

# **IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

## **Workshop Overview**

February 9, 2021  
Telephonic Meeting

(Three hours)  
Begin at 9:30 am

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| 1. | Commission Input   | Commission                  | 10 min.                          |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Purpose:</b> Commission discussion of items.</li><li>• <b>Requested Action:</b> N/A</li></ul>   |                             |                                  |
| 2. | Director's Welcome   | Scott Marler                | 10 min.                          |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Purpose:</b> Director update of activities at the DOT.</li><li>• <b>Requested Action:</b> N/A</li></ul>   |                             |                                  |
| 3. | Administrative Rules   |                             | 20 min.                          |
|    | - Chapter 118 – Logo Signing   | Mitchell Dillavou, Director |                                  |
|    | - Chapter 136 – Lighting   | Highway Administration      |                                  |
|    | - Chapter 180 – Public Improvement Quotation Process for Governmental Entities for Vertical Infrastructure   | Lee Wilkinson, Director     | Administrative Services Division |
|    | - Chapter 615 – Sanctions  | Melissa Gillett, Director   |                                  |
|    | - Chapter 602 – Classes of Driver's Licenses   | Motor Vehicle Division      |                                  |
|    | - Chapter 604 – License Examination  |                             |                                  |
|    | - Chapter 605 – License Issuance   |                             |                                  |
|    | - Chapter 607 – Commercial Driver Licensing  |                             |                                  |
|    | - Chapter 500 – Interstate Registration and Operation of Vehicles  |                             |                                  |
|    | - Chapter 920 – State Transit Assistance   | Stu Anderson, Director      |                                  |
|    | - Chapter 923 – Capital Match Revolving Loan Fund  | Planning, Programming and   | Modal Division                   |
|    | - Chapter 924 – Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program  |                             |                                  |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Purpose:</b> Provide an overview of proposed rule amendments. These proposed rule amendments and notice of intended action were previously emailed to the Commission.</li><li>• <b>Requested Action:</b> Review the proposed rule changes prior to the workshop as action will be requested on these rules at the business meeting.</li></ul> |                             |                                  |

4. Future Commission Meeting Dates 5 min.  

Danielle Madden  
Traffic Operations

  - **Purpose:** A draft schedule for Commission meetings from July 2021 to June 2022 will be provided.
  - **Requested Action:** Be prepared to discuss meeting dates. This will come back for action at the March business meeting.
  
5. Transfer of Jurisdiction of Old U.S. 67 in Bettendorf 5 min.  

Mitchell Dillavou, Director  
Highway Administration

  - **Purpose:** As part of I-74 bridge construction, a portion of US 67 was realigned resulting in two segments of old US 67 no longer serving as a primary highway. Therefore, a transfer of jurisdiction agreement has been negotiated to transfer these segments to Bettendorf.
  - **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop. Action will be requested at the afternoon business meeting.
  
6. Commission Tour – Benchmarks for Changing to Virtual 10 min.  

Shawn Majors  
Program Management Bureau

  - **Purpose:** Present potential benchmarks to use when determining whether to proceed with a Commission Tour or to shift to having it be done virtually.
  - **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop.
  
7. 2021 Highway Program Balance Report 5 min.  

Shawn Majors  
Program Management Bureau

  - **Purpose:** Present the latest FY 2021 monthly highway program balance report. We began FY 2021 over-programmed by \$16.3 million and the remaining end of FY 2020 balance is -\$52.3 million. Through December, receipts to the Primary Road Fund have come in \$12.1 million above forecast. Through the January letting, project costs are \$0.5 million above programmed amounts. When all combined, the current highway program balance is \$57.0 million over-programmed.
  - **Requested Action:** N/A

8. COVID-19 Transportation Funding Impact and COVID Relief Funding Recommendation 20 min.  
Stu Anderson, Director  
Planning, Programming and  
Modal Division
- **Purpose:** Provide a status report on COVID-19 transportation funding impacts and present recommendations on how the FFY 2021 federal bridge replacement and rehabilitation funding and COVID-19 relief funding should be allocated.
  - **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments. Action on the funding allocation recommendations will be requested at the March meeting.
9. RISE Projects 5 min.  
- Pella Immediate Opportunity Craig Markley, Director  
- Sioux Center Immediate Opportunity Systems Planning Bureau
- **Purpose:** Provide an overview of two RISE projects. 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 Craig Markley at 515-239-1027 or at [craig.markley@iowadot.us](mailto:craig.markley@iowadot.us) by Thursday, February 4, at 5:00 pm.
  - **Requested Action:** Review the project summary material prior to the workshop as action on the RISE grant will be requested at the business meeting.
10. RISE Policy – Cost per job annual review 5 min.  
Craig Markley, Director  
Systems Planning Bureau
- **Purpose:** Per Commission guidance, after every calendar year when the latest construction cost index information is available, the department provides analysis and a recommendation on changes to the maximum RISE participation per job figure. The department is not recommending a change this year. If a change was recommended, action would be requested at the March meeting.
  - **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop.
11. Lock and Dam Study – Mooring Cell Recommendation 15 min.  
Craig Markley, Director  
Systems Planning Bureau
- **Purpose:** As a follow-up to past presentations about the Lock and Dam Study, the department is now able to present a funding recommendation to construct a mooring cell on the Mississippi River. The recommendation was dependent on a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determination that the construction of a mooring cell is eligible for National Highway Freight Program funds. FHWA has determined a mooring cell is eligible so a funding recommendation can now be presented.
  - **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop. Action will be requested at the March business meeting.

12. Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System (LIFTS) Program Funding Recommendations 10 min.  
Laura Hutzell  
Rail Transportation Bureau
- **Purpose:** Provide an overview of the recommendation for awarding funds from the Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System (LIFTS) Program. This recommendation is being presented for information this month and action will be requested at the March business meeting.
  - **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop.
13. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Federal Aviation Administration Funding Preapplications 10 min.  
Shane Wright  
Aviation Bureau
- **Purpose:** Every year, the Iowa DOT must submit a list of airport project preapplications to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This is for projects at all FAA eligible general aviation and commercial service airports that do not receive primary entitlement funds. The funding decisions are the responsibility of the FAA; however, the Commission approves the list of preapplications that are submitted to FAA.
  - **Requested Action:** Provide comments during the workshop. Because this is not an action to award funding but rather to submit a list of preapplications to FAA, action will be requested at the afternoon business meeting.
14. Fiscal Year 2021 State Aviation Program - Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure Amendment 10 min.  
Shane Wright  
Aviation Bureau
- **Purpose:** Iowa's eight commercial service airports receive an annual allocation of Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure funding. The Commission approves the projects that each airport determines will use the funding. Due to weather events and COVID-19, the Dubuque and Sioux City airports are requesting to amend their project requests and reallocate past year awards on the amended FY 2021 applications.
  - **Requested Action:** Provide comments during the workshop. Because these funds are not competitive, action will be requested at the afternoon business meeting.
15. Five-Year Program – Asset Management (Pavement) 20 min.  
Chris Brakke, Pavement  
Management Engineer  
Construction and Materials  
Bureau
- **Purpose:** This item is a continuation of the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program discussion which is initially focused on asset management activities. This month's presentation is focused on the department's asset management efforts related to pavements.
  - **Requested Action:** N/A

16. Five-Year Program Discussion

20 min.

Stu Anderson, Director  
Planning, Programming and  
Modal Division

Shawn Majors  
Program Management Bureau

- **Purpose:** Program development discussion for the 2022-2026 Highway Program will begin with detailed discussion regarding program development process/schedule, program balances, federal funding, statewide line items, and program objectives/considerations. A recommendation for statewide line items will be presented for Commission consideration for action at the March meeting.
- **Requested Action:** Provide comments and guidance during the workshop.