IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Workshop Overview

January 21, 2025

Iowa DOT – Materials Conference Room

(Two hours and 5 minutes)

Begin at 9:30 am

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. Administrative Rules 15 min.

- Chapter 401 – Special Registration Plates Kathleen Meradith-Eyers, Director

Motor Vehicle Division

- Chapter 451 – Emergency Vehicle Certificate Kathleen Meradith-Eyers, Director

Motor Vehicle Division

- Chapter 640 – Financial Responsibility Kathleen Meradith-Eyers, Director

Motor Vehicle Division

- Chapter 641 – Financial Liability Coverage Kathleen Meradith-Eyers, Director

Cards Motor Vehicle Division

- Chapter 101 – Farm-to-Market Review Board Charlie Purcell, Deputy Director

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- Chapter 160 – County and City Bridge Charlie Purcell, Deputy Director

Construction Funds Transportation Development

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- Chapter 700 – Aeronautics Administration Charlie Purcell, Deputy Director

- Chapter 710 – Airport Improvement Program Transportation Development

- Chapter 715 – Air Service Development Division

Program

- Chapter 716 – Commercial Service Vertical

Infrastructure Program

- Chapter 717 – General Aviation Vertical

Infrastructure Program

- Chapter 720 – Iowa Airport Registration Charlie Purcell, Deputy Director

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- Chapter 750 – Aircraft Registration Charlie Purcell, Deputy Director

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* **Purpose:** As a result of Executive Order 10, all administrative rules are being reviewed to determine if they are necessary and, if so, to assess if they can be made less restrictive. This month, we are recommending nine rule chapters be repromulgated. One of the repromulgated rule chapters, Chapter 700, is proposed to now include four other rule chapters that would then be rescinded as individual chapters. A brief overview of each chapter will be provided along with a highlight of significant changes and if any comments were received. The supporting documents for these rule chapters were previously emailed to the Commission on October 30.
* **Requested Action:** Review the proposed rule chapters and supporting documents prior to the workshop as action will be requested on these rules at the business meeting.

4. Transportation Trends Update 5 min.

Charlie Purcell, Deputy Director

Transportation Development

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

5. 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 November, receipts to the Primary Road Fund have come in $3.7 million above forecast. Through the December letting, project costs are $53.0 million below programmed amounts. When all combined, the current highway program balance is $11.5 million under-programmed. Last month the program balance was $4.4 million over-programmed. We will also review the potential 2025 tour locations to see if there are any additional comments.
* **Requested Action:** Provide final comments on 2025 Commission tour locations.

6. Grant Programs 5 min.

- Iowa’s Clean Air Attainment Program Funding Deb Arp, Team Leader

Recommendations Local Systems Bureau

- Federal Recreational Trails Program Funding Deb Arp, Team Leader

Recommendations Local Systems Bureau

- Statewide Transportation Alternatives Set-aside Deb Arp, Team Leader

Program Funding Recommendations Local Systems Bureau

* **Purpose:** Last month, funding recommendations were presented for the programs listed above. No questions or comments were received regarding the recommendations.

As described in our December 17 email to you, we have a change to our Statewide Transportation Alternatives Set-aside Program funding recommendation from what we presented to you in December. Decatur County withdrew their application seeking $70,000; therefore, we removed their project from the funding recommendation. No other changes were 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.

7. State Transit Assistance Special Projects 10 min.

Kristin Haar, Public Transit

Director

Modal Transportation Bureau

* **Purpose:** Provide an overview of recommendations for funding State Transit Assistance Special Projects. This material is being presented for information this month and action will be requested at the February business meeting.
* **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop.

8. State Long-Range Transportation Plan 20 min.

Implementation Update Sam Hiscocks, Team Leader

Systems Planning Bureau

* **Purpose:** Provide an update on State Long-Range Transportation Plan implementation. This is done every January as part of the Program development process.
* **Requested Action:** N/A

9. Five-Year Program – Asset Management (Pavement) 20 min.

Ashley Buss, Pavement

Management Leader

Transportation Development

Division

* **Purpose:** This item begins the 2026-2030 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

10. Five-Year Program Discussion 15 min.

Shawn Majors, Director

Program Management Bureau

* **Purpose:** Development of the 2026-2030 Highway Program begins with discussion of the program development process/schedule, last year’s highway program, funding categories, federal funding status, and program development considerations.
* **Requested Action:** Provide comments and guidance during the workshop.

11. Statewide Operations and Intelligent Transportation 20 min.

Systems Tim Simodynes

Traffic Operations Bureau

* **Purpose:** Provide an overview of the department’s statewide operations and Intelligent Transportation Systems. Many of these activities are funded with Highway Program dollars.
* **Requested Action:** N/A