IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Workshop Overview

August 12, 2024

Honey Creek Resort – Moravia

(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. Review of Commission Guidebook 5 min.

Sally Stutsman, Chair

* **Purpose:** The purpose of this item is to review the final draft guidebook in preparation for action at the business meeting.
* **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop.

4. Transportation Trends Update 5 min.

Stu Anderson, Director

Transportation Development

Division

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

5. 2024 Highway Program Balance Report 5 min.

Shawn Majors, Director

Program Management Bureau

* **Purpose:** Present the final FY 2024 monthly highway program balance report and the July project letting vs. programmed amount summary. We began FY 2024 over-programmed by $24.9 million. Through the end of the fiscal year, receipts to the Primary Road Fund have come in $52.5 million above forecast. Through the end of the fiscal year, project costs are $28.4 million above programmed amounts. When all combined, the final highway program balance for FY 2024 is $0.8 million over-programmed. Last month the program balance was $14.4 million over-programmed.

The July lettings, the first of FY 2025, came in $17.4 million below the programmed amount. We began FY 2025 overprogrammed by $29.5 million so in total we are $12.1 million overprogrammed. These numbers do not reflect the impact of July actual receipts as we don’t have those final numbers until August.

* **Requested Action:** N/A

6. 2025 Highway Program Amendment 10 min.

Shawn Majors, Director

Program Management Bureau

* **Purpose:** As a result of flooding in northwest Iowa, many primary highways and bridges were damaged. Two damaged bridges in northwest Iowa were already included in the Program for replacement. In order to accelerate the replacement of those bridges and to enhance the resiliency of those bridges for future flood events, an amendment to the Program is proposed. This amendment will increase the FY 2025 programmed work by approximately $15.7 million and will reduce FY 2026 programmed work by approximately $12.8 million and reduce FY 2027 programmed work by approximately $3.7 million.
* **Requested Action:** Provide comments during the workshop. This item is included on the Tuesday business meeting agenda in the event you are comfortable with this recommendation. If further discussion and/or consideration are desired, the business meeting action item can be deferred.

7. State Aviation Program Recommendation 5 min.

- Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure Shane Wright

- General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure Modal Transportation Bureau

- Airport Improvement Program

* **Purpose:** Last month, a recommendation was presented for awarding funds from the three aviation programs listed above. The recommendation has been modified slightly from what was presented last month because the Boone Municipal Airport withdrew their applications for FY25 funding from the General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure (GAVI) Program and the State Airport Improvement Program (AIP). Therefore, the recommendation was modified to replace the Boone GAVI project with a Decorah hangar/terminal project and to replace the Boone AIP project with a Fort Dodge taxiway rehabilitation project. This modification will be discussed in more detail at the workshop.
* **Requested Action:** Be prepared to ask any remaining questions as action will be requested at the business meeting.

8. Corridor Preservation Zone Renewal 10 min.

- Iowa 12 Gordon Drive Viaduct in Sioux Gary Harris

City Location and Environment Bureau

* **Purpose:** Present a recommendation to renew a Corridor Preservation Zone designation for Iowa 12 Gordon Drive Viaduct in Sioux City.
* **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.

9. Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program 15 min.

Funding Recommendations Brent Paulsen

Modal Transportation Bureau

* **Purpose:** Provide an overview of Iowa DOT’s recommendation for awarding state funds from the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant program. This recommendation is being presented for information this month and action will be requested at the September business meeting.
* **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop.

10. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Transit Program 10 min.

(vehicle replacement) Brent Paulsen

Modal Transportation Bureau

* **Purpose:** Provide an overview of the department’s recommendation for awarding formula federal funds for public transit vehicle replacement. This recommendation is being presented for information this month and action will be requested at the September business meeting.
* **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop.

11. County Road Funding Distribution 15 min.

Stu Anderson, Director

Transportation Development

Division

* **Purpose:** Provide an overview of legislation signed into law that eliminated the Secondary Road Fund Distribution Committee. The legislation transferred the responsibilities of the Secondary Road Fund Distribution Committee to the Iowa Transportation Commission. This includes the Commission now being required to adopt Administrative Rules that define the distribution methodology of the Secondary Road Fund and the Farm-to-Market Fund. The purpose of this item to provide background on this new requirement and to prepare for presentation of draft Administrative Rules for Commission consideration in the next month or two.
* **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop.

12. RISE – Disaster Recovery 15 min.

Deb Arp, Team Leader

Local Systems Bureau

* **Purpose:** As discussed in Director Marler’s August 2nd email to you, as a result of flooding in northwest Iowa, we were asked to identify if the RISE program can be of assistance in supporting the construction/improvement of public roads that serve businesses/facilities impacted by disasters. We concluded that the RISE program can play a role in assisting communities that have been impacted by disasters. A draft framework was developed for a new category of RISE Local Development projects dedicated to meet an immediate short-term need for roadways directly related to the effects of the disaster. The program would be focused on retaining jobs, sustaining local business through relocation within the community, stimulating investment, promoting future growth, and preserving the economic viability of the community so that it can continue to contribute to the economic vitality of the state. In short, this would allow the award of up to 80 percent RISE funding with no job contingencies. We will provide an overview if the framework during this presentation. Dependent on the feedback and direction received, changes to the RISE policies may be an action item at the September business meeting.
* **Requested Action:** Provide input and direction during the workshop.