

IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Workshop Overview

March 9, 2021
Telephonic Meeting

(Two hours and 25 minutes)
Begin at 9:30 am

1. Commission Input Commission 10 min.
 - **Purpose:** Commission discussion of items.
 - **Requested Action:** N/A

2. Director's Welcome Scott Marler 10 min.
 - **Purpose:** Director update of activities at the DOT.
 - **Requested Action:** N/A

3. Administrative Rules 10 min.
 - Chapter 520 – Regulations Applicable to Carriers Melissa Gillett, Director
Motor Vehicle Division
 - Chapter 529 – For-Hire Interstate Motor Carrier Authority
 - Chapter 607 – Commercial Driver Licensing
 - Chapter 424 – Transporter Plates
 - **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. Future Commission Meeting Dates 5 min.
 - Danielle Madden
Traffic Operations
 - **Purpose:** Last month, a draft schedule for Commission meetings from July 2021 to June 2022 was provided. No questions or comments were received regarding the proposed schedule. 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.

5. COVID-19 Transportation Funding Impact And COVID Relief Funding Recommendation 10 min.

Stu Anderson, Director
Planning, Programming and
Modal Division

 - **Purpose:** Provide a status report on COVID-19 transportation funding impacts and present a summary of comments received on the COVID-19 relief funding recommendation presented in February.
 - **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments. Action on the funding allocation recommendations will be requested at the afternoon business meeting.

6. 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 January, receipts to the Primary Road Fund have come in \$1.0 million above forecast. Through the February letting, project costs are \$1.1 million below programmed amounts. When all combined, the current highway program balance is \$66.5 million over-programmed.
 - **Requested Action:** N/A

7. April Commission Tour Benchmark Assessment and Preview 5 min.

Shawn Majors
Program Management Bureau

 - **Purpose:** Provide an assessment of benchmarks used to determine if an in-person Commission tour and public input meeting should occur in April. Provide an overview of the draft tour itinerary should the tour proceed in-person.
 - **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop.

8. RISE 5 min.

Craig Markley, Director
Systems Planning Bureau

 - Algona Local Development
 - Estherville Local Development
 - **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, March 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.

9. Lock and Dam Study – Mooring Cell Recommendation 5 min.

Craig Markley, Director
Systems Planning Bureau

 - **Purpose:** Last month, a funding recommendation was presented for funding a mooring cell improvement. 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 business meeting.

10. Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System (LIFTS) Program Funding Recommendations 5 min.

Laura Hutzell
Rail Transportation Bureau

 - **Purpose:** Last month, a funding recommendation was presented for the LIFTS program. 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 business meeting.

11. Corridor Preservation: 15 min.
 - I-380 from North Liberty to Cedar Rapids
 - I-80 from west of the US 6/169 interchange to Grand Prairie Parkway

Gary Harris
Location and Environment Bureau

 - **Purpose:** Provide an overview of recommendations to renew/create corridor preservation zones at selected locations on the Interstate system.
 - **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop. Action will be requested at future Commission business meetings.

12. Five-Year Program Discussion 60 min.
 - Trade-Off Analysis
 - Program Development

Matt Haubrich
Organizational Improvement

Stu Anderson, Director
Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Shawn Majors
Program Management Bureau

 - **Purpose:** This item is a continuation of the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program discussion. From an asset management perspective, past presentations and analyses will be brought together to discuss the trade-offs of different investment levels in different categories. This is intended to be helpful as the Commission considers how to allocate program funds.

Program development discussion for the 2022-2026 Highway Program will continue with an updated state and federal funding forecast, a cost/schedule update for projects already in the Program, and a review of program candidates and options. Action will be requested at the afternoon business meeting for the statewide line item recommendation presented in February.

- **Requested Action:** Provide comments and guidance during the workshop and specifically, provide initial thoughts on program directions. The discussion will continue at the March 25 workshop.