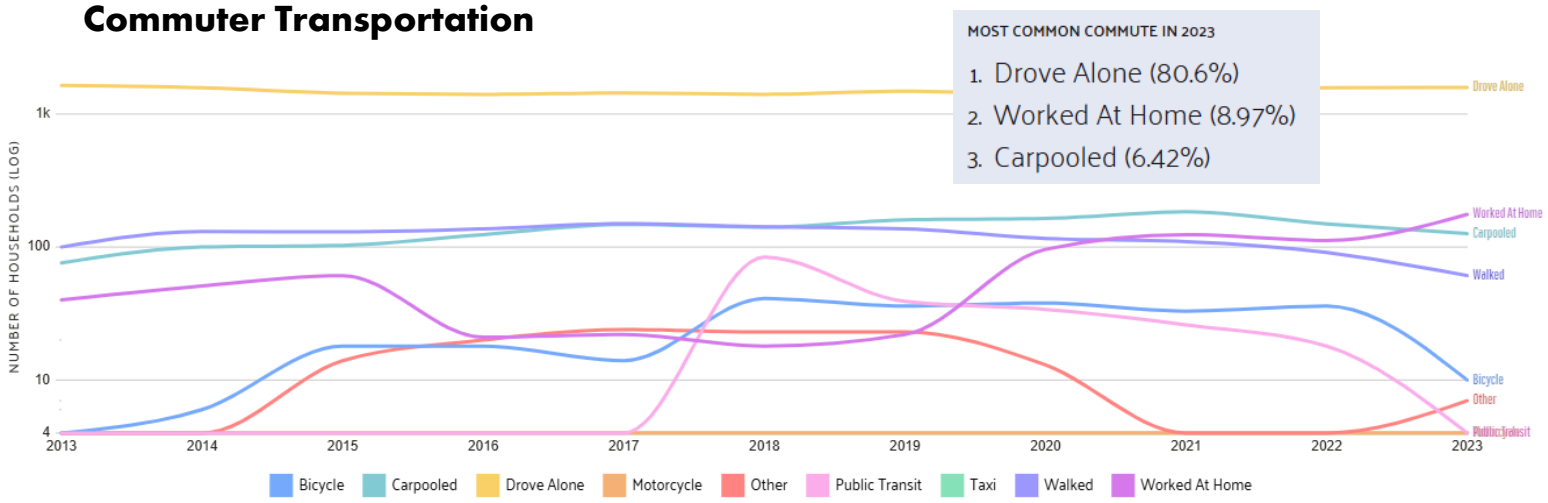
Transportation Characteristics

Commuter Transportation



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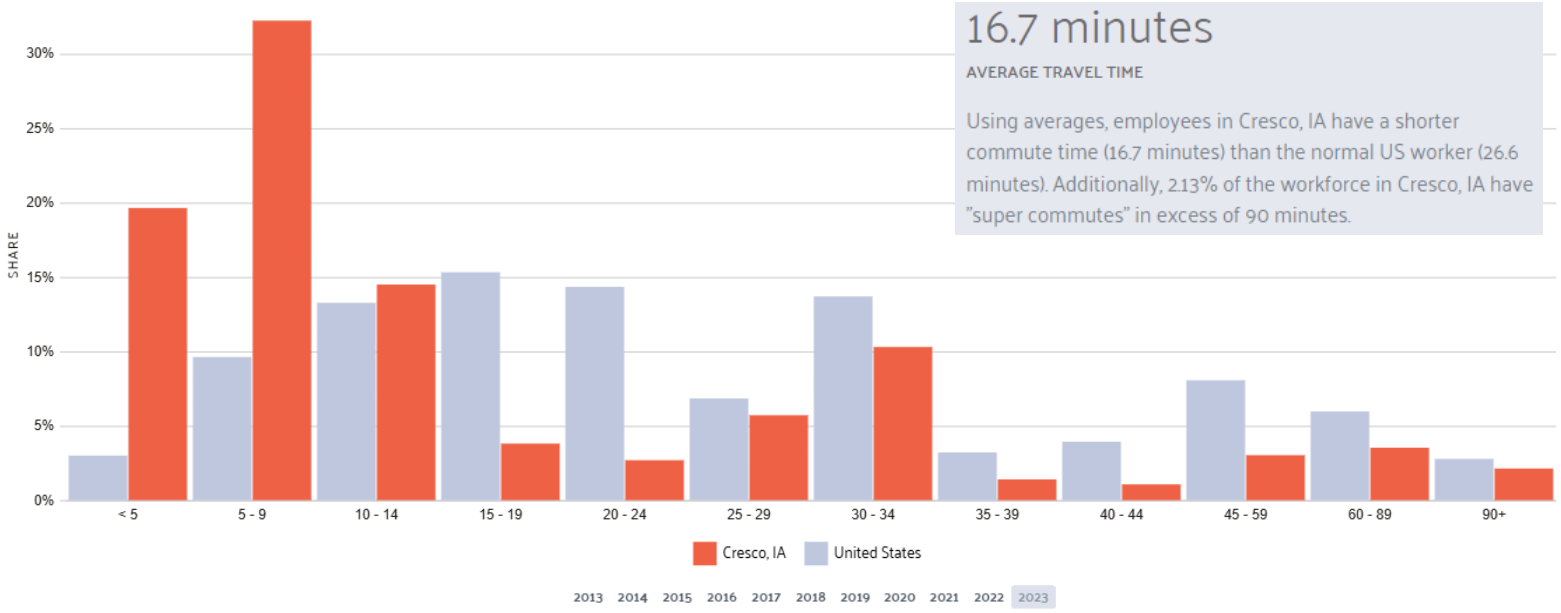


Car Ownership

Source: DATA USA; U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 ACS 5-Year

Transportation
Federal Functional Classification

SCALE IN MILES

0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.75 1.0

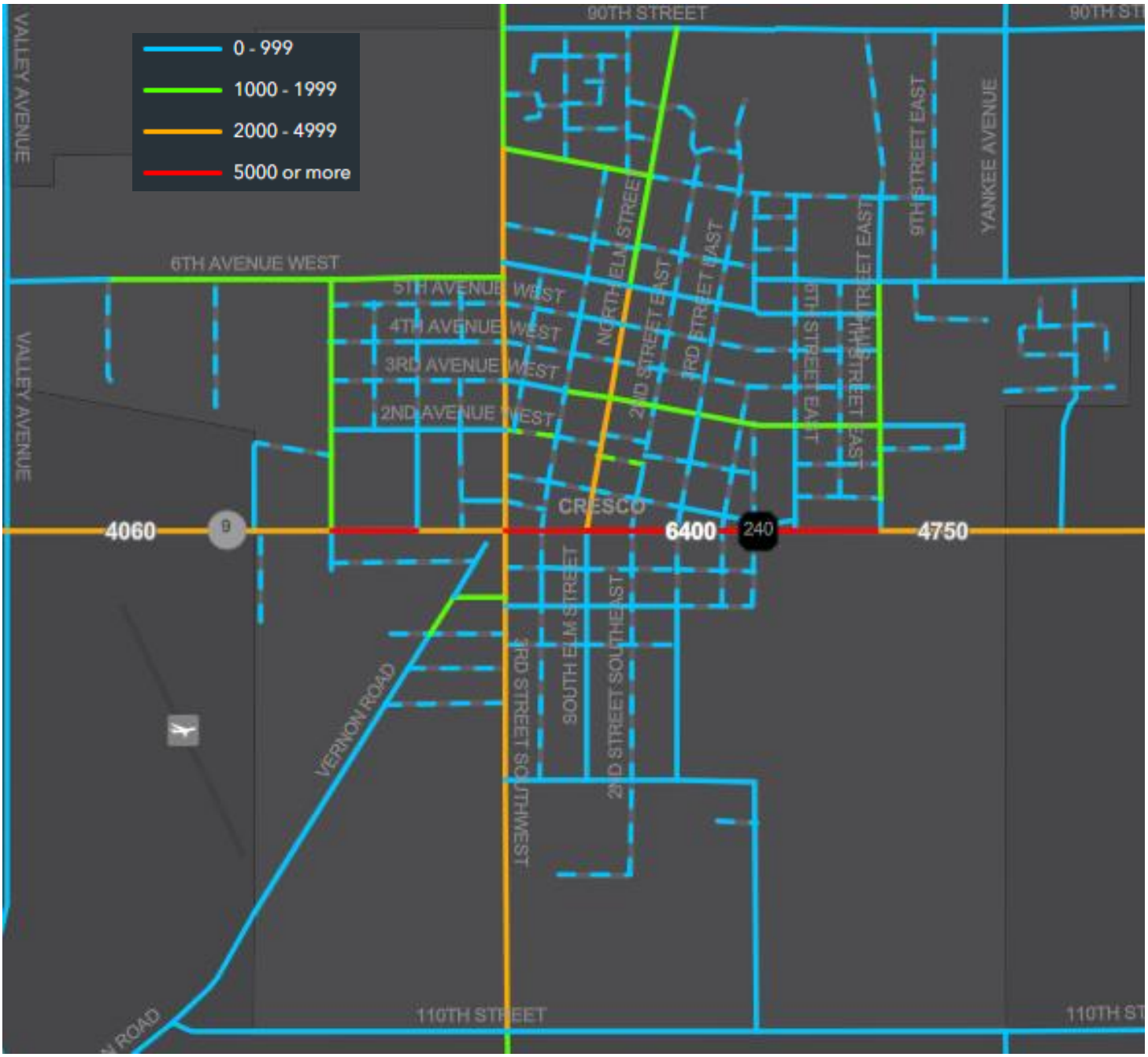
LEGEND

INTERSTATE ROUTE	35
FREEWAY OR EXPRESSWAY ROUTE	30
U.S. NUMBERED ROUTE	6
BUSINESS ROUTE	61
STATE NUMBERED ROUTE	44
UNSIGNED ROUTE	461
COUNTY NUMBERED ROUTE	R38
SECONDARY ROAD OR ADJOINING CITY STREET	
CITY STREET	
PARK, INSTITUTION, OR FEDERAL ROAD	
RAILROAD	
CORPORATION LINE	
SECTION LINE	
CUL-DE-SAC	
SECTION, TOWNSHIP & RANGE NUMBERS	9, T-81N, R-30W

Source: IA DOT Highway & Street Map

Transportation

Annual Average Daily Traffic



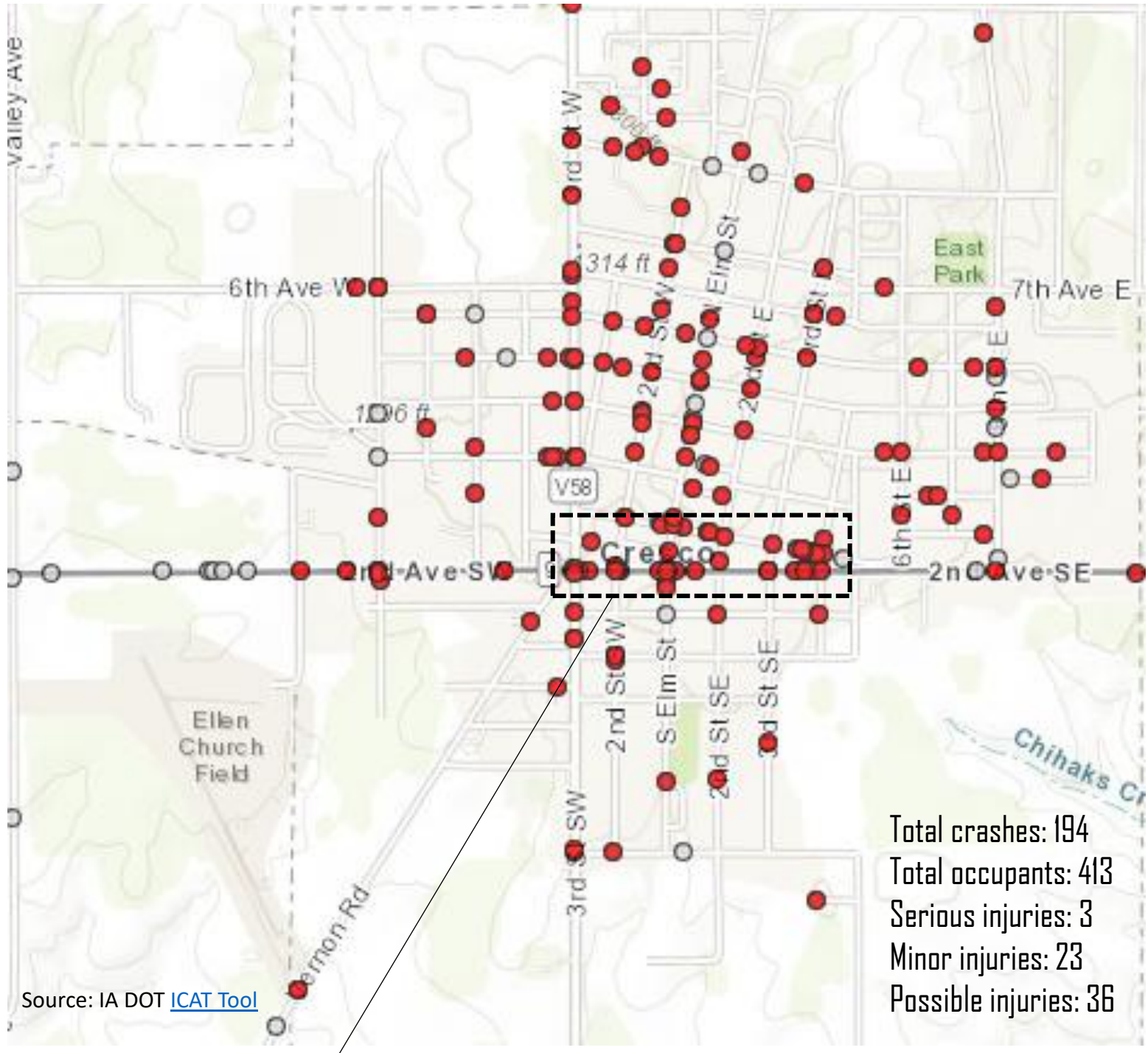
Source: IA DOT [Iowa Traffic Data]

Commuting stats (workers 16 yrs. +)

Drove vehicle alone: 80.6%
Carpooled: 6%
Public transportation: 0%
Walked: 3.1%
Other means: 0.9%
Worked from home: 9%
Mean travel time (min): 16.7

Source: 2023 ACS 5-Year, DP03 Selected Economic Characteristics

IDOT Crash Analysis Tool, 10 Yr. Records (2015 – 2024)



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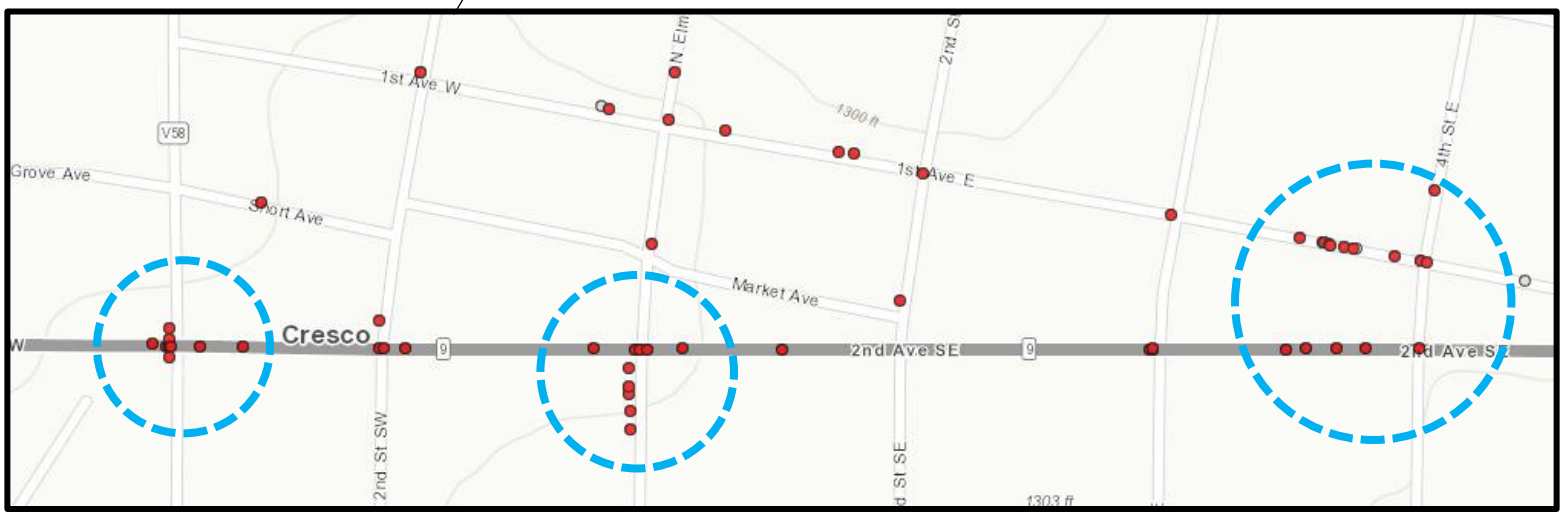
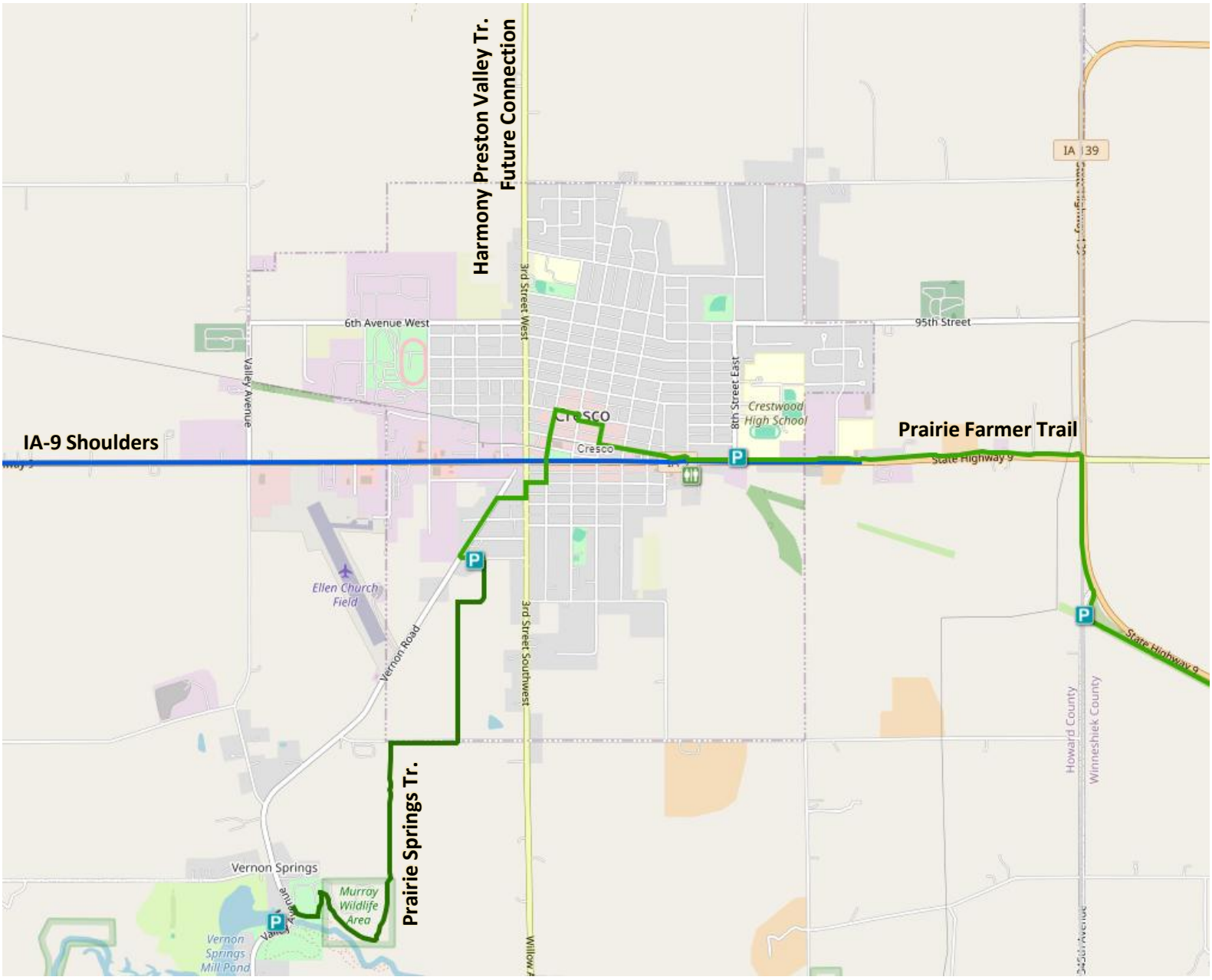


Cresco Trails



Source: Iowa Dept. of Transportation Bike Map, 2025

TRAIL / SHARED-USE PATH (PAVED)

TRAIL / SHARED-USE PATH (UNPAVED)

BICYCLE LANE

SIDE PATH

PAVED SHOULDER

SEPARATED BIKE LANE

PARKING (TRAILHEAD)

RESTROOMS

WATER FOUNTAIN

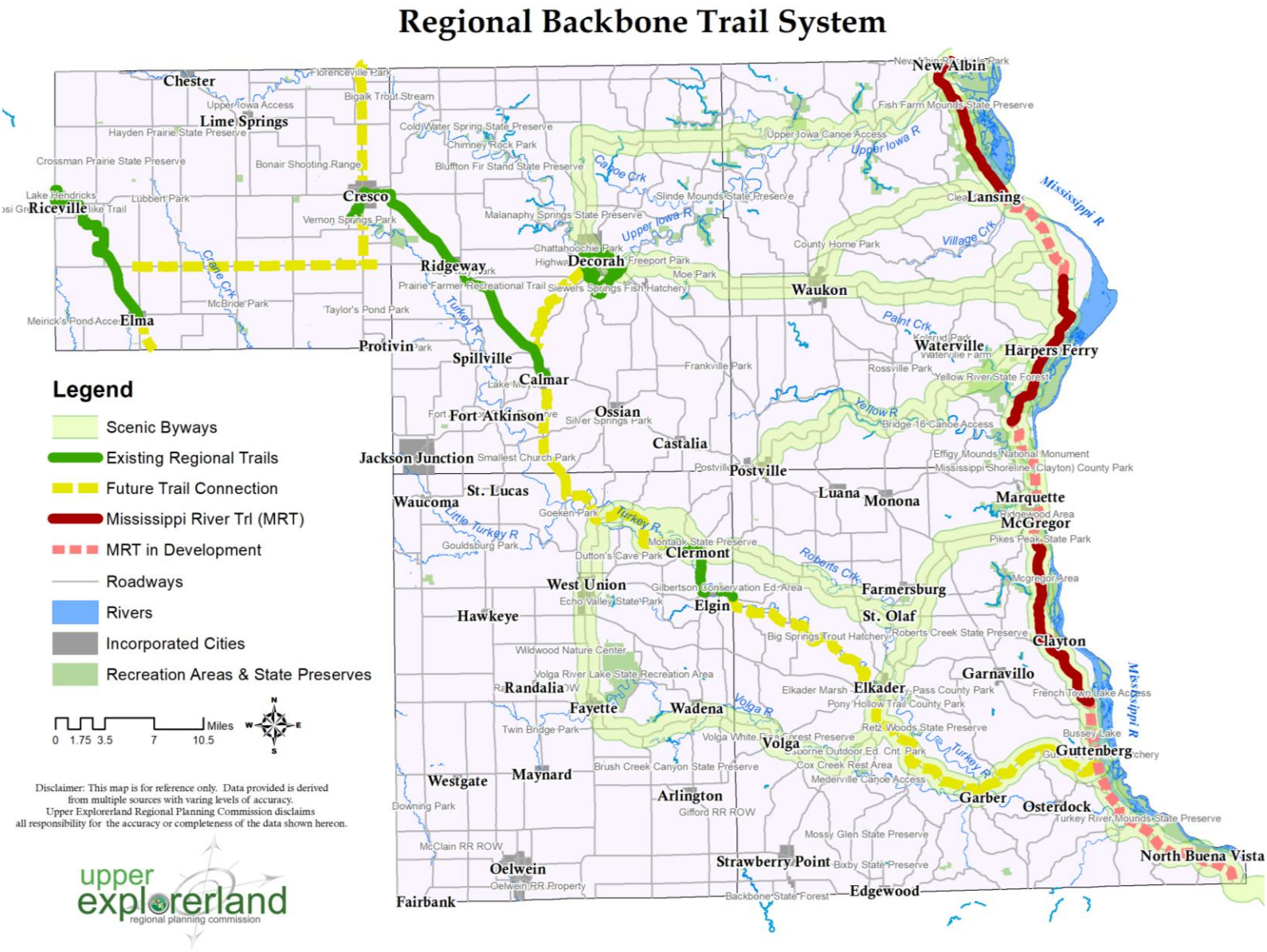
MOUNTAIN BIKE

BIKE RENTAL

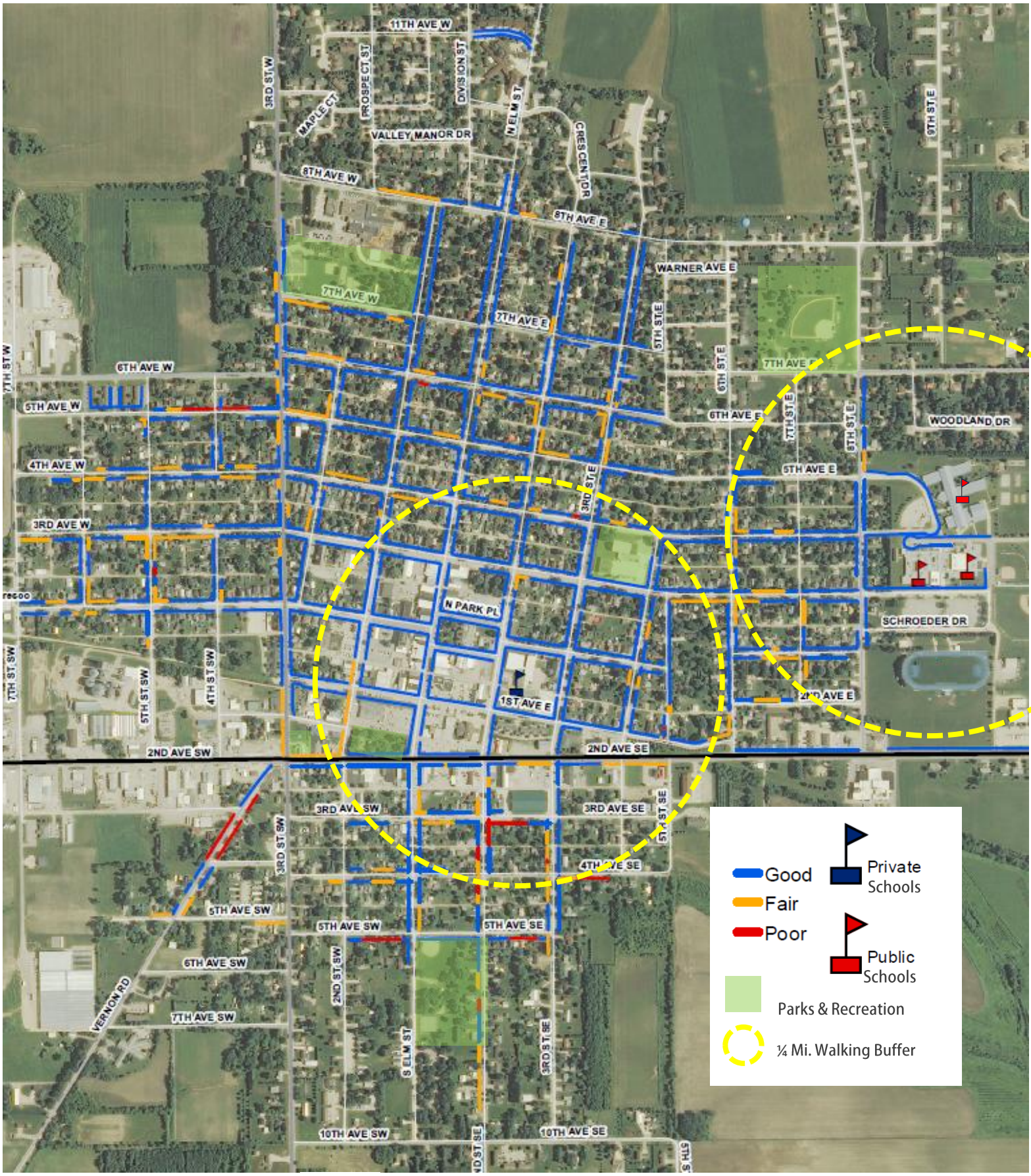
BIKE SHOP

BIKE RENTAL & SHOP

Regional Trail Connections



Walkability, Sidewalk Assessment, 2016



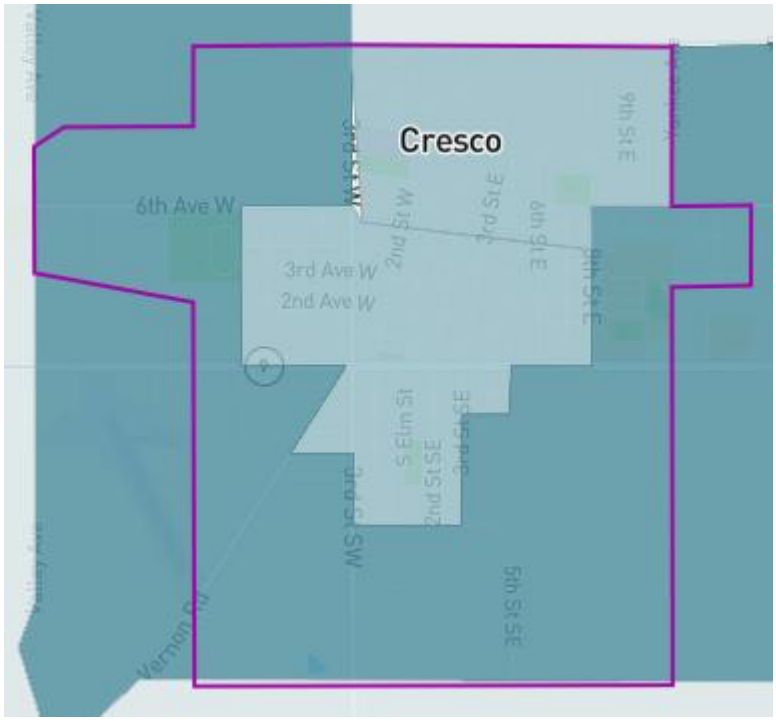
0 0.075 0.15 0.3 Miles

N W E S

Source: UERPC, 2016

Walkability Ratings, Iowa Profile

Walkability Index Rating



Sources: EPA 2021

Walkability Index

- 1 – <5.83
- 5.83 – <9.5
- 9.5 – <13.33
- 13.33 – 19.17

Note: Walkability is a measure used to characterize the ease of pedestrian travel in an area. The index rages from 1 – 20, with lower values being less walkable locations and higher values being more walkable.

Walkability Employment-Housing Mix Ranking

Sources: EPA 2021

Score

- 1 – <6
- 6 – <11
- 11 – <16
- 16 – 20

Note: The employment-housing mix ranking is on a 1-20 scale and it combines employment diversity and the number of occupied housing units. Higher values (near 20) are areas that have a high employment diversity, larger proportion of occupied housing units, and are more likely to correlate with walk trips. Low values (near 1) are areas that lack employment diversity, have a low percentage of occupied housing, and are unlikely to have walk trips.

Public Transportation

Public Transit

Designated Regional Transit Provider

Public Transit in RPA-1 is provided by Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation (NEICAC). NEICAC Transit—branded EARL Transit—operates a fleet of 54 vehicles in the five-county area. All vehicles in the fleet are ADA accessible and fitted with either lifts or ramps. All vehicles are equipped with Mobile Data Computers that enable drivers to receive real-time trip updates from schedulers. Transit vehicles receive regular maintenance and receive three certified inspections each year: two from the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) and one from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). NEICAC Transit offers demand-response, curb-to-curb services from anywhere within the RPA 1 region to any destination. NEICAC Transit offers in-town regular services in seven communities:

Town	Service Times	Frequency
Cresco	7AM - 4PM	Monday - Friday
Decorah	6AM - 5PM	Monday - Friday
Waukon	9AM - 1PM	Monday - Friday
West Union	9AM - 1PM	Monday - Friday
Oelwein	9AM - 1PM	Monday - Friday
Elkader	9AM - 1PM	Tuesday, Thursday
Guttenberg	9AM - 1PM	Tuesday, Thursday

Regular in-town services offer the most affordable option for riders, with a current rate of $2.00 per one-way ride for trips that fit into the scheduled service times. Other ride options include:

Ride Type:	Current Fare:	Description:
Special in-town rides	$12 one-way	Pick-up and drop-off sites within same city, but no regular service exists
Dial-a-Ride service	$.50 per mile	Pick-up or drop-off address is outside city limits, or the trip runs between 2 different towns. The trip does not fit within another service
Weekend in-town service	$15 one-way	Weekend trip where pick-up and drop-off addresses are within the same city
Weekend rural service	$1.50 per mile	Weekend trips where pick-up or drop-off address is outside city limits, or the trip runs between 2 different towns
Hourly service	Varies	

Private Transportation Providers

Hometown Taxi – 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon-Fri, after hours by appointment

- Open to the general public in Decorah and surrounding area

Hawkeye Stages – Charter service; no regular hours of service

- Based in Decorah
- Open to the general public