Iowa DOT Update
Iowa Freight Advisory Council
December 18, 2020
Overview

• **COVID-19 Impacts**
  – Economy
  – Travel
  – Funding

• Federal funding update

• Iowa DOT update
Moody’s/CNN Recovery Index
(Pre-Pandemic = 100)

Moody’s/CNN Recovery Index - Midwest
(Pre-Pandemic = 100) As of 12/2/2020

Nation is at 79%
Data are 6-week moving average originations, do not include intermodal, and do not include the U.S. operations of CN, CP, and GMXT. Source: AAR Rail Time Indicators
The weeks beginning June 26, 2020, and July 3, 2020, are outliers due to the July 4 holiday. The July 4 holiday typically sees low traffic volumes and the 2019 holiday is reflected in the 6/26/20 data and the 2020 holiday is reflected in the 7/3/20 data.

While not as significant, the same issue applies to the weeks beginning August 28, 2020, and September 4, 2020, due to Labor Day.
**Purpose:** This report contains Single Trailer 5-Axle Truck data collected from over ten Weigh-in-Motion sites to report how truck traffic trends have changed since Friday March 13, 2020.

### Average Weekly Single Trailer 5-Axle Truck Counts

![Graph showing weekly counts with data points and trends]

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**Report Notes:**

*Due to the limited Weigh-in-Motion Sites in the sample, a comparison to the average weekly count of the 4 weeks prior to March 13th was done rather than a 2019 to 2020 comparison, as was done for the total traffic data noted above.

**The Single Trailer 5-Axle Truck traffic decrease is likely impacted by the occurrence of holidays.
- Report example, Single Trailer 5-Axle Trucks increased 5 percent over the previous month during the first week of COVID-19.
Road Use Tax Fund: COVID-19 Impacts

• Funding sources
  • Fuel tax revenue
    • Traffic down over 40 percent in mid-April but has grown since then.
    • Traffic was at about 10 percent below 2019 levels for an extended period but now down around 15 percent during latest surge
    • Freight traffic has remained equivalent to 2019 or higher
  • Fee for New Registration revenue
    • Vehicle sales down over 50 percent in April but growing since then.
    • Vehicle prices have been increasing leading to generally no reduction in revenue from 2019 levels at this point.
  • Annual vehicle registration revenue down slightly
    • Was down very slightly early on – (Governor forgave late payment penalties)
    • Basically no COVID-19 impact at this time
Road Use Tax Fund: COVID-19 Impacts

• Funding impacts
  • Overall, COVID-19 impacts have been significantly less than originally feared.
  • June 2020 through October 2020 (actual): -$40 million
  • November 2020 through June 2021 (estimated): - $10 million (this number would show a larger negative impact due to COVID-19; however, is partially offset due to a RUTF deposit timing issue in October)
  • Long-term – estimate revenue will be down 3.5 percent from our FY 21 forecast, primarily due to reduced travel for an extended time period
## Modal Appropriations from Rebuild Iowa’s Infrastructure Fund (RIFF)

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Federal Funding Update

• Reauthorization
  • FAST Act extended one year through Sept. 30, 2021
  • $13.6 b transferred into Highway Trust Fund to ensure solvency through FFY 2021

• FFY 2021 Appropriation
  • Continuing resolution through December 18.
  • Another very short continuing resolution may be necessary.
  • Hopeful for an increase over FY 2020 levels
Federal Funding Update – COVID-19 Relief

- Bipartisan bill under consideration ($908 billion)
- Could be attached to the full year appropriation
- Funding for transportation - $45 billion
  - Airlines: $17 b
  - Airports: $4 b
  - Private bus: $8 b
  - Amtrak: $1 b
  - Public Transit: $15 b
- Dedicated state/local aid is unlikely
- Funding for highways/bridges??
Iowa DOT Update

• New Chief Operating Officer – Troy Jerman
Questions?

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