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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING — AUGUST 2023

The Transportation Commission met for an informal workshop on August 7, 2023, in Clear Lake. The Commission discussed the following actions:

Transportation Trends. The Department of Transportation provided an update on monthly passenger counts at Iowa's eight commercial service airports over the past five calendar years. Through June 2023, monthly passenger counts were higher than counts for the same months in 2022. May and June counts for 2023 were similar to counts for the same months in 2019.

The Department of Transportation also provided an update on the monthly State vehicle miles of travel over the past five years. May 2023 had the highest number of vehicle miles traveled for that particular month over the past five years. June 2023 vehicle miles traveled were the second highest for the month of June, slightly lower than vehicle miles traveled in June 2019.

2023 Highway Program Balance Report. The Commission received an update on the FY 2023 Highway Program Balance. The Program balance in June 2023 was negative \$80.0 million.

Transfer of Jurisdiction of Iowa 906 in Council Bluffs. The Commission received an overview on the transfer of jurisdiction of a portion of Iowa 906 in Council Bluffs. The transfer to the city of Council Bluffs will cost the State \$17.0 million between FY 2024 and FY 2026.

Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Fund Project — Bondurant Local Development. The Commission received an overview of a RISE Fund project in Bondurant. The project will provide improved access to the Myers Industrial Site and will consist of construction of approximately 1,560 feet of Campus Drive, 2,180 feet of the relocated Pleasant Street and 2nd Street Northeast, and a 370-foot left turn lane on Campus Drive, located on the east side of town. The total project cost is approximately \$3.7 million, and the recommended RISE Fund grant amount is approximately \$2.2 million.

County RISE Fund Transfer. The Commission received an overview of the County RISE Fund transfer at the end of FY 2023. Pursuant to Iowa Code section [315.4\(2\)](#), all uncommitted moneys in the County RISE Fund on June 30 of each year shall be credited to the Secondary Road Fund. At the end of FY 2023, the County RISE Fund had an unobligated balance of approximately negative \$4.4 million, resulting in no transfer to the Secondary Road Fund.

The Transportation Commission met for a business meeting on August 8, 2023, in Clear Lake. The Commission took the following actions:

Transfer of Jurisdiction of Iowa 906 in Council Bluffs. The Commission approved the transfer of a portion of Iowa 906 in Council Bluffs to the jurisdiction of the city of Council Bluffs.

RISE Fund Project — Bondurant. The Commission approved the award of RISE funding for the Bondurant local development project.

FY 2024 State Aviation Program Recommendations. The Commission approved the FY 2024 [recommendations](#) for the State Aviation Program presented at the July 2023 meeting.

Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program Funding Recommendations. The Commission approved the FY 2024 [recommendations](#) for the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program presented at the July 2023 meeting.

The Commission also met for a public input meeting on August 8, 2023. The following participants discussed transportation matters with the Commission:

- The city of Clear Lake provided updates on its 4th Avenue South Multimodal Corridor Planning Project and its East Main Avenue street construction.
- The city of Mason City provided updates on its Iowa Highway 122 MercyOne corridor, Iowa Highway 122 West project, and various other projects.
- The North Iowa Corridor Economic Development Corporation provided an overview.
- The Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study provided an update on the U.S. Highway 20/Swiss Valley Interchange.
- The city of Council Bluffs provided updates on projects previously funded by the Department of Transportation.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for September 12, 2023, in Ames.

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