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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING — JUNE 2018

Des Moines. The Transportation Commission met on June 12, 2018, in Des Moines. The following topics were covered.

Commission Tour. The Commission discussed its tour the previous day of select central Iowa cities and highways.

2019-2023 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program. The Commission approved the updated five-year Transportation Improvement Program. The Program forecasts \$3.4 billion of State and federal funds for highway construction over the next five years. An overview and links to the Program can be found [here](#).

The Commission also approved the use of condemnation authority for highway construction projects, and approved the temporary transfer of Revitalizing Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) funds to the Primary Road Fund per Iowa Code section [315.3](#) for FY 2019, if necessary.

Administrative Rules. The Commission discussed and approved the following rulemakings:

- 761 IAC 700 – Aeronautics Administration
- 761 IAC 710 – Airport Improvement Program
- 761 IAC 715 – Air Service Development Program
- 761 IAC 716 – Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure Program
- 761 IAC 717 – General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure Program
- 761 IAC 802 – Reporting of Railroad Accidents/Incidents
- 761 IAC 822 – Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Fund Program
- 761 IAC 800 – Items of General Application for Railroads
- 761 IAC 810 – Railroad Safety Standards
- 761 IAC 813 – Close-Clearance Warning Signs Along Railroad Tracks
- 761 IAC 161 – Federal-Aid Highway Bridge Program
- 761 IAC 162 – Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
- 761 IAC 174 – Reimbursable Services and Supplies

Public Input Session. The Commission held a public input session. Some of the presenters included:

- Chris Coleman, member of the Des Moines City Council, discussed ongoing and upcoming projects in the city of Des Moines.
- Steve Gaer, Mayor of West Des Moines, discussed growth in the metropolitan area, and projects within the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area.
- Al Graff, Director of Operations for the Des Moines International Airport, discussed the timeline for a new terminal building and other improvements at the airport.
- Daniel Scott, Boone City Engineer, discussed proposed projects, including an overpass project over a rail line.
- Steven Carter, President of the Iowa State Research Park, discussed the Park and proposed recognizing research parks as unique entities that could submit for funding not tied to specific projects.

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- Adam Schweers of the U.S. 30 Highway Coalition highlighted the economic impact of Highway 30.
 - Beth Danowsky and delegates from the East Central Iowa Transportation Coalition discussed issues concerning business growth and commercial trucking issues in the area.
 - Erin Hockman from Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) discussed the transit system in the Des Moines metropolitan area and upcoming projects.

The Commission also heard from other organizations and citizens sharing concerns over transportation-related projects.

More Information. The meeting's agenda and a full list of projects approved may be found [here](#). The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for July 10 in Ames.

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