



# Iowa Department of Transportation

## Scheduled electrical outage to affect Iowa DOT services

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**What:** The Iowa DOT will be experiencing a planned electrical outage Aug. 11-12, 2012.

**Why:** The outage is necessary to perform electrical service upgrades and maintenance.

**Who:** It will affect Iowa DOT employees and the public who utilize services and systems on the weekend. Please plan accordingly.

Commercial vehicle operators must plan ahead to obtain oversize load and other permits. The EZ-Permit system and fax line will be unavailable.

**When:** The outage will take place starting at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, and continuing until 2 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 12.

**Where:** The outage will occur at the Iowa DOT's headquarters in Ames; however, many of the services the department provides statewide originate in Ames, including communications and information technology services.

**How:** The following services and systems **will be affected**.

- **Landline phones** (Ames locations only)
- **Fax lines**
- **Email** (all Iowa DOT email statewide)
- **Website** (the department's entire website and hosted applications)
- **Online electronic forms** (If needed, customers can download and print any required forms prior to the outage.)

These services and systems **will not be affected**.

- The Iowa DOT will be issuing driver's licenses on Saturday, Aug. 11, during normal business hours.
- The Iowa DOT's 24/7 operations center will be functional.
- Travel information will be available via 511. Visit [www.511ia.org](http://www.511ia.org) to see all of the ways in which you can get the information by phone, Facebook, Twitter, mobile device or free App.
- TRACS, a system used by law enforcement agencies to electronically complete accident reports, will be available.

The following is a sampling of other frequently used services that will be impacted.

- The motor carrier EZ Permit System (<http://ezpiamcs.iowadot.gov/>) that is used to obtain temporary fuel and trip permits and oversize load permits will be unavailable. The Iowa DOT is advising system users plan ahead and obtain any needed permits prior to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10. The system will be back online Monday, Aug. 13.
- The Iowa DOT's global positioning system that is used by IaRTN members will not be operational.
- Contractor plans and bid documents for the August letting that are posted on the Iowa DOT's website will not be accessible.
- Online purchasing documents used to submit bids to sell goods or services to the Iowa DOT will be unavailable.
- Iowa's Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS), which is offered at <http://weatherview.iowadot.gov>, will not be accessible. Pilots should visit [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/weather/asos/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/weather/asos/) for aviation-related weather information.
- Financial reporting systems used by local governmental agencies, contractors and transit agencies to submit reports to the Iowa DOT will not be available.
- The driver's license and vehicle registration look-up system, which is available only to authorized users such as insurance companies and other public agencies, will not be operational. (The look-up system will be accessible to law enforcement agencies through the service hosted by the Iowa Department of Public Safety.)
- The Automated Registration and Titling System used by the state, county treasurers and vehicle dealers will not be functional.
- The Electronic Reference Library, which offers highway/bridge/material specifications and plan details for contractors, consultants, the state and local agencies, will not be operating.

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