

---

## FISCAL UPDATE Article

Fiscal Services Division

September 20, 2021



---

Ground Floor, State Capitol Building

Des Moines, Iowa 50319

515.281.3566

### TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING — SEPTEMBER 2021

The Transportation Commission met for an informal workshop on September 14, 2021. The Commission discussed the following items:

- **Administrative Rulemakings.** The Department of Transportation (DOT) presented on three upcoming rulemakings to the Iowa Administrative Code. The chapters amended by these rulemakings affect aviation, driver's license administration, and rules related to operating while intoxicated.
- **COVID-19 Impact on Travel.** Vehicular travel has rebounded and is around 10.0% below 2019 levels. Air travel in Iowa is around 90.0% of prepandemic travel levels. Freight car loads exceed 2020 levels, but are still below 2019 levels.
- **Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Policy Discussion.** The Commission discussed changes to the RISE Program to encourage additional investment in housing.
- **Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program Recommendation.** The DOT presented recommendations for the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program. A review of the [recommendations](#) is available online.
- **Fiscal Year 2023 Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Program.** The DOT presented recommendations for the Federal Highway-Railroad Crossing Program. A list of applications and [recommendations](#) is made available online.
- **2023 Highway-Railroad Surface Repair Program.** The DOT presented recommendations for the Highway-Railroad Surface Repair Program. A list of applications and [recommendations](#) is made available online.
- **State Aviation Plan.** The DOT presented the State Aviation Plan. Documents presented to the Commission are available upon request.
- **State Transportation Plan and Freight Plan.** The Commission received an update on the status of the State Freight Plan. Information on this plan is [available](#) on the DOT website.
- **Transportation Asset Management Overview.** The Commission received an update on the status of the Transportation Asset Management Plan. The prior plan is [available](#) on the DOT's website.

The Commission's business meeting was held on September 14, 2021. The Commission took the following actions:

- **Administrative Rulemakings.** The Department of Transportation (DOT) presented on three upcoming rulemakings to the Iowa Administrative Code. The chapters amended by these rulemakings affect aviation, driver's license administration, and rules related to operating while intoxicated.
- **COVID-19 Relief – Trails Funding Recommendations.** The Commission approved the DOT's trail grant recommendations. A list of [recommendations](#) is available online.
- **Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program Funding Recommendations.** The DOT presented recommendations for Public Transit Infrastructure Grants. A list of applications and [recommendations](#) is made available online.
- **Corridor Preservation Zone Recommendation.** The DOT presented on the Iowa 12 - Gordon Drive viaduct Corridor Preservation Zone in Sioux City. Documents presented to the Commission are available upon request.
- **Corridor Preservation Zone Recommendation.** The DOT presented on the U.S. 63 Northwest Bypass Corridor Preservation Zone in Oskaloosa. Documents presented to the Commission are available upon request.

LSA Staff Contact: Adam Broich (515.281.8223) [adam.broich@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:adam.broich@legis.iowa.gov)

Doc ID 1230701