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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING — JUNE 2022

Workshop. The Transportation Commission met for an informal workshop on June 14, 2022. The Commission discussed the following items.

Administrative Rules. The Commission approved a proposed rulemaking for [761 IAC 511](#) for special permits for operation and movement of vehicles and loads of excess size and weight.

FY 2023-2027 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program. The Commission approved the draft for the [Iowa Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2023-2027](#). The draft was presented at the May 10, 2022, meeting.

Public Input Meeting. The Commission also met for a public input meeting on June 14, 2022. The following participants discussed transportation matters with the Commission.

City of Coralville. The mayor of Coralville, Meghann Foster, discussed future transportation projects including:

- The Interstate 80 interchange, which will include new features such as pedestrian and bike paths and a tunnel for pedestrian passage under the interstate. Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2022.
- The Clear Creek Trail Connection, with construction anticipated to begin in the summer and fall of 2022.
- The Forevergreen Road extension, the timeline for which has not yet been determined.

City of Cedar Rapids. The mayor of Cedar Rapids, Tiffany O'Donnell, shared updates on transportation projects including:

- The Wright Brothers Boulevard interchange.
- The southwest area trail study investment.
- Collins Road improvements.

East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG). An overview of the 380 Express bus system, established in 2013, was presented by ECICOG Transit Planner Brock Grenis.

Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study. The mayor of Dubuque, Brad Cavanagh, presented an overview of the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study, including safety requests for the U.S. Highway 20 northwest arterial intersection.

Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG). INRCOG Director of Transportation Carter Baldwin presented to the Commission on behalf of the INRCOG on transportation projects including:

- U.S. Highway 218 from Janesville to Waverly.
- The Iowa Highway 150 corridor.
- The Northeast Industrial Access.

Legislator Introductions/Comments. Regional Director Rochelle Fuller attended on behalf of Senator Chuck Grassley's office.

Iowa Interstate Railroad. Iowa Interstate Railroad President and CEO Joe Parsons presented information on railway projects. Projects discussed included:

- The William J. Duggan Bridge in Boonville.
- The continuous welded rail installation project.

Iowa Northern Railway Company. Iowa Northern Railway Company Director of Administration Joshua Sabin presented information on railway projects. Projects discussed included:

- Butler Logistics Park in Shell Rock.
- TrinityRail Maintenance Services.

Eastern Iowa Airport. Eastern Iowa Airport Director Marty Lenss shared the history and an overview of the Eastern Iowa Airport. The airport is currently in the final phase of a four-phase terminal modernization project. The project includes a new gate area, a sensory room, and a space for traveling pets.

City of Springville. The mayor of Springville, Lyle Anderson, discussed an overpass project with the Commission and requested an earlier time frame for the project due to safety concerns.

Security State Bank of Springville. Attorney Dale Goeke from the Security State Bank of Springville discussed the overpass project that is to take place in Springville, as well as discussing a plan that would require the bank and Casey's convenience store to relocate.

U.S. Highway 30 Coalition. Chairperson Adam Schweers spoke on behalf of the U.S. Highway 30 Coalition and requested that the Department of Transportation expand U.S. Highway 30 to a four-lane highway in the places where it has not yet been converted.

City of Hiawatha. Kim Downs discussed transportation projects in Hiawatha, including:

- The interchange on the Tower Terrace roadway.
- The expansion of the Tower Terrace corridor roadway.
- A request for funding for three bridges.
- The Boyson Road project.

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