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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING — JULY 2020

July Meeting. The Transportation Commission met on July 14, 2020. At the 9:30 a.m. informational meeting, the Commission discussed the following items:

- **COVID-19 Impact on Transportation Funding.** The Department of Transportation (DOT) reported that Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) allocations in July were higher than forecast due to a fuel tax depositing issue. The DOT noted that traffic volumes have averaged around 10.0% below normal in recent weeks with the exception of the weekend around the July 4th holiday.
- **Fuel Tax Rates.** The Department of Revenue set new fuel tax rates as they pertain to [SF 2403](#). The DOT estimated that the effect of these new rates will be to increase revenues generated from biodiesel taxes by an estimated \$2.0 million compared to the tax rates paid prior to July 1, 2020.
- The Commission also received updates on the renewal of the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which is set to expire at the end of September.
- The Commission received updates on the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program, the General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure Grants Program, the Commercial Service Infrastructure Grant Program, and the State Aviation Fund. And, the Commission received an update on the [Iowa Public Transit Long-Range Plan](#).

The Commission took the following actions at the 1:30 p.m. business meeting:

- **Election of Officers.** The Committee elected Nancy Maher as chair and Linda Juckette as vice-chair.
- **Transfer of Jurisdiction.** The Committee approved the transfer of portions of Iowa Highway 17 from the Iowa DOT to Boone County.

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