

IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Workshop Overview

June 11, 2019
Iowa DOT – Materials Conference Room

(One hour and 50 minutes)
Begin at 9:30 am

1. Commission Input Commission 10 min.
 - **Purpose:** Commission discussion of items.
 - **Requested Action:** N/A
2. Director's Report Mark Lowe, Director 10 min.
 - **Purpose:** Director update of activities at the DOT.
 - **Requested Action:** N/A
3. Administrative Rules 5 min.
 - Chapter 164 – Traffic Safety Improvement Program Mitch Dillavou, Director
Highway Division
 - **Purpose:** Provide an overview of proposed rule amendments. These proposed rule amendments and notice of intended action were previously emailed to the Commission.
 - **Requested Action:** Review the proposed rule changes prior to the workshop as action will be requested on these rules at the business meeting.
4. 2019 Highway Program Balance Report 5 min.

Don Tebben
Office of Program Management

 - **Purpose:** Present the latest FY 2019 monthly highway program balance report. Through April, receipts to the Primary Road Fund have come in \$40.8 million above forecast. Through the May letting, project costs are \$11.6 million above programmed amounts. When combined with the \$19.3 million over-programmed amount we began FY 2019 and the March amendment of \$12 million for contract maintenance, the current highway program balance is \$2.1 million over-programmed.

The forecast low Primary Road Fund balance for FY 2020 is in December of 2019 at negative \$54.3 million. The department will continue to track closely and as expected, request Commission authorization to borrow from the RISE fund if necessary in FY 2020. It is expected the balances will improve over the summer as the model tends to overestimate construction fund drawdowns.

- **Requested Action:** N/A

5. Washington, D.C. Trip Discussion 10 min.
Mark Lowe, Director
 - **Purpose:** Provide an update on plans for the Washington, D.C. trip.
 - **Requested Action:** Provide comments during the workshop.
6. July Commission Tour Preview 5 min.
Shawn Majors
Office of Program Management
 - **Purpose:** Provide an overview of the draft tour itinerary.
 - **Requested Action:** Provide comments on the itinerary.
7. Five-Year Program Discussion 10 min.
Stu Anderson, Director
Planning, Programming and
Modal Division
Don Tebben
Office of Program Management
 - **Purpose:** The draft 2020-2024 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program (Program) was presented at the May workshop. The department has received multiple comments supporting the inclusion of the Iowa 2 overflow structure and those are being provided to the Commission separately.

Another public comment was received requesting funding for the following projects in the Des Moines area: Southwest mixmaster of I-35/80/235, I-35/80 and Hickman Interchange, and additional lanes on I-80 from I-235 to Grand Prairie Parkway. The department responded that the first two projects are currently being studied and once complete, candidate projects will be considered by the Commission for future programs. The department responded that there are no ongoing studies looking at adding lanes on I-80 out to Grand Prairie Parkway but traffic conditions and safety are being monitored.

Only minor editorial changes have been made to the draft document.
 - **Requested Action:** Be prepared to ask any remaining questions as action will be requested at Tuesday's business meeting.
8. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Transit Program 5 min.
(vehicle replacement) Brent Paulsen
Office of Public Transit
 - **Purpose:** Last month, a recommendation was presented for awarding formula federal funds for public transit vehicle replacement. No questions or comments were received regarding the recommendation and no changes have been made

to the recommendation. 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 afternoon business meeting.

9. Public Transit Program Recommendations 15 min.

- State Transit Assistance Brent Paulsen
- Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program Office of Public Transit

- **Purpose:** Provide an overview of state funding for public transit in Iowa. This includes a staff 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 July business meeting.
- **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop.

10. Statewide Transportation Enhancement – Scenic Acquisition Recommendation 5 min.

Craig Markley, Director
Office of Systems Planning

- **Purpose:** Last month, a recommendation was presented for awarding Statewide Transportation Enhancement funding for a scenic acquisition project along the Loess Hills National Scenic Byway. No questions or comments were received regarding the recommendation and no changes have been made to the recommendation. 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 afternoon business meeting.

11. RISE Projects 5 min.

- West Des Moines Immediate Opportunity Craig Markley, Director
- Mason City Immediate Opportunity Office of Systems Planning

- **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 by Thursday, June 6, 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 afternoon business meeting.

12. RISE Discussion 15 min.

Craig Markley, Director
Office of Systems Planning

- **Purpose:** Provide follow-up information requested at the May workshop and continue the discussion of how RISE can support rural areas of Iowa.
- **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop

13. Marion Airport 10 min.

Stu Anderson, Director
Planning, Programming and
Modal Division

- **Purpose:** Provide an update on the status of the Marion Airport fulfilling Commission contingencies tied to the Commission's grant award for runway widening.
- **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop