



**Iowa DOT Update**  
Iowa Freight Advisory Council  
June 25, 2021

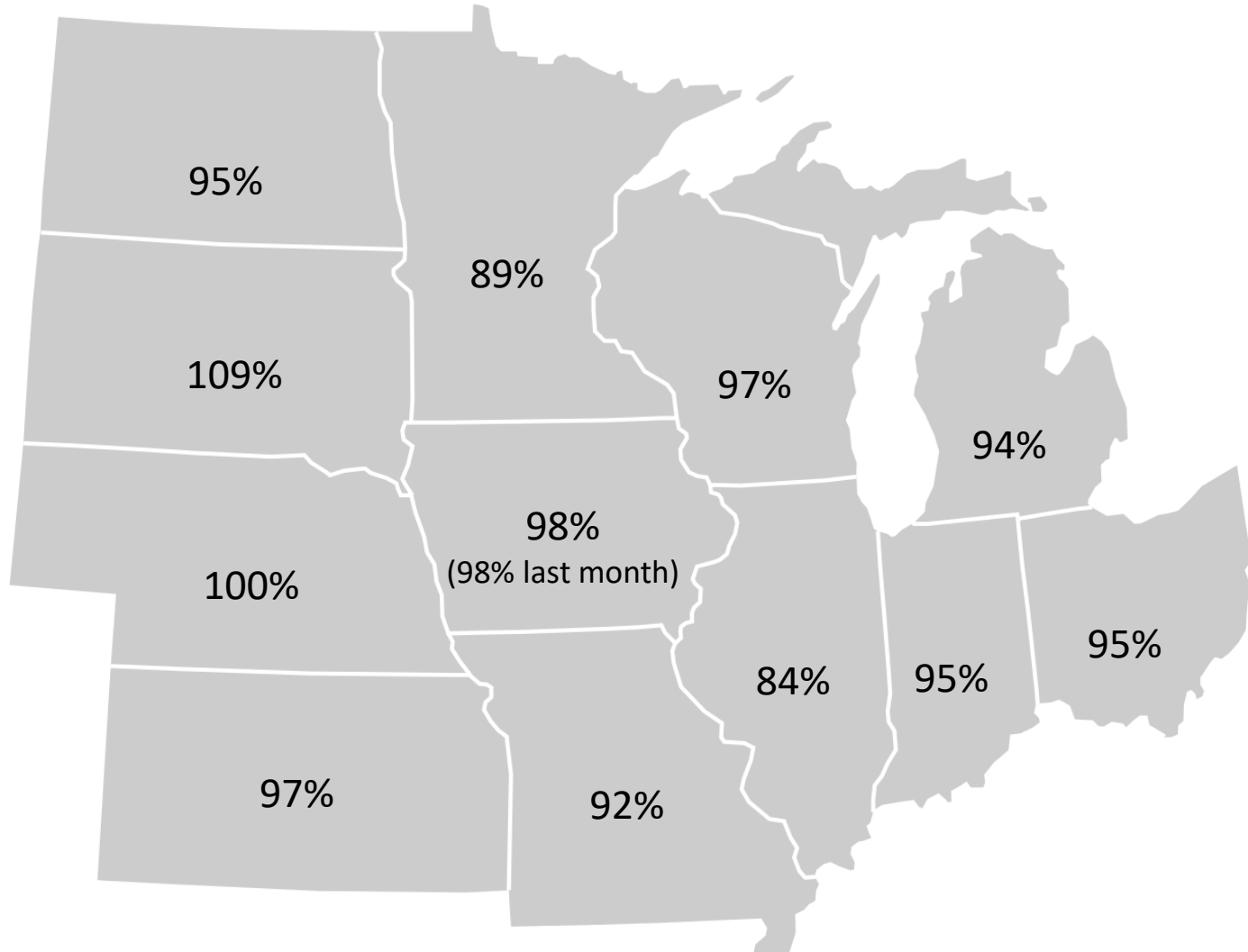


# Overview

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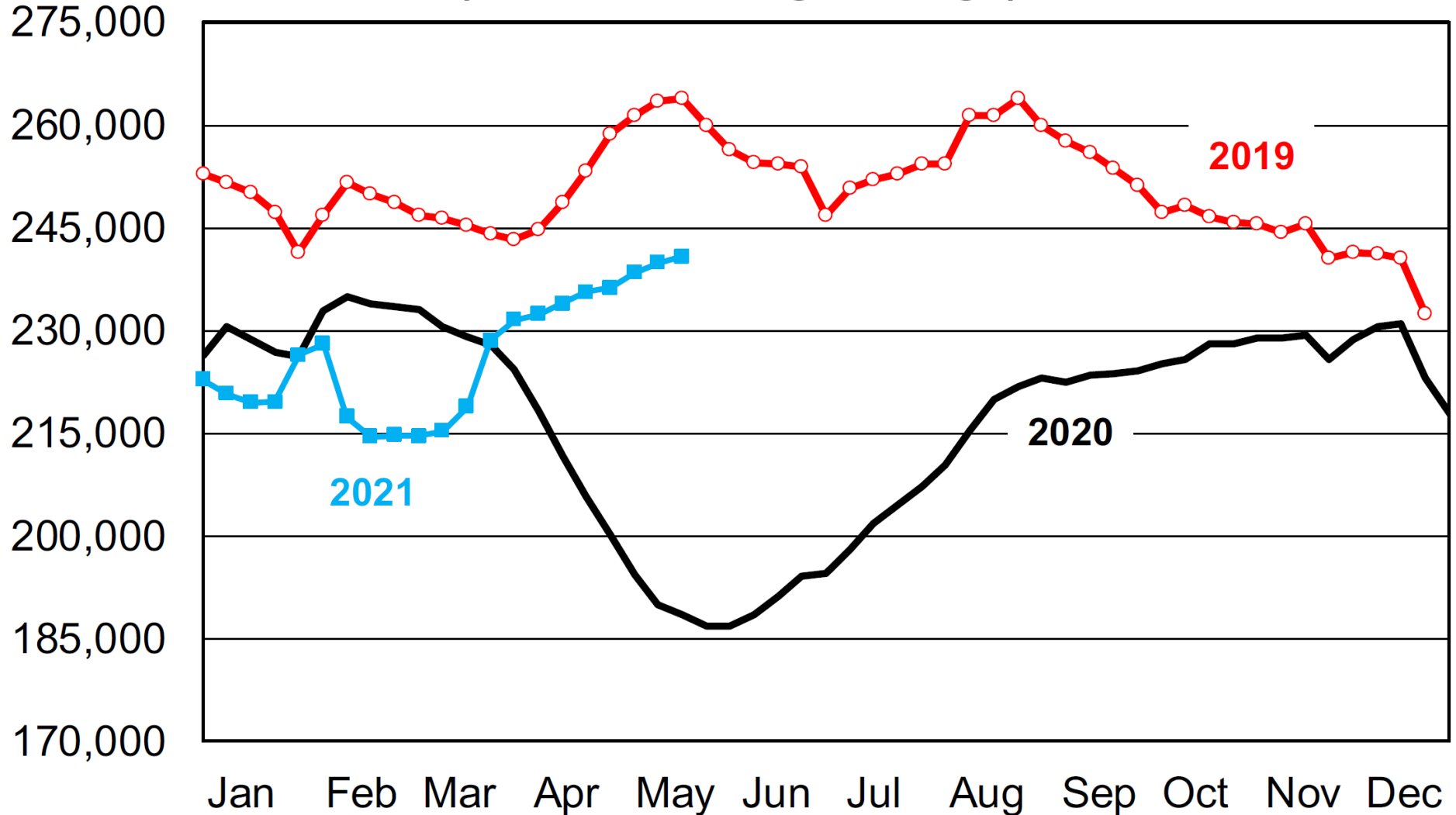
# Moody's/CNN Recovery Index - Midwest

(Pre-Pandemic = 100) As of 6/18/2021



Nation is at 93% (91% last month)

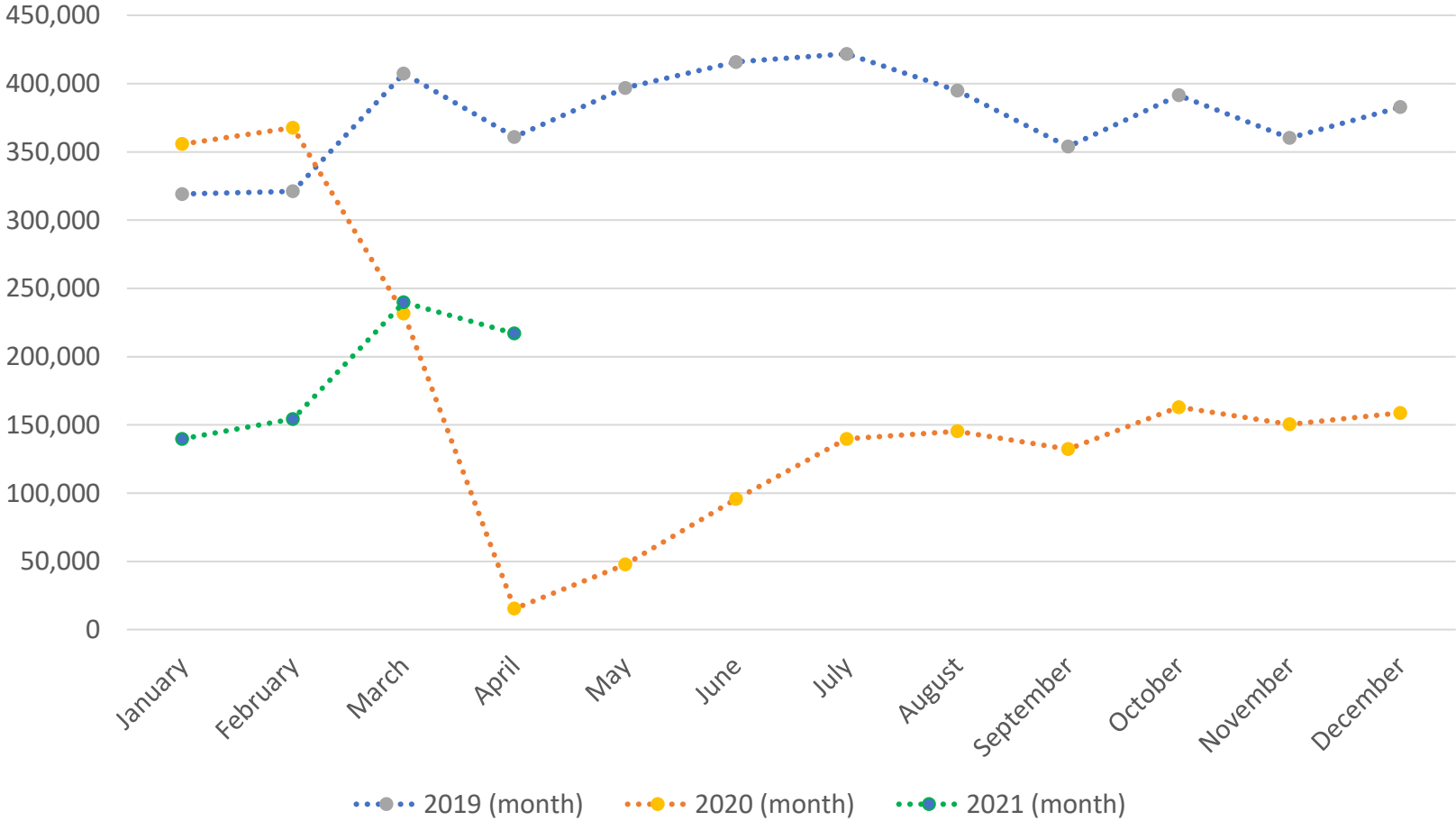
# Total U.S. Rail Carloads (6-week moving average)



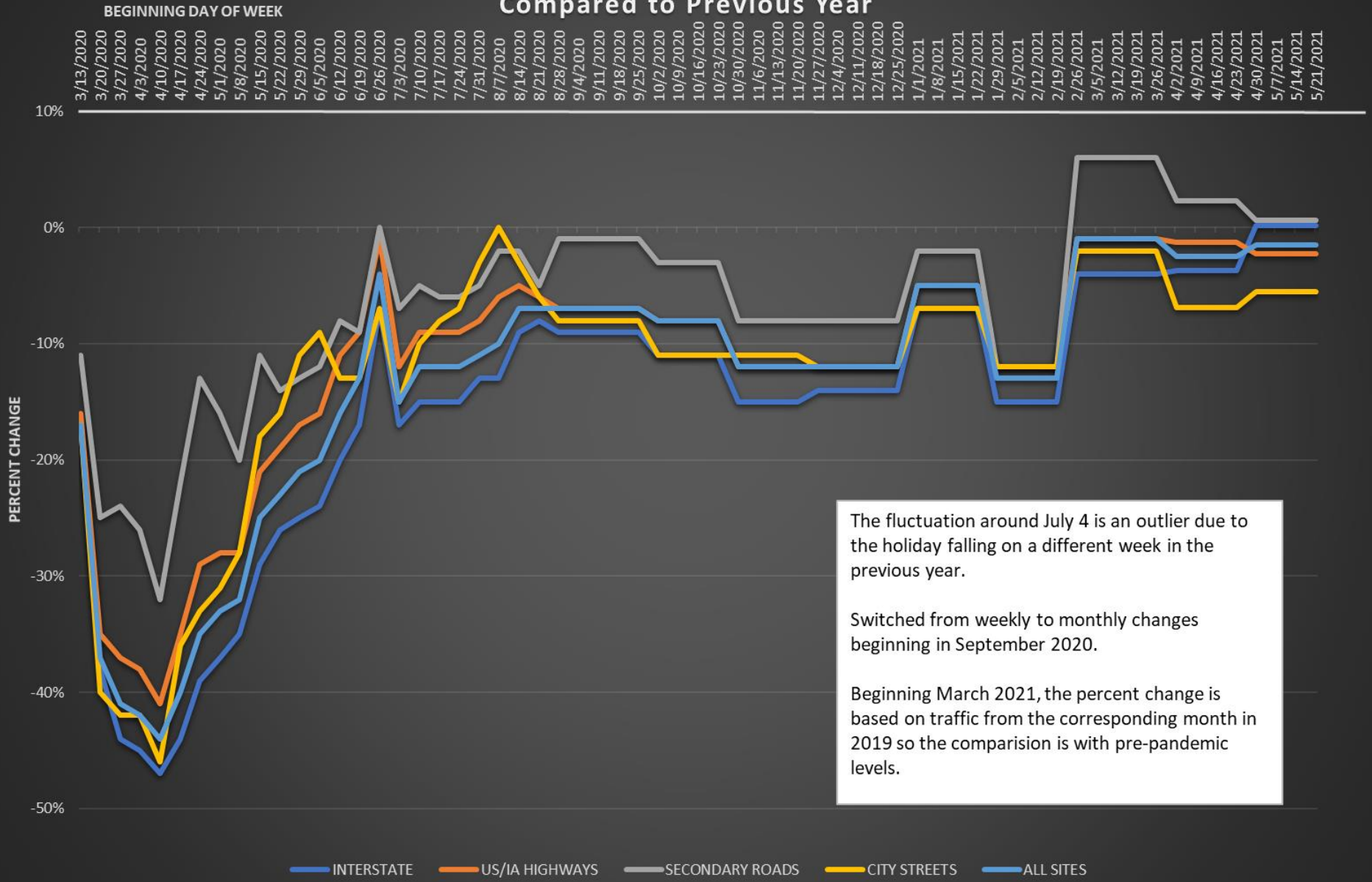
Data are 6-week moving average originations, do not include intermodal, and do not include the U.S. operations of CN, CP, and GMXT. Source: AAR *Rail Time Indicators*

# Monthly Passenger Counts at Iowa's Eight Commercial Service Airports

(through April 2021)



# Percentage Change in Traffic Compared to Previous Year



The fluctuation around July 4 is an outlier due to the holiday falling on a different week in the previous year.

Switched from weekly to monthly changes beginning in September 2020.

Beginning March 2021, the percent change is based on traffic from the corresponding month in 2019 so the comparison is with pre-pandemic levels.

# Transportation Funding Impacts – COVID

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## HIGHWAY

- Fuel tax receipts are down due to travel impacts
- Vehicle registration revenue is steady to growing (despite early drop in vehicle sales)
- Estimated lost RUTF through June 2021  
**- \$50M**

## TRANSIT

- Initial drop in State Transit Assistance revenue but that has rebounded
- FY 2021 state vertical infrastructure appropriation lower due to reduced RIF revenue
- Dramatic drop in local revenue due to reduced ridership

## AVIATION

- State aviation fund revenue down about **40 percent** due to lower aviation fuel tax
- FY 2021 state vertical infrastructure appropriation lower due to reduced RIF revenue
- Dramatic drop in local revenue due to reduced passengers

## TRAILS

- FY 2021 state vertical infrastructure appropriations lower due to reduced RIF revenue

# Federal Support – COVID

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## FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS

**CARES Act** - March 2020  
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and  
Economic Security Act

**CRRSAA** - Dec. 2020  
Coronavirus Response and  
Relief Supplemental  
Appropriations Act of 2021

**ARP** - March 2021  
American Rescue Plan Act of  
2021

## HIGHWAYS/BRIDGES IN IOWA

- CARES Act: None
- CRRSAA: \$121.9 million
- ARP Act: No dedicated funding

## TRANSIT AGENCIES IN IOWA

- CARES Act: \$107 million
- CRRSAA: \$26.5 million
- ARP Act: \$61.1 million

## AIRPORTS IN IOWA

- CARES Act: \$70.5 million
- CRRSAA: \$13.4 million
- ARP Act: \$26.9 million



# 2022-2026 Highway Program

- **\$3.6 billion of state/highway funding**
- **Challenges**
  - Large negative balances in early years
  - Federal funding uncertainty
- **Key Points**
  - Some projects were delayed but none removed
  - Provided for annual increases in pavement contract maintenance.
  - Increased safety target with continued annual increases
  - Added \$30 million of pavement rehab to FY 2022
  - Added initial phase of I-380 expansion north of 80/380 mixmaster

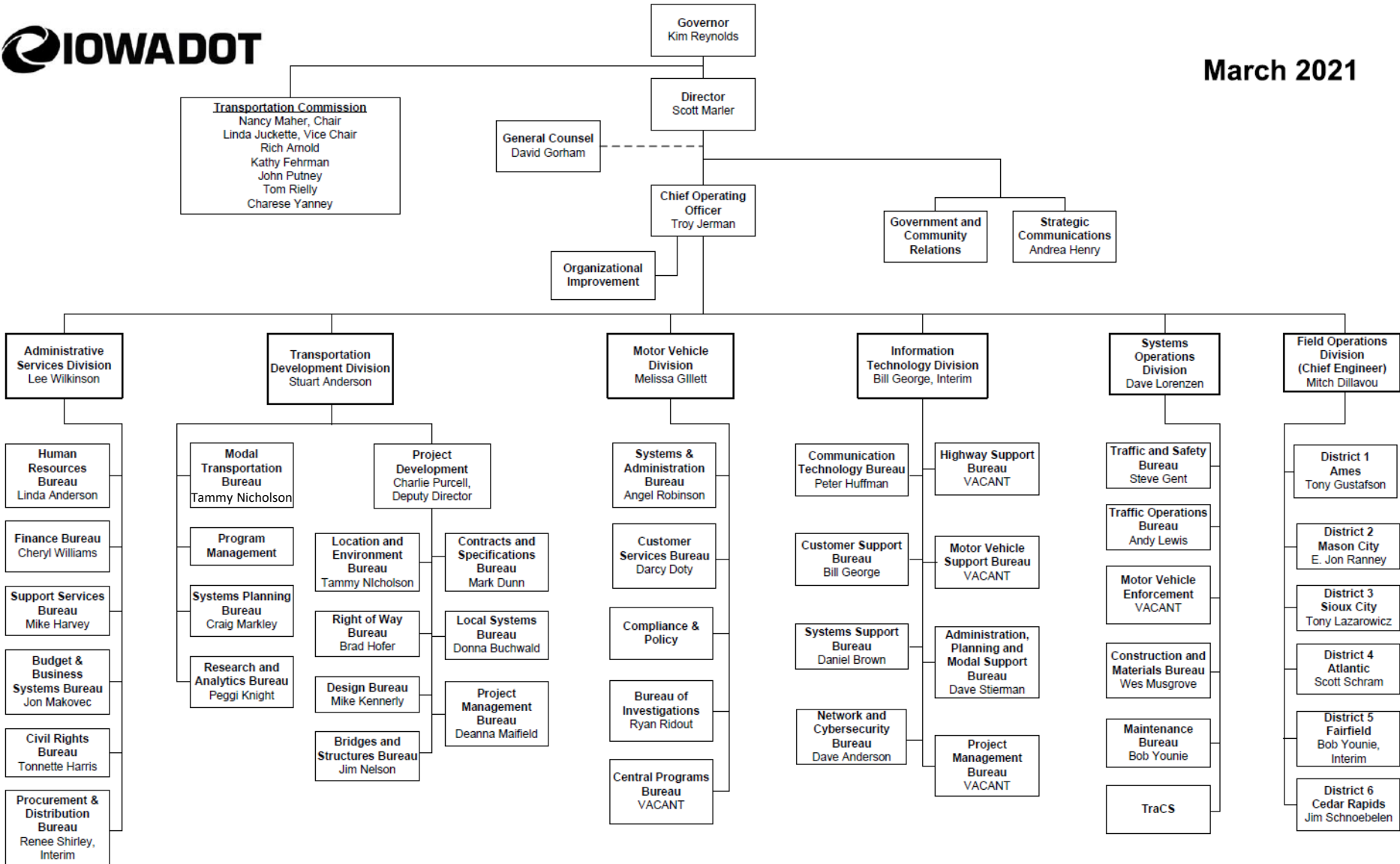
# 2021 Funding Discussions

- **2021 RUTF Study**
  - Assess needs, funding, and funding shortfall
  - Make recommendations
  - Due to legislature by end of CY 2021
- **Federal funding**
  - Infrastructure bill
  - Reauthorization
    - Current authorization bill expires Sept. 30, 2021
    - Both House and Senate are working on bills
    - Earmarks

## Modal Appropriations from Rebuild Iowa's Infrastructure Fund (RIIF)

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Program	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation	FY 2022/23 DOT Request	Final FY 2022 Appropriation
Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure	\$1,900	\$1,000	\$1,900	\$1,900
General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure	\$1,000	\$650	\$1,000	\$1,000
State Recreational Trails	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$1,500
Public Transit Infrastructure	\$1,500	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program	\$1,000	\$500	\$2,000	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,900</b>	<b>\$3,650</b>	<b>\$8,900</b>	<b>\$6,900</b>



**Questions?**

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