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Iowa Department
of Transportation

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Iowa's ranking among the 50 states in the following four areas gives some indication of the task facing the Iowa DOT:

Population
30th

Land area
23rd

Miles of road
13th

Number of bridges
5th

Miles of rail
11th

The DOT's principal responsibilities are to:

- manage nearly 9,400 miles of state-owned highways and ramps;
- maintain more than 4,200 bridges;
- license or provide non-driver ID to approximately 2.5 million people;
- register all aircraft and aircraft dealers based in Iowa;
- advocate and deliver services to the air transportation system in Iowa that includes 111 public owned airports, approximately 6,800 pilots and processes 1.5 million commercial service passengers a year at eight commercial service airports;
- advocate and assist in the preservation and development of a safe, efficient, and economically healthy freight railroad transportation system;
- assist in safety improvements and surface repair at more than 4,400 public highway-railroad crossings and inspect nearly 4,000 miles of track
- advocate development of additional passenger rail services
- promote river navigation;
- provide financial and management assistance to Iowa's 35 public transit systems that provide transportation services in all 99 counties, resulting in more than 25 million rides a year;
- provide financial and technical assistance to intercity bus carriers providing rural connections/stops in Iowa;
- lead the Iowa Transportation Coordination Council for state agencies and other partners to promote coordination of transportation services;
- assist in the development, preservation and improvement of approximately 1,470 miles of multi-use trails;
- enforce all federal and state laws and regulations relating to the commercial motor vehicle and driver, including safety, hazardous materials transportation, credentialing, authority, weight and dimension;
- enforce state laws and administrative rules pertaining to motor vehicle titling and registration, drivers license fraud, use tax fraud, odometer fraud, and licensed motor vehicle dealer compliance;
- support safe transport of commodities through more than 11,400 miles of pipeline;
- issue approximately 120,000 oversize/overweight permits a year;
- license approximately 7,100 carriers in the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) and collect quarterly fuel tax reports from them;
- register approximately 122,000 vehicles in the International Registration Plan (IRP);
- regulate more than 4,800 vehicle dealers, recyclers, leasing companies and manufacturers;
- oversee the collection of more than \$380 million in vehicle title and registration fees for the 4.1 million vehicles registered annually through 99 county treasurers; and
- title and register more than 50,000 publicly-owned motor vehicles.

The DOT, created by the Iowa Legislature, began operating July 1, 1975. The newly formed Department of Transportation had a staff of 4,568 full-time equivalents (FTEs). These employees and their responsibilities came from the Highway Commission, Reciprocity Board, Aeronautics Commission, and parts of the Commerce Commission, Department of Revenue and Finance, Department of Public Safety and the Energy Policy Council. The DOT continually looks at ways to become more efficient in serving our customers. As a result the current workforce equals approximately 3,049 full-time employees.

The seven transportation commissioners set policy for the department and are appointed by the governor, with no more than four from one political party. Membership on the commission is gender-balanced. Commissioners are confirmed by the Iowa Senate and serve on a staggered basis for four-year terms. Commission meetings are usually held monthly in Ames. The meetings are open to the public and follow a printed agenda.

Note: Most current data available at time of printing.



Iowa DOT Commissioners' Biographies



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Term: May 1, 2007, to April 30, 2011

Sawtelle, a Democrat, is a lieutenant at the Marshalltown Fire Department and president of Local 16 International Association of Firefighters. He is a former owner and operator of a small trucking business.

A native of Marshalltown, he graduated from Marshalltown High School and attended Marshalltown Community College.

Over the course of his life, Sawtelle has actively served his community in many different ways. He has been a member of numerous organizations, and served on several boards and committees, including the Marshalltown School Board, Parent Teachers' Association, Marshalltown Economic Development Summit, Charles F. Kettering Foundation, National Education Association School Improvement Symposium, Frank Pierce Trust Board, Community Auditorium Board, New Iowa Schools Initiative, and Iowa Association of School Boards Legislative Resolutions Committee and Delegate Assembly. He also served as vice president, trustee and political director for the Iowa Professional Firefighters.

Sawtelle and his wife, Ann, reside in Marshalltown. They have two daughters, Allison and Kelsey.



Wiley

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Wiley, a Republican, is the owner and president of Jean C. Wiley & Sons, Inc. of Mount Pleasant, general contractors; president of Iris City Development Corporation; president of BSW, LLC, construction managers; vice president of Taft Wiley, Inc., plumbing and heating; vice president of Wiley Nesbitt, Inc., interior decorators and design; and a partner in various real estate and development corporations.

Born in Los Angeles, Calif., Wiley has spent most of his life living in southeastern Iowa. He is a “Distinguished Alumnus” of Iowa Wesleyan College and a graduate of the U.S. Army Artillery Officer Candidate School. He is a decorated officer for his service in Viet Nam from 1971-1972.

Wiley is currently on the board of directors of the Henry County Bank in Mount Pleasant; a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Pleasant; member and past treasurer of the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce; member of Business Recruitment of Henry County Economic Development; past president of the Mount Pleasant Evening Rotary Club; past master of the Mount Pleasant Masonic Lodge #8; and member of the Iowa Wesleyan College Board of Trustees. In 2004, Wiley was named “Citizen of the Year” for Mount Pleasant.

Wiley is married to Kathy Wiley, a speech language pathologist for Area Education Association 16. They have three adult children, daughter Gina and son Ted of Mount Pleasant, and daughter Anne of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.



Blouin

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Blouin, a Democrat, joined the Greater Dubuque Development Corporation team as president in January 2007, where he is the primary contact for new business recruitment and is responsible for executing a regional and national marketing strategy to build relationships with business leaders.

He was born on a Naval Air Base in Jacksonville, Duval County, Fla., Nov. 7, 1945; and attended elementary and secondary schools of Miami Shores, Fla., and Chicago, Ill. In 1966 he received a B.A. in political science from Loras College in Dubuque and taught elementary school in Dubuque.

Blouin served as a member of the Iowa House of Representatives, 1969-1973, and member of the Iowa Senate, 1973-1974. He was elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fourth and Ninety-fifth Congresses (Jan. 3, 1975—Jan. 3, 1979) as a U.S. Representative for the 2nd District, State of Iowa; and candidate for reelection to the Ninety-sixth Congress in 1978.

He served as an assistant director for community action, Community Services Administration, 1980-1981; director of Resource Development and Government Relations, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, 1981-1987; director of economic development, Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce, 1987-1991; president, Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce, 1993-1999; president and chief executive officer, Greater Des Moines Partnership, 1999-2003, where he led the consolidation of four former economic/community development groups into the premier economic and community development organization; and director, Iowa Department of Economic Development, January 2003-July 2005. He was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of the State of Iowa in 2006. Blouin was reappointed director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development, August 2006-Jan. 11, 2007.

Blouin married Suzanne Diers of Des Moines, a Clarke College graduate, on July 15, 1967. They are the parents of adult twin daughters and have two grandsons.

Blouin has been an ordained permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church since his ordination in September 1986.



Cleaveland

Barry A. Cleaveland

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Cleaveland, a Republican, manages his family's farm located near Council Bluffs, and is the Research and Development Director for SilverStone Group, Inc., an independent consulting, actuarial and insurance brokerage firm in Omaha, Nebraska.

He was born and raised in Council Bluffs, and is a graduate of Abraham Lincoln High School. He also majored in physics at the University of Iowa.

Cleaveland previously served as the assistant director of underwriting and product development for American Agrisure, Inc. of Council Bluffs; assistant vice president and field operations director of Great American Insurance Company of Overland Park, KS; staff director of operations for USDA's Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) in Kansas City, MO; and as district director in the FCIC office located in Canandaigua, NY.

Cleaveland is a past member of the Council Bluffs Planning Commission, Governor's Education Roundtable, Southwestern Iowa and Eastern Nebraska Goodwill Board of Trustees, Community Education Foundation board of directors, and Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (HAWK-I) board of directors.

He and his wife, Cindy, reside in Council Bluffs.



Durham

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Durham, a Republican, was named president of the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce in July of 1995, and also serves as president of The Siouxland Initiative, the economic development corporation serving the tri-state metropolitan area, and Siouxland Chamber Foundation.

Durham currently serves on the Siouxland Unidad Latino board of directors, Chamber Alliance board of directors, Orpheum Theatre Preservation board of directors, Chair of Girls Inc. board of directors, treasurer of the Siouxland Heritage Foundation of the Sioux City Public Museum, and Saturday in the Park board of directors. Durham was named to the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame in 2003.

Durham holds a bachelor of science degree from Missouri Southern State University in business administration, marketing and management. She was a lieutenant governor candidate on the Republican gubernatorial ticket in 2002.

Durham and her husband, Joel, reside in Sioux City, and have a son, Beau, and a daughter, Jordan.



Miles

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Miles, a democrat, is chief executive officer of Miles Development LLC, a hotel development and management company, and a franchisee of three Value Place hotels, two located in central Iowa and one in Loveland, Colo.

She is a graduate of Hoover High School in Des Moines and attended the University of Northern Iowa.

Miles was the national marketing director of RSM McGladrey Inc., one of the nation's top business, accounting and tax consulting firms. She was also vice president of marketing for Hawkeye Bank and Trust.

She currently serves as vice chair of Anawim Housing of Des Moines; board member of Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa; and chair of Value Place Strategic Partners Alliance.

Loree Miles lives in West Des Moines with her husband David, managing director of The Miles Group LLC and president of the Iowa Board of Regents. They have two adult sons: Erik Raker, Des Moines; and Michael Raker, Falls Church, Va.; and two granddaughters.



Reasner

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Reasner, a Democrat, is an attorney and shareholder with Lynch Dallas PC of Cedar Rapids where she practices in the areas of employment and civil rights law, ERISA litigation, business and commercial litigation, insurance defense, OSHA compliance and enforcement, trade secret and non-competition, and family law.

Reasner has a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast communications from the University of Iowa, and a Juris Doctor, degree with distinction, from the University of Iowa's College of Law. She was the recipient of the Iowa Bar Association's Graduating Senior Award (2001).

She is currently or formerly active in the following community organizations: Planned Parenthood of East Central Iowa board of directors (chair - 2007-2008); Linn County Trails Association board of directors (president - 2009-2011; vice president - 2007-2009); Junior League of Cedar Rapids board of directors; member of the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids; and League of Women Voters. Reasner participated in the Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce Leadership for Five Seasons program in 2005-2006, and was recognized in "40 under 40 Community Leaders" published by the Corridor Business Journal (2007).

Reasner was born in Phoenix, Ariz., and is a former broadcast journalist for KCRG in Cedar Rapids. Reasner is married to Wilford H. Stone, also an attorney at Lynch Dallas PC.



Iowa DOT Directors' Biographies



Richardson

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Nancy Richardson was appointed director of the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) October 1, 2005. Prior to this position, she served as director of Iowa DOT's Operations and Finance Division from 1993-2005, director of the Administration Division from 1989-1993, director and deputy director of the Air and Transit Division from 1986-1989, and transit district representative in the Transit Division from 1982-1986. Before coming to the DOT, Richardson spent eight years in various positions with the Iowa Department of Social Services. Richardson, a Decorah native, has a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Iowa.



Anderson

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Anderson joined the department in 1992 as an engineer-in-training in the Office of Systems Planning. He served various roles within the office until his appointment to director of the Office of Systems Planning in 2002. He was appointed director of the Planning, Programming and Modal Division in January 2009.

Anderson is a 1991 graduate of Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.



Gast

Steven D. Gast

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Gast was appointed director of Information Technology following department reorganization in 2000. Before coming to the DOT, he spent three years as a communications and radio technician in the Air Force; three years as assistant planner and associate planner at the Central Iowa Regional Association of Local Governments; 13 years as chief of planning and director of planning for Polk County; and, most recently, 10 years as geographic information systems manager for Polk County.

A native of Eldora, Gast is a graduate of Central College in Pella.



Lowe

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Lowe was named director of the Motor Vehicle Division in March 2009. Prior to this appointment, he served for one year as special assistant attorney general to the DOT. Prior to his work at the Iowa DOT, Lowe was a shareholder with Hopkins & Huebner, P.C. in Des Moines. He has also served as associate general counsel for Norwest Financial and as a planner at the Region XII Council of Governments.

Lowe is a 1988 graduate of Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in community and regional planning. Lowe earned his law degree from Drake University in 1993.



Mahoney

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Mahoney was appointed director of the Highway Division in January 2002. During his 30 years with the Iowa Department of Transportation, he has held a number of construction and maintenance engineering positions. He joined the department in 1971 as an engineer-in-training in Council Bluffs. Mahoney relocated to Dav-enport in 1973 and during the next 18 years held several engineer-ing positions: 1975-1976, assistant resident construction engineer; 1976-1979, resident construction engineer; and 1979-1990, resident maintenance engineer. In 1991 he took a position in Cedar Rapids as the district maintenance engineer. In 2000, he transferred to Ames to serve as the director of the Statewide Operations Bureau.

Mahoney is a graduate in civil engineering and attended Creigh-ton University and the University of Detroit.



Wilkinson

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Wilkinson began his DOT career in 1996 as an area maintenance manager in District 6. In 2000, he was promoted to director of the Office of Maintenance. He was named director of the Operations and Finance Division in December 2006. Prior to coming to the department, Wilkinson worked at the Iowa Department of Person-nel from 1991 to 1996 as a personnel officer. The DOT was one of the agencies he assisted while in this position. From 1989 to 1991, Wilkinson served as a management analyst in the Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance.

Wilkinson is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in public administration, with an emphasis in personnel.



Iowa DOT

Division Responsibilities

Highway Division

Responsible for project design, contracts, construction, technical assistance and consultation, right-of-way issues, and environmental investigations/compliance; ensures consistency with engineering practices and acts as liaison with the U.S. DOT, local jurisdictions, the construction industry and professional associations; reviews traffic safety situations/issues and maintains safety management systems; develops transportation technology transfer; manages the preservation and operation of the transportation system to ensure safe travel; administers and provides statewide direction for all maintenance activities completed by contract and DOT forces; plans and administers maintenance of highways and bridges, bridge inspection program, traffic services, and snow and ice control; oversees Adopt-A-Highway program, maintenance information management systems, bridge and highway painting, roadside management, rest area administration, road weather information systems, bridge and highway detour and embargo maps, highway lighting, and utility, access and drainage permits; monitors and evaluates the performance of field operations in all maintenance functions; facilitates the coordination and management of departmental research activities in collaboration with other divisions, U.S. DOT, Transportation Research Board, National Cooperative Highway Research Program, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Iowa Highway Research Board, universities, other states, private sector partners, and state and local agencies; facilitates research needs identification, research program development and implementation, and related funding; responsible for planning, development, maintenance and support of information technology within the Highway Division and integration of information technology into all aspects of the division's functions and responsibilities; manages engineering co-op program; enhances the safety, efficiency, mobility and convenience of the state's transportation system through intelligent transportation systems; and provides team facilitation, training and partnering through workplace initiatives.

Information Technology Division

Provides internal support services, automation support, and facilities and equipment support; assists internal and external customers in applying technology to the business needs of the department; collects, processes and disseminates information throughout the department; monitors the constantly changing business and information environment; maximizes current investments in technology; implements new technologies and new directions; and coordinates information sharing.

Motor Vehicle Division

Administers and enforces federal and state motor vehicle laws and regulations, including the testing, licensing and appropriate sanctioning of all drivers; maintains/updates all driver history files for Iowa drivers, and cooperates with other jurisdictions in sharing data concerning out-of-state drivers; maintains and updates crash reports and information; administers financial responsibility laws; suspends or revokes driving privileges of drivers who have committed OWI or other problem-driver offenses, and lifts suspension or revocation when compliance is achieved; administers driver improvement program and motorcycle rider program; titles and registers vehicles which operate interstate; registers aircraft and aircraft dealers; routes over-dimension vehicles on Iowa's primary and interstate highways; administers fuel tax and single state registration program for Iowa-based carriers; issues intrastate authority to for-hire carriers; issues trip permits for temporary travel in Iowa; enforces federal motor carrier safety standards and hazardous materials regulations; enforces size, weight, authority, fuel and registration laws; investigates title and odometer fraud; resolves failure to transfer title complaints; performs salvage theft examinations; investigates driver's license fraudulent applications; provides seminars to retail and liquor establishment personnel and local law enforcement concerning driver license fraud detection; titles and issues registrations for all official vehicles and special and personalized plates; issues all red light certificates for all privately owned emergency vehicles; approves and processes abandoned vehicle reports for all law enforcement agencies; processes surety bonds for vehicles missing supporting ownership documents; administers county-based registration and refunds for non-interstate vehicles; regulates all dealer, manufacturer, wholesaler, recycler and leasing licensing programs including revocations/suspensions, administers and issues persons with disabilities permits; and regulates and issues all vehicle registration fees through rate book programs so counties are aware of vehicle registration fees.

Operations and Finance Division

Provides internal support services for: facilities' management, including facility design and construction, building and grounds maintenance, lease management, and work-site remodeling and relocation; procurement and distribution activities, including specification development, purchasing, equipment assignment, inventory management and surplus disposal; administration of central motor pool, fueling site, and warehouse and distribution center; document services, including forms management, records management, printing and assembly, and mail services; human resource management, including labor relations, affirmative action, employee training coordination, oversight of classification and pay systems, recruitment coordination, administration of drug screening, employee relocation assistance, educational assistance, employee recognition programs, employee benefits administration, workers' compensation, survey development and analysis, and accountable government implementation and reporting; financial management, including budget development and monitoring, administering the agency's accounting and payroll systems, conducting external and motor carrier audits, and handling of tort claims; federal and state policy development and evaluation, including identification and analysis of major transportation issues, administrative rules, the DOT's Policies and Procedures Manual, and contested case appeals; state legislative programs; and media and marketing services, including media relations, development of marketing and communications plans, issuance of news releases, Intranet and Internet site management, technical editing, graphic design, publications, radio news service, and photography and video services.

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Responsible for development of both long- and short-range transportation system plans; conducts public involvement sessions; administers the Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Program; develops city, county and state transportation maps; administers the State Transportation Enhancement Program; develops the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); administers the State Recreational Trails Program; develops the department's Five-Year Program; administers the National Trails Program; establishes and maintains the department's traffic and roadway condition data bases; administers the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP); develops traffic forecasts for highway projects; coordinates planning activities with the MPOs and RPAs; manages the traffic count program; and manages special legislative and congressionally-mandated studies.

The Office of Aviation serves as an advocate and provider of services that promote and enhance a safe and healthy transportation system in Iowa. The Aviation Office administers several funding programs for airport improvement projects and works as a liaison with the Federal Aviation Administration. Office staff emphasizes advocacy, building partnerships and economic development.

The Office of Rail Transportation delivers a variety of programs and services to maintain a viable rail infrastructure system in Iowa. The Rail Office administers several programs to improve the safety of highway-railroad crossings, and several programs to assist railroads to improve their trackage. The office promotes the importance of the rail system to Iowa's economy.

The Office of Public Transit promotes a public transportation system that meets the transportation needs of Iowans through advocacy, technical assistance, and administration of state and federal funds. The Office of Public Transit promotes coordination of all public transportation through the designated public transit agencies while providing technical assistance to agencies receiving federal funds. The office serves as a liaison with the Federal Transit Administration in distributing funds to transit agencies in Iowa.

The river section promotes transportation on Iowa's navigable rivers. This section also represents Iowa navigation interests with other state and federal agencies.

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