Iowa DOT Update
Iowa Freight Advisory Council
September 10, 2021
Overview

• COVID-19 Impacts
  – Economy
  – Travel
  – Funding
Moody’s/CNN Recovery Index - Midwest
(Pre-Pandemic = 100) As of 9/3/2021

Nation is at 93% (92% last month)
Total U.S. Rail Carloads
(6-week moving average)

Data are 6-week moving average origins, 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 July 2021)
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

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 RIIF 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 RIIF revenue
• Dramatic drop in local revenue due to reduced passengers

TRAILS

• FY 2021 state vertical infrastructure appropriations lower due to reduced RIIF revenue
Federal Support – COVID

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

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
Questions?

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