IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Workshop Overview

March 14, 2023

Iowa DOT – Materials Conference Room

(Two hours and 10 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:** Director update of activities at the DOT.
* **Requested Action:** N/A

3. Future Commission Meeting Dates 5 min.

Cindy Dorhout, Executive Assistant

Transportation Development

Division

* **Purpose:** Last month, a draft schedule for Commission meetings from July 2023 to June 2024 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.

4. Administrative Rules 5 min.

- Chapter 520 – Regulations Applicable to Melissa Gillett, Director

Carriers Motor Vehicle Division

- Chapter 529 – For-Hire Interstate Motor

Carrier Authority

- Chapter 607 – Commercial Driver Licensing

- Chapter 605 – License Issuance Melissa Gillett, Director

Motor Vehicle Division

- Chapter 119 – Tourist-Oriented Directional David Lorenzen, Director

Signage Systems Operations Division

* **Purpose:** Provide an overview of proposed rule amendments. The 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.

5. Transportation Trends Update 5 min.

Stu Anderson, Director

Transportation Development

Division

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

6. 2023 Highway Program Balance Report 5 min.

Shawn Majors

Program Management

* **Purpose:** Present the latest FY 2023 monthly highway program balance report. We began FY 2023 over-programmed by $11.6 million. Through January, receipts to the Primary Road Fund have come in $33.1 million above forecast. Through the February letting, project costs are $98.5 million above programmed amounts. When all combined, the current highway program balance is $77.0 million over-programmed. Last month the program balance was $50.4 million over-programmed.
* **Requested Action:** N/A

7. April Commission Tour Preview 5 min.

Shawn Majors

Program Management

* **Purpose:** Provide an overview of the draft April tour itinerary.
* **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop.

8. RISE Projects 10 min.

- Plymouth County Immediate Opportunity Deb Arp, Team Leader

- Burlington Project Settlement 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 Deb Arp at 515-239-1681 or at [debra.arp@iowadot.us](mailto:debra.arp@iowadot.us) by Friday, March 10, at 4:00 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. RISE Policy – Cost per job annual review 5 min.

Deb Arp, Team Leader

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. This recommendation is being presented for information this month and action will be requested at the April business meeting.
* **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop.

10. Highway-Railroad Grade Crossing Safety 10 min.

Program Policy Kris Klop

Modal Transportation Bureau

* **Purpose:** At the August 2022 Commission workshop, a presentation was made regarding changes to federal guidance for the Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program. Based on the discussion, the Commission implemented several policy recommendations including a recommendation for the department to assess the impact of expanding funding eligibility to the replacement of antiquated signal equipment. The assessment is complete and the department will present the results.
* **Requested Action:** Provide input and comments during the workshop.

11. Potential 2023-2027 Iowa Transportation 10 min.

Improvement Program Amendment Stu Anderson, Director

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Mitchell Dillavou, Chief Engineer

Field Operations Division

* **Purpose:** In order to address deteriorating roadway conditions resulting from the extreme winter weather, the department is recommending consideration of an amendment to fiscal year 2023 of the 2023-2027 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program. This amendment would increase the statewide contract maintenance line item in the back of the program by $15 million to permit the hiring of contractors to patch, repair, and place pavement overlays on relatively small stretches of highway with the worst conditions.
* **Requested Action:** Provide comments during the workshop. This item is included on the afternoon 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.

12. Five-Year Program Discussion 60 min.

- Asset Management Summary Charlie Purcell, Deputy Director

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- Program Development Stu Anderson, Director

Transportation Development

Division

Shawn Majors

Program Management

* **Purpose:** This item is a continuation of the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program discussion. From an asset management perspective, past presentations and analyses will be brought together to provide a summary of the pavement and bridge stewardship analyses. This is intended to be helpful as the Commission considers how to allocate program funds.

Program development discussion for the 2024-2028 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 23 workshop.