

**Governor's Transportation 2020 Citizen Advisory Commission (CAC)
October 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

**Courtyard Des Moines Ankeny – Salon IV
Ankeny, IA**

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

X Nancy Richardson, Co-chair	X Jim Kersten
X Allan Thoms, Co-chair	Lindsey Larson
X Scott Cirksena	X Rose Mitchell
X Jeff Corkery	X Ann Trimble Ray
Catherine Dunn	X Dan Wiedemeier (by phone)
X Geri Huser	X Larry Winum

Ex-Officio:

X Rep. David Tjepkes	X Sen. Tom Rielly
X Rep. Jim Lykam	Sen. Tim Kapucian

Others:

Paul Trombino III, Iowa DOT	Stuart Anderson, Iowa DOT
Jon Ranney, Iowa DOT	Zach Bitting, Iowa DOT
Craig Markley, Iowa DOT	Jake Ketzner, Governor's Office
Danny Waid, Wright/Hamilton County Eng.	Mike Wentzien, County Board of Supervisors
Mark Tomb, Iowa League of Cities	Lyle Brehm, Tama/Poweshiek County Eng.
Chad Schaeffer, Fort Dodge City Engineer	John Cunningham, Iowa Concrete Paving Assn.
Roger Schletzbaum, Marion County Eng.	Anna Hyatt-Crozier, House Democratic Staff
Erica Shorkey, Senate Democratic Staff	Kristi Kielhorn, House Republican Staff
Tim Johnson, Iowa Farm Bureau Assn.	Marty Swager, Iowa Farm Bureau Assn.
Gary Burger, Iowa State Snowmobile Assn.	Bob Rafferty, Brick Gentry Law Firm
Mona Bond, citizen	Gary Thelen, citizen
Richard Lee, WHO Radio	Jim Piazza Jr., Heavy Highway Contractors Assn.
Mary Beth Mellick, Iowa State Association of Counties	

1) Approval of July 7th Minutes (10:00 am)

Minutes were approved as written.

2) Miscellaneous Meeting Presentations by CAC Members

Several of the CAC members discussed meetings and press events where they presented information concerning results of the public input meetings.

3) Recap of Public Input Meeting Process

Stuart Anderson provided a PowerPoint presentation summary of the city/county/stakeholder input from the July 7th CAC meeting in Ankeny as well as the seven public input sessions held in Bettendorf, Mason City, Des Moines, Storm Lake, Council Bluffs, Waterloo and Mount Pleasant.

4) Review Public Input Summary Material and Final Report Contents

Nancy Richardson and Allan Thoms used Stuart Anderson's summary of funding mechanism slides as the basis for the remainder of discussion by the CAC members to arrive at the following recommendations approved by voting:

- Increase the state fuel tax rates across the board by eight to ten cents with no indexing.;
- Increase the fee for new registration for new and used vehicle purchases from five percent to six percent;
- The Iowa DOT should evaluate and recommend a user fee funding mechanism (for alternatively fueled, hybrid and high fuel efficiency vehicles including commercial vehicles) in their road use tax fund report due to the legislature by December 31, 2011.;
- Consistent with existing Code of Iowa requirements, any new funding should go to the TIME-21 Fund for distribution up to the cap with remaining new funding being distributed consistent with the road use tax fund distribution formula.;
- Current Code of Iowa language requires the Iowa DOT to "periodically review the current revenue levels of the road use tax fund and the sufficiency of those revenues for the projected construction and maintenance needs of city, county and state governments in the future." This study is required to be conducted every five years. The CAC recommends the Code of Iowa be changed to require this study to be completed every two years timed to coincide with the biennial legislative budget appropriation schedule.;
- The Iowa DOT should regularly convene meetings with cities and counties to review the operation, maintenance and improvement of Iowa's public roadway system to identify ways to jointly increase efficiency.;
- The Iowa DOT should undertake a study looking at the vehicles and equipment that use Iowa's public roadway system but pay no user fees or substantially lower user fees than other vehicles and equipment. This study should result in an assessment of whether fee structures should be modified and/or created so that all vehicles and equipment using Iowa's public roadways are paying equitable user fees.

The final report is expected to contain:

- an explanation of the CAC membership composition and purpose;
- a description of needs assessment including system size, age, level of use, construction cost trends, funding trends, user fee concept versus taxes, economic role of roads and bridges, constitutional restriction of funds for only use on roads and bridges, etc.;
- past efficiency efforts by cities, counties and Iowa DOT;
- a discussion of miscellaneous issues such as federal road funding instability, increased use alternatively fueled/hybrid vehicles, etc.;
- an overview of the public input process and input received;
- a discussion of the CAC recommendations including rationale, pros/cons, what can be accomplished with additional funding, what won't be accomplished without additional funding and what other funding options were considered and why they aren't being recommended.

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It is anticipated these recommendations along with the entire final report will be presented by Nancy Richardson and Allan Thoms to Governor Branstad, the Iowa Transportation Commission and the Iowa DOT at the November 8, 2011, Iowa Transportation Commission business meeting at in Ames.

Meeting ended at 2:00 p.m.