IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VIRTUAL TOUR/PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

(Video Conference Call)
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way, Ames
September 8, 2020

<u>DELEGATION</u>	<u>SPOKESPERSON</u>
Opening Remarks	Nancy Maher, Commission Chair
Iowa Department of Transportation	Hector Torres-Cacho
East Central Iowa Transportation Coalition	Beth Danowsky
Oskaloosa/Mahaska Co./Mahaska Chamber	Mike Schrock
South Central Regional Airport Agency	Dr. David Barnes
Area 15 Regional Planning Commission	Chris Kukla
Highway 30 Coalition	Adam Schweers
IA 150 Coalition	Dylan Mulfinger
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Message from the Commission:

Welcome to the Iowa Transportation Commission (Commission) public input meeting. The Commission typically travels to different locations across Iowa in April, June, August and October in an effort to review ongoing or proposed projects. However, as a result of substantial community spread of COVID-19 in the state of Iowa and based on the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the September meeting is being held by conference call originating from the Iowa DOT complex in Ames. While this will be a conference call, this still is our opportunity to hear from Iowans about any transportation topic. We welcome those comments.

Many of you participating in the call are representatives of cities, counties, planning organizations, or coalitions organized around a particular transportation goal. And, many of you occasionally attend these public input meetings in order to thank the Commission for past project assistance, or to propose new partnerships. We welcome those comments, as well. However, please understand that in some cases the Commission is hearing about a proposed project for the first time. Therefore, we may not be able to comment on the merits of the proposal until we receive additional information and input from Iowa DOT staff. In addition, the Commission typically is unable to comment about specific projects and their likelihood for being included in future Five-Year Transportation Improvement Programs (Program) until we begin our Program development planning sessions (typically held every month from February through April).

Please consider this an opportunity for you to share your thoughts with us, and for us to consider those thoughts and review them with Iowa DOT staff after gathering necessary information about how the issues may impact our various grant programs or our Program.

You can find out more about the Commission and our meetings at <u>Meeting Dates - Iowa Transportation</u> <u>Commission</u> you may reach out to us via email or telephone at our contact information listed on that web page.