IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Workshop Overview

October 7, 2024

Hotel Winneshiek - Decorah

(One hour and 30 minutes)

Begin at 3:30 pm

1. Commission Input Commission 5 min.

* **Purpose:** Commission discussion of items.
* **Requested Action:** N/A

2. Director’s Welcome Scott Marler 5 min.

* **Purpose:** Update of activities at the DOT.
* **Requested Action:** N/A

3. Transportation Trends Update 5 min.

Stu Anderson, Director

Transportation Development

Division

* **Purpose:** Provide a brief update on transportation trends.
* **Requested Action:** N/A

4. 2025 Highway Program Balance Report 5 min.

Shawn Majors, Director

Program Management Bureau

* **Purpose:** Present the latest FY 2025 monthly highway program balance report. Including the 2025 Highway Program Amendment approved by the Commission in August 2024, we began FY 2025 over-programmed by $45.2 million. Through August, receipts to the Primary Road Fund have come in $3.5 million below forecast. Through the September letting, project costs are $33.4 million below programmed amounts. When all combined, the current highway program balance is $15.3 million over-programmed. Last month the program balance was $24.2 million over-programmed.
* **Requested Action:** N/A

5. Grant Programs 5 min.

- Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program

Recommendation James Glaspie

Modal Transportation Bureau

- Fiscal Year 2026 Highway-Railroad Crossing

Safety Program Amanda Martin, Rail Director

Modal Transportation Bureau

- 2026 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface

Repair Program Amanda Martin, Rail Director

Modal Transportation Bureau

* **Purpose:** Last month, recommendations were presented for awarding funds for the three programs listed above. No questions or comments were received regarding the recommendations and no changes have been made to the recommendations. This item is included on the agenda in case there are any questions.
* **Requested Action:** Be prepared to ask any remaining questions as action will be requested at the business meeting.

6. Corridor Preservation Zone 5 min.

- Iowa 12 Gordon Drive Viaduct in Sioux Gary Harris

City Location and Environment Bureau

* **Purpose:** At the August 13, 2024, Commission meeting, the Commission approved the renewal of a corridor preservation zone along the Iowa 12/Gordon Drive Viaduct in Sioux City. However, the map attached to the August 13, 2024, Commission Order did not fully reflect the additional necessary corridor preservation zone coverage that has been identified through recently completed preliminary design. Therefore, Commission action is requested to approve the designation of a corridor preservation zone that will more accurately be shown on the aerial attached to the Commission Order.
* **Requested Action:** Provide comments at the workshop. This is an action item on the Tuesday business meeting agenda; however, if there are concerns with the recommendation, the action item can be deferred.

7. RISE – Business Relocation & Job Retention 5 min.

Local Development Program Deb Arp, Team Leader

Local Systems Bureau

* **Purpose:** Following additional discussion and Commission direction at the August workshop, action is requested at Tuesday’s business meeting to approve updated RISE policies. The draft RISE policies document will be emailed to the Commission prior to the meeting. This item is on the agenda to review the recommendations discussed in August and to answer any remaining questions.
* **Requested Action:** Be prepared to ask any remaining questions as action will be requested at the business meeting.

8. RISE Projects 10 min.

- Rock Valley Local Development Deb Arp, Team Leader

- City of Boone Immediate Opportunity Local Systems Bureau

- Sioux Center Immediate Opportunity

* **Purpose:** Provide an overview of three RISE projects. The Rock Valley RISE project is based on the new RISE Business Relocation & Job Retention Local Development Category that is anticipated to be approved at Tuesday’s business meeting. The RISE material is available on the Commission material website for your review. If you have any questions that you would like responses prior to the workshop, please contact Deb Arp at 515-239-1681 or at [debra.arp@iowadot.us](mailto:debra.arp@iowadot.us) by Friday, October 4, at 4:00 pm.
* **Requested Action:** Review the project summary material prior to the workshop as action on the RISE projects will be requested at the business meeting.

9. State Recreational Trails Program Funding 15 min.

Recommendations Deb Arp, Team Leader

Local Systems Bureau

* **Purpose:** Provide an overview of funding recommendations for the State Recreational Trails Program. This material is being presented for information this month and action will be requested at the November business meeting.
* **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop.

10. National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant 15 min.

Awards Deb Arp, Team Leader

Local Systems Bureau

* **Purpose:** The National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program is a federal formula program created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These funds are allocated to states to support the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure along key corridors. The Commission approved implementation policies for this program at their October 10, 2023, meeting. Based on those policies, the department has awarded the first round of funds to projects and this item is intended to provide an overview of the awards.
* **Requested Action:** N/A

11. Transportation Asset Management Overview 15 min.

Charlie Purcell, Deputy Director

Transportation Development

Division

* **Purpose:** Provide an overview and update of the department’s Transportation Asset Management activities. This will include a proposal for future presentations supporting the development of the 2026-2030 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program.
* **Requested Action:** Provide comments and feedback during the workshop.