

# Iowa in Motion

Planning Ahead 2040

Iowa Transportation Commission

April 9, 2012



# Presentation outline

- Public input summary
- Final draft document presentation

# Schedule

- May 2011-February 2012: Presented draft chapters
- February 15-March 30: Public input period
- March-April: Final editing
- Today: Public input summary, full draft document
- May business meeting: Adoption

# Public meetings held

- Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>: District 3, Sioux City
- Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>: District 2, Mason City
- Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>: District 1, Ames
- Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>: District 4, Atlantic
- Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>: District 5, Fairfield
- Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>: District 6, Cedar Rapids

# Public input summary

- Methods to publicize: 5 news releases, 11 tweets, stakeholder distribution lists
- Total public meeting attendance: 57
- Written comments received: 20
- Survey responses: 264
- Webpage visits during comment period: 930 (749 unique)
- Media contacts: 6 (4 television, 1 radio, 1 newspaper)
- Takeaway: Online participation seemed to be the preferred method for providing input with this type of planning effort.

# Public input: Investment actions

- Draft investment actions categorized by mode/goal
  - Aviation, Bike/Ped, Highway, Public Transit, Rail
  - Safety, Efficiency, Quality of Life
- Public asked to identify up to three in each category that were most important to them
- Public also asked to suggest investment actions that weren't already identified
- Prioritization and input outlined in Appendix 2

# Aviation priorities

- Aviation safety: “Maintain and enhance the statewide network of aviation weather observation systems.”
- Aviation efficiency: “Maintain and enhance airside facilities (e.g., runways, taxiways, lighting systems).”
- Aviation quality of life: “Support a system of airports that meets the air transportation needs of businesses and citizens.”

# Bike/ped priorities

- Bike/ped safety: “Develop projects that minimize barriers and promote more walking and bicycling to school.”
- Bike/ped efficiency: “Continue investments in regional and local (Level 2 and 3) trails.” / “Support the acquisition of abandoned rail lines for trail development.”
- Bike/ped quality of life: “Provide accessible accommodations on Iowa’s roadway corridors for bicycles and pedestrians (e.g., Complete Streets policy).”

# Highway priorities

- Highway safety: “Target highway investments to reduce fatalities and major injuries.”
- Highway efficiency: “Preserve and rehabilitate existing highways and bridge structures.”
- Highway quality of life: “Support economic development projects for local governments.”

# Public transit priorities

- Public Transit safety: “Assist transit agencies with driver training, including efforts to enhance the safety of pedestrians exposed to transit vehicle traffic.”
- Public Transit efficiency: “Encourage increased coordination between transit agencies, human service organizations and school districts.”
- Public Transit quality of life: “Focus on public transit’s role to improve Iowa’s economy and overcome mobility barriers.”

# Rail priorities

- Rail safety: “Improve highway-rail crossing safety.”
- Rail efficiency: “Preserve existing rail freight and passenger service, and develop additional passenger service.”
- Rail quality of life: “Develop rail passenger services to provide increased mobility and encourage economic development.”

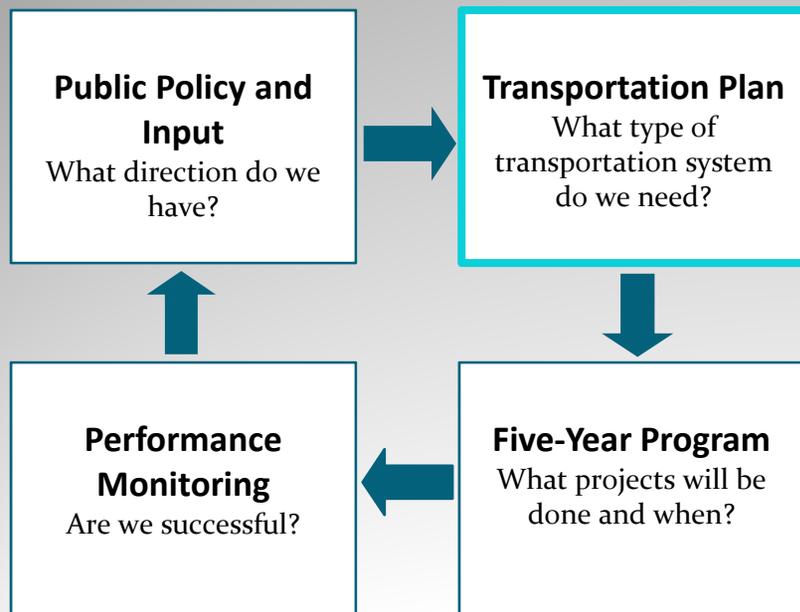
# Misc. priorities

- “Support regional and metropolitan transportation planning activities.”
- “Support local governments and planning agencies in safety conscious planning.”

# Other notable public input

- Highway safety: “Enhance night-driving aids (e.g., more visible pavement markings and signs).”
- Highway efficiency: “Complete the development of corridors designated as ACCESS-Iowa highways.”
- Rail quality of life: “Support the development of quiet zones.”
- Small percentage of respondents suggested that the department should not be allocating resources to bike/ped facilities and passenger rail service expansion.

# How can the Plan be used?



- Communicate policy
- Assist the DOT Commission in making investment decisions
- Support development of the Five Year Program
- Provide a framework for future modal planning and MPO/RPA plans
- Performance monitoring
- Transportation resource

# Publishing & distributing

- Final, approved plan will be posted to website
- Publish approximately 200 at outset
- Distribute to:
  - Commissioners
  - Internal Iowa DOT, including Districts
  - Metropolitan and regional planning agencies
  - Federal transportation agencies
  - Transportation interest groups
  - Other/public (upon request)

# Wrap up

- Reminder: Presentation for adoption at May business meeting
- Questions or comments?