in roadway improvements to Newell Street, including a left-turn lane, located on the northeast side of town. This project is anticipated to be completed by June 2020.

Because this project will provide improved access to more than 27 acres for industrial purposes and to maximize RISE support for this project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project.

The evaluation and rating for the project will be discussed.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the February 2019 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$468,750 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Kathy Fehrman Seconded by Charese Yanney

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Arnold	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Fehrman	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Juckette	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Maher	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Putney	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Rielly	<u>x</u>	_____	_____
Yanney	<u>x</u>	_____	_____

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning; The City of Waterloo submitted a local development funding request to assist in roadway improvements to Newell Street, including a left turn lane located on the northeast side of town. This project is necessary to provide improved access to more than 27 acres for industrial purposes and to maximize RISE support with the project. This project received a rating of 52 points.

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the February 2019 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$468,750 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund.

Commission Fehrman made a motion to award the RISE grant as recommended. Commissioner Yanney seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Systems Planning Bureau Order No. PPM-2020-5  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date July 9, 2019  
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Butler County

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Butler County submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the paving of approximately 5,280 feet of Union Avenue located northwest of Shell Rock. This project is anticipated to be completed by October 2020.

This improvement is necessary to provide improved access to the proposed site of TrinityRail Maintenance Services Inc., a railcar manufacturing and maintenance facility. This company conforms to the legislative requirements of the RISE program.

The improvement will support:

- A commitment of the creation of 78 new full-time jobs out of 263 RISE eligible created jobs.
- \$65,998,500 in associated capital investment.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be \$11,871.79 and there will be a total capital investment of \$71.27 for each RISE dollar requested.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, award a RISE grant of \$926,000 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county share of the RISE Fund.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Rich Arnold Seconded by Nancy Maher

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Arnold	x	_____	_____
Fehrman	x	_____	_____
Juckette	x	_____	_____
Maher	x	_____	_____
Putney	x	_____	_____
Rielly	x	_____	_____
Yanney	x	_____	_____

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning; There is a Butler county delegation present if you have any questions for them, following the presentation and background information. Butler county submitted an immediate opportunity to RISE funding request to assist in the paving of approximately 5,280 feet of Union Avenue located in northwest of Shell Rock.

The proposed improvement results in a commitment of the creation of 78 new full time jobs out of 263 RISE eligible created jobs within three years along with \$65,998,500 in associated capital investment. Average wage of the creative positions at \$20 per hour, which is 112% of the average labor shed wage rate. RISE grant recommended is \$926,000 local participation of 20% or \$231,500 for total cost at \$1,157,500 RISE cost per job assisted is \$11,871.79 and total capital investment per of dollar \$71.27. Before I proceed to staff's recommendation and like checked to see if you have any questions for the delegation.

Seeing none, it is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, award a RISE grant of \$926,000 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county share of the RISE Fund.

Commission Arnold made a motion to award the RISE grant as recommended. Commissioner Maher seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Systems Planning Bureau Order No. PPM-2020-6  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date July 9, 2019  
 Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Washington County

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Washington County submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the paving of approximately 2,733 feet of 300<sup>th</sup> Street, 5,286 feet of Kiwi Avenue and 7,557 feet of 290<sup>th</sup> Street located southwest of Washington. This project is anticipated to be completed by April 2021.

These improvements are necessary to provide improved access to the proposed expansion of Premier 1 Supplies, an importer and distributor of high-end supplies and equipment for farms. This company conforms to the legislative requirements of the RISE program.

The improvements will support:

- The creation of 25 new full-time jobs.
- \$6,500,480 in associated capital investment.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be \$10,000.00 and there will be a total capital investment of \$26.00 for each RISE dollar requested.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment and job creation commitments, award a RISE grant of \$250,000 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county share of the RISE Fund.

<b>COMMISSION ACTION:</b>			Vote	
			Aye	Nay
			Pass	
	Arnold	x	_____	_____
	Fehrman	x	_____	_____
	Juckette	x	_____	_____
Moved by _____	Maher	x	_____	_____
Seconded by _____	Putney	x	_____	_____
	Rielly	x	_____	_____
	Yanney	x	_____	_____
_____	Division Director			
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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning; Washington county submitted an immediate opportunity to rise funding request to pave approximately 2,733 feet of 300th Street, 5,286 feet of Kiwi Avenue and 7,557 feet of 290th street located southwest of Washington. The proposed improvements for result in the creation of 25 new full time jobs within three within three years along with \$6,500,480 in associated capital investment. The average wage of the creative positions at \$18.41 per hour, which the 106% of the average labor shed wage rate. The RISE grant recommended a \$250,000 local participation at 89% or \$2,000,480 for a total cost of \$2,250,480 RISE cost per job assisted it's \$10,000 total capital investment per RISE of dollars, \$26.

It is recommended the commission based on capital investment and job creation commitments award a RISE grant of \$250,000 or up to 80% of the total RISE eligible project costs, whichever is less. Funding would come from the county share the RISE fund.

Commission Maher made a motion to award the RISE grant as recommended. Commissioner Yanney seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Public Transit Bureau Order No. PPM-2020-7  
 Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date July 9, 2019  
 Title Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program Funding Recommendations

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

The Public Transit Bureau requests approval for the fiscal year (FY) 2020 Public Transit Infrastructure Grant program. The following funding recommendations will be presented:

New bus storage and administrative facility – Benton County (Region 10 - Cedar Rapids)	\$ 318,000
New HVAC system (CyRide - Ames)	\$ 521,098
Phase II transfer center (Dubuque)	\$ 344,743
Renovated transit maintenance and storage facility (Sioux City)	\$ 135,200
New bus storage and vehicle wash facility (Region 15 - Ottumwa)	\$ 273,459

Total: \$1,592,500

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the FY 2020 Public Transit Infrastructure Grant program funding recommendations as listed.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Kathy Fehrman Seconded by Charese Yanney

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Arnold	<u>x</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Fehrman	<u>x</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Juckette	<u>x</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Maher	<u>x</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Putney	<u>x</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Rielly	<u>x</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Yanney	<u>x</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

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Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programing, and Modal Division; last month we presented to you a recommendation to award approximately \$1.6 of State Public Transit Infrastructure grant funding to five projects across the state. This funding is used to support vertical infrastructure needs at Iowa's 35 public agencies through an annual grant application program. These vertical infrastructure needs include projects to build or improve bus storage facilities, maintenance facilities, administrative facilities and terminals.

We did not receive any questions or comments regarding our recommendation. Therefore, it is recommended the Commission approve the fiscal year 2020 public transit infrastructure grant program funding recommendations as listed on your commission order.

Commission Fehrman made a motion to approve the FY 2020 Public Transit Infrastructure Grant program funding recommendations as listed.. Commissioner Yanney seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.