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Legislative Forum Scheduled to Review Regional Highway Priorities

Representatives of the Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation (CVTPA) will meet with state legislators and federal congressional representatives to discuss highway improvement priorities at 9 AM on September 13th at the Timberhill

Winery near Leon.

The CVTPA is a shared governmental entity that sets transportation policies and priorities for the counties of Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe, and Wayne.

According to Dennis Ryan, CVTPA Chairperson, "The purpose of the legislative forum is to better communicate the region's concerns and opportunities so that improved coordination may result."

Highway priorities, that have been shared with the Iowa Transportation Commission, include:

Iowa Highway 2- Redesign and Reconstruction from West Grove to Iowa Highway 5 Intersection/Centerville

US 63- Four lane reconstruction between Ottumwa and Bloomfield

Iowa Highway 5/ Recreation Corridor-Study and Redesign between Knoxville and Albia with spot improvements between Albia and Moravia

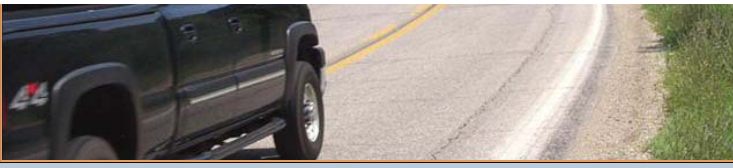
Interstate 35-



Above: The intersection of Iowa Highways 2 and 5 carries a five-year accident history of 106 crashes. With an accident rate of 1.28, much higher than the state average of .81, CVTPA counties are encouraging the Iowa Department of Transportation to assign the roadway priority in redesign and reconstruction. The Iowa Department of Transportation is presently preparing its Five-Year Program of roadway funding priorities and will present the program by year's end.



Interstate 35-



Above: Iowa Highway 5 between Knoxville and Albia was engineered in 1930 and retains dangerously narrow shoulders and vertical curves. The road segment is one of four CVTPA priorities. CVTPA requests engineering studies of the recreation corridor which links metro Des Moines to the Rathbun Lake Recreation Complex.

MENTS BETWEEN ALBIA and Moravia

Interstate 35-Overlay from City of Osceola to Clarke County Line.



Wandro Resigns Transportation Director Post

Governor Tom Vilsack accepted the resignation of Mark F. Wandro as director of the Iowa Department of Transportation on August 31, 2005. Wandro's resignation is effective Friday, September 30, 2005.

Wandro was appointed director Aug. 30, 1999, by



Governor Vilsack and Lt. Governor Sally Pederson. Director Mark Wandro

"It has been an honor and a pleasure to have worked for Governor Vilsack and Lieutenant Governor Pederson. Iowa is truly a wonderful place to work and

Wandro has accepted the position of executive vice-president for the consulting engineering firm Snyder & Associates, Inc. of Ankeny, which provides municipalities, schools, public agencies, and private developers with comprehensive engineering and planning services.

According to the Governor's Office, the Department of Transportation accomplished several major initiatives aimed at enhancing the efficiency of the department and improving transportation services for the people of Iowa. Some of those initiatives included:

- streamlining and restructuring the DOT to refocus its efforts on the department's core services of safety, road building and maintenance, issuance of driver licenses, and snow and ice control;

expediting customer response times;

- extending the driver license renewal period from four to five years to reduce administrative costs and the burden of renewal caused to motorists;
- modifying the five-year transportation program to reflect more realistic long-term planning objectives and a balanced construction program;
- expediting the transfer of jurisdiction process on a backlog of eligible roadways that no longer met the service thresholds of the state highway system;
- increasing the investment in the resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation program to preserve the state's existing infrastructure; and

derperson. Iowa is truly a wonderful place to work and raise a family, and it has been my privilege to have assisted the Vil-sack/Pederson Administration in making this a reality for others," said Wandro in a prepared statement issued through the state agency.

A civil engineer and land surveyor,

and snow and ice control;

- decentralizing programs and services so they could be more accessible to the people of Iowa;
- increasing supervisory spans of control, thus reducing the layers of management and

state's existing infrastructure; and

- developing and implementing electronic business solutions to reduce operational costs and make services more accessible to the public.



M i s s i o n S t a t e m e n t

Incorporated in May 2004, Chariton Valley Planning and Development will conduct business as a 501(c)3 corporation for the purpose of enhancing economic prosperity and planned growth in order to improve quality of life in Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe, Wayne and contiguous counties in the State of Iowa. Primary activities will serve to stimulate and support: job creation; business investment; attraction and retention of a skilled workforce; quality of life, recreation, and cultural enhancements; provide for infrastructure installation and maintenance.

