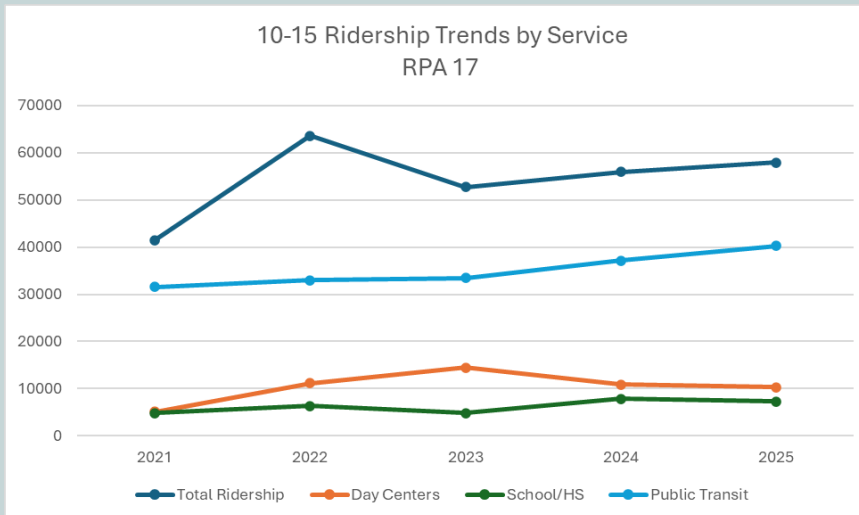


RPA17 - Public Transit Ridership Trends

CVTPA is in the process of evaluating the regional passenger transit ridership over the past five years. 10-15 Transit provides service to the counties of Appanoose, Davis, Lucas, Monroe and Wayne Counties. Southern Iowa Trolley (headquarters in Creston) is the public transportation option for Clarke and Decatur Counties. Tables included on this page illustrate ridership trends over the years since COVID and the trends for the categories of clients who most frequently use the services. Both providers continued to lack ridership in the pandemic residuals of 2021 to 2022 and saw a sharp increase in ridership. The greatest number of rides in Decatur County are serving the elderly population.

Clarke County has seen a significant decrease in ridership from 2022 to 2024. This change was greatly impacted by removing school transport services. This caused the largest number of rides provided

to change from educational trips to elderly rides. 10-15 Transit service has leveled off from 2023 to 2025 with only a slight increase over the years. "Public Transit" rides are the significantly greater than the special categories of daycares or educational rides. This information will be crucial when determining goals and priorities in the Regional Passenger Transit Plan 2026. (continue to page 2)



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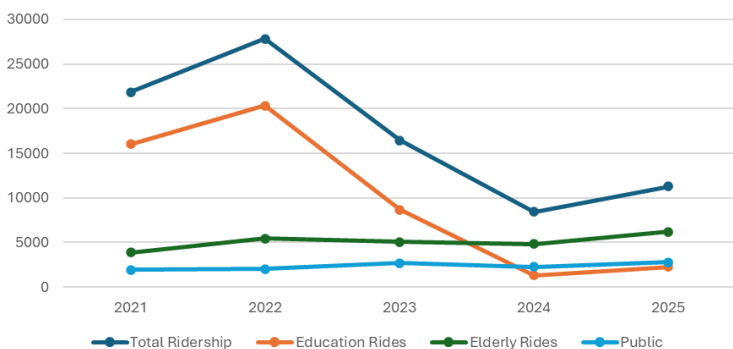
NOTICE OF FUNDING!!

RPA 17 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Regional Planning Affiliation 17 (RPA 17/Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation) is now accepting applications for the RPA Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

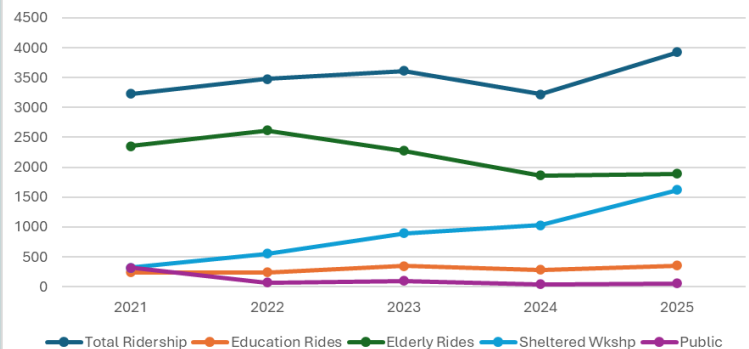
The program guidance and application materials are available on the following website. www.cvpdcog.com.

Key Factors: 20% match requirement. Federal regulations apply. Applications will be reviewed after July 1

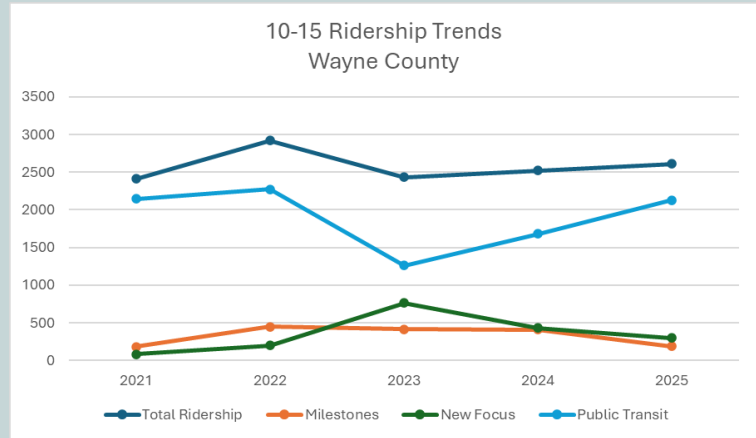
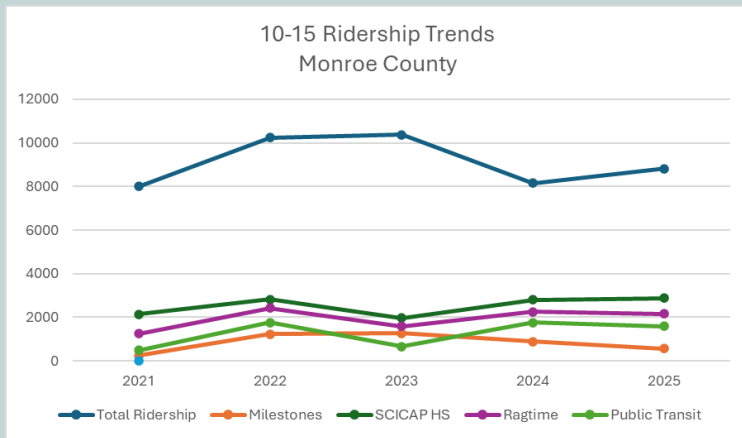
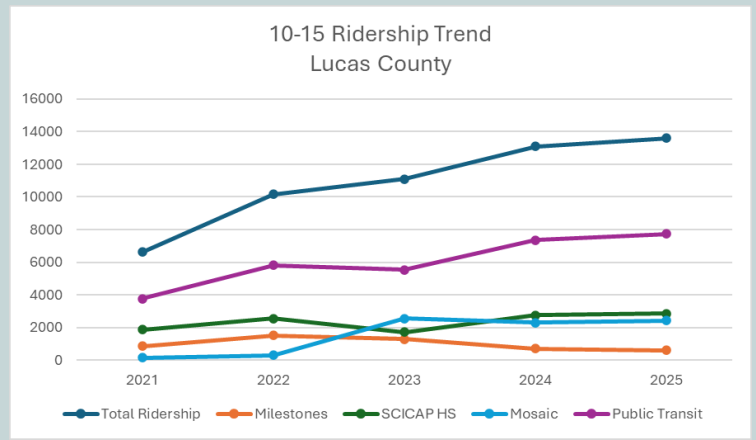
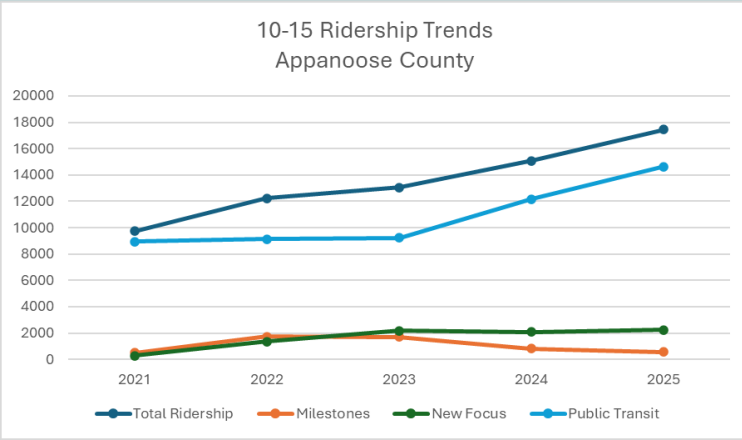
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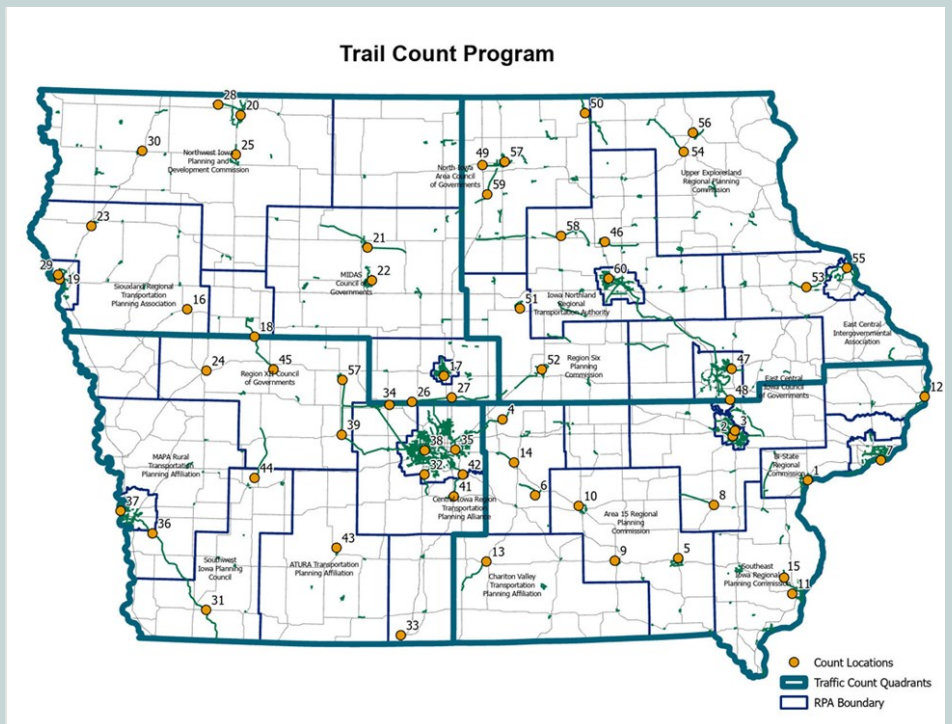
10-15 Transit Ridership Trends by County (continued from pg. 1)



Trail Counting on Cinder Path

Iowa DOT periodically places trail counters along significant trails throughout the state. They primarily monitor trails that are 10 miles or greater. A set of counters will be placed along Cinder Path in Lucas and Wayne Counties from approximately March to October 2026.

This equipment will document usage and potentially justify additional revenue needed to provide accommodation for such usage. Please continue to get out and enjoy the beautiful scenery along this trail this summer – you can have an impact on improvements of the trail in the upcoming years!!!



New CDBG programs

Parks, roofs, sidewalks, food pantries & more!

Iowa Economic Development (IEDA) has recently announced key updates to its Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). These programs offer financial support to local communities for a range of development and improvement projects. Communities must meet specific criteria – some of which is still being finalized. If you are interested in pursuing funding, please reach out to CVPD at 641-437-4395 or nmoore@charitonvalleyplanning.com. Complete program descriptions can be found at [Community Development Block Grant Programs | Economic Development & Finance Authority](#). IEDA did introduce six new CDBG programs in 2026. Among them are:

Pocket Parks – The program supports the rehabilitation and construction of small parks and recreation spaces, offering up to \$150,000 per project. Community-led and inclusive designs are encouraged.

Streetscapes – Focus is on enhancing the appearance and function of public spaces, this program funds streets, sidewalks, benches and lighting – especially in Main Street areas and communities that have completed Downtown Revitalization projects. Funding is capped at \$250,000 per project.

Roof Replacement – Aimed at addressing urgent housing needs, this program provides up to \$30,000 for roof repairs and lead-based paint remediation for single-family homes. Project cap is \$180,000.

Planning Grants- Small grants (up to \$15,000) will be available to fund Historic District Surveys, Asset Management Plans and Capital Improvement Plans (CIPs), which will help communities position themselves for future CDBG investments.

Public Services (Homeless Providers & Food Pantries) – This program is designed to support the expansion or launch of new services for homeless providers and food pantries. Funding could be used for staffing, operations, and basic needs, but construction or renovation costs are not eligible.



Attend Local ADLM Hazard Mitigation Meetings!

ADLM Emergency Management and Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council of Governments are collaborating to update the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Hazard Mitigation planning reduces the loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters. After identifying risks that can occur, long-term strategies are developed for protecting people and property from events. Mitigation plans are key to breaking the cycle of disaster damage and reconstruction.

This is a community-guided document. Community participation is vital to the success of the plan. Every community in Appanoose, Davis, Monroe and Davis Counties will need to be involved in this process to be eligible for any funding that should become available. Residents, communities, schools, fire departments, hospitals and more are invited to participate in this process by attending meetings and providing information for the plan.

Public meetings will be held following county Local Emergency Planning Commission meetings in each county. For more information reach out to CVPD 641-437-4359 or ADLM Emergency Management 641-436-1519. **Use QR code to complete a quick survey regarding our planning information.**

2026 Meeting schedule:

Appanoose County–3/6, 4/3 & 5/1 @ 8:30am–Centerville Law Center

Davis County– 3/26, 4/30, 5/28 @ 4pm @ Bloomfield Bus Barn

Lucas County– 3/24, 4/28, 5/28 @ 4pm @ Chariton City Hall
3rd floor

Monroe County– 3/24, 4/28, 5/28 @ 1:15pm @ Monroe County Public Health



CVPD PROJECTS BY COUNTY

Appanoose County

Ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers; DRIVE meetings; Hazard Mitigation research; Comp Plan proposal for County & City of Centerville

Lucas County

Ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers; City of Lucas Ordinances Update; DRIVE meetings; Hazard Mitigation data research;

Monroe County

Ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers; DRIVE meetings.; Hazard Mitigation data research;

Wayne County

Ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers; DRIVE meetings.; Hazard Mitigation data research;

REGIONAL SERVICES

Multiple meetings with state legislators regarding COG services & funds; Exploring EDA opportunities; Staff training/conferences, completed FY2025 Audit & preparing to start FY2026;

Congratulations to Newly Elected Officials!!

We would like to extend an appreciative congratulations to all newly elected officials that took office in 2026! CVPD reminds you that all elected and appointed officials are required to complete the “Iowa Newly Elected & Appointed Officials Training” within 90 days of being sworn in. This training ensures that every official is prepared to uphold the responsibilities of public office. Specific elements covered are Open Meetings Law and Open Records Law. Training sessions are offered through Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB).

CVPD is also offering in person training in April at NO COST. Please email Nichole if you are interested with # of persons.

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Funding Opportunities

Source/Program	Funding Uses	Eligible Applications	Usual Due Date
Solid Waste Alternative Program	Emphasis for selected projects is placed on tonnage avoided or reduced, sustainability, & ability to replicate	Local governments, public & private groups	October 1, January 1, April 1 & July 1 Annually
Alliant Hometown Challenge Grants	Dollar-for-Dollar match to local fundraising for one-time safety related projects for local response teams	Local governments, private non-profits	Rolling Cycle
CDBG Water & Sewer Fund	Grants to assist cities & counties with sanitary sewer improvements, water system improvements, wastewater treatment improvements, storm water improvements & rural water connections.	Cities & Counties	January 1, May 1 & August 1
Monroe County Endowment Funds	Charitable projects within the county	Non-Profit organizations	Fall
Iowa Living Roadways Community Visioning Project	Planning & design resources to make meaningful transportation improvement to local landscape (including trails)	Cities with population of less than 10,000 and rural counties	September
Federal Recreational Trails	Development & maintenance of motorized & non-motorized recreational trails	Local governments & nonprofits	October
Statewide Transportation Enhancement	Enhancement transportation through trails, historic, archeological, scenic, or environmental projects	Local governments	October
Value-added Producer Grant	USDA funding for planning and working capital for value-added agricultural products	Independent producers, farmer & rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer group, business venture	October
Iowa Water Trails Program	Projects related to current and future water trails areas	Local governments	October
Advertising Grant Program	CITR- Advertisements for a local event that will attract tourism to region	Non-Profit organizations, county government, & private business in good standing with CITR	October
Heritage Tourism Grant Program	CITR- restoration, acquisition, labeling of Heritage Tourism Site	Non-Profit organizations, county government, & private business in good standing with CITR	October
Promotion Grant Program	CITR- design cost for websites, interactive marketing, etc. related to local tourism	Non-Profit organizations, county government, & private business in good standing with CITR	October
Print Grant Program	CITR- costs associated with design & production of printed promotional brochures for local tourism	Non-Profit organizations, county government, & private business in good standing with CITR	October
Destination Iowa	Investment in projects to bolster the quality of life in Iowa's communities & attract visitors	Non-Profit organizations, county governments, private business	October
Sports Tourism Program	IEDA –financial assistance for projects promoting sporting events in Iowa	Non-Profits, cities, counties	Ongoing
Solid Waste Management Grant Program	USDA funds to help with various waste projects including studies & implementation	Communities with less than 10,000 residents; rural counties	December
RPA 17 Transportation Alternative Program Grant	pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, and community improvements such as historic preservation, vegetation management	Entities & communities in Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe & Wayne Counties	July 1 & December 1 Annually
Pathfinders RC&D Revolving Loan Program	Creation, retention & expansion of small business and/or enterprise	Small business services of nature resource, value-added agriculture, facilities/services for low-income, under employed or elderly. Appanoose, Davis, & Monroe County	Ongoing

Rail Expansion at Millerton Heartland Co-op



Iowa DOT Rail Revolving Loan was a key partner in the rail loop installed around the Heartland Co-op grain facility in Millerton (Wayne County). The facility has 5.5-million-bushel grain capacity that is filled with materials trucked in and will be exported via the connected U.P. rail line. Union Pacific provides service that move the corn and soybean products south into Mexico. The first rail cars were filled in February 2026, and exports will continue with an estimated two shipments a week in the future.

D.R.I.V.E. is Now a Non-profit

CVPD has collaborated with 10-15 Transit to establish free veterans transport by establishing the Driving Regional Iowa Veterans Everyday (D.R.I.V.E.). The Council of Governments assisted the transit agency with drafting the Article of Incorporation, developing Bylaws, and obtaining a 501(c)3 Non-profit status with the State of Iowa.

The program facilitates free rides for veterans to attend medical appointments, Veteran's Affairs Offices, and engage in daily activities. The complimentary program operates solely through donations, so the non-profit status of his summer was critical. To donate, please can call 10-15 Transit at 641-683-2024 or use the QR code.

gofundme

Scan to donate to Jay's fundraiser
"Donate to DRIVE: Changing Veterans' Lives"

CVPD MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS—CONTRACTED SERVICES

- Provide administrative, management assistance, Technical Assistance, Project Development
- Prepare updates to model codes, Assist local governments in preparation or revision of local ordinances.
- Coordinate on new or updated comprehensive plans or other functional plans.
- Prepare local government brochures, fact sheets, or other promotional materials.
- If there is a service you need assistance with, just ask. We can provide outreach to consultants when needed.
- Transportation Planning
- Grant Administration , Community Assessments , Grant/Funding Alerts , Community Profiles , Funding Searches
- Environmental Planning , Hazardous Mitigation Planning
- Personnel Policy Development & Updates
- Regional Planning Services – Zoning

Some services require additional contract billing for costs. (Contact Nichole with questions)

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Fun Facts! Did you know this?

- * The 100th County: Iowa almost had 100 counties, but Bancroft County was merged into Kossuth County in 1855 because it had no government or settlers, leaving 99.
- * Largest & Smallest: Kossuth County is the largest at 973 square miles. The smallest is Dickinson County at 381 square miles.
- * County Growth: Over 49 counties were created on one day, January 15, 1851.
- * Name Origins: Many Iowa counties are named after American Indian tribes, such as Allamakee County (after trader Allan Makee), and others after military figures like Adair County.
- * "Box" Counties: Due to land surveys, very few Iowa county boundaries are dictated by natural features, leading to many rectangular or "box" shaped counties.
- * Haunted Courthouses: Buchanan County's courthouse is believed to be haunted by a former officer, according to county records.

Appanoose

The county's first courthouse was built in 1846 for a whopping cost of \$160. It lasted for 9 years.

Lucas

Lucas County is well known for its baseball program. As recently as 2009, Lucas County's Babe Ruth All-star teams have made it to, or past, the Iowa State Tournament. They have won 5 Babe Ruth State Titles, with the most recent coming in 2008. They have not, sadly, ever won any national titles.

Monroe

Home to Buxton, the largest town with a majority-black population in the early 20th century. Later abandoned, Buxton town land has been cultivated as farmland.

Wayne

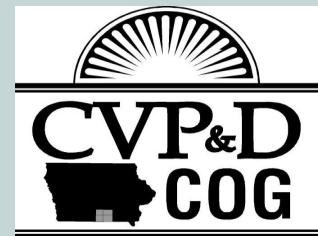
There had been a settlement in Wayne County as early as 1841 by residents who thought they were in Missouri, but the first settlers intending to be in Iowa came about 1848. Its government was organized and the county seat selected in 1851.

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