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2000

**Iowa Commercial
Highway Network
Dedication**

August 10, 1988



**U.S. 20/Y21 near Peosta
Program 10:30 a.m.**

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| Opening Remarks | Darrel Rensink,
Director
Iowa Department of
Transportation |
| Remarks | Austin Turner, Chair
Iowa Transportation
Commission |
| Dedication | Terry E. Branstad,
Governor
State of Iowa |
| 11:00 a.m. | Unveiling
Commercial Highway
Network Sign |

Iowa's dependence on highways is well recognized:

- 75% of manufactured goods moving to/from Iowa goes by highway.
- Virtually all consumer goods use highways or streets for at least part of their route coming into the state.
- 1 out of 7 jobs is related to highway transportation.
- Iowa's growing tourism industry relies almost exclusively on highways.

Iowa has a 10,000-mile primary highway system, but it's obvious some roads play a larger role in the state's economy. Careful study of Iowa's highway system has identified a "Commercial Network" of 2,300 miles of highway considered crucial to the state's economic well-being and growth. Combined with the 780 miles of interstate, these highways:

- carry 75% of Iowa's commercial highway traffic; and,
- are within 10 miles of 80% of Iowa's population and jobs.

In addition to serving as the backbone of the state's economy, the highway system gives the state's residents greater choices about where they live and work. Without these roads, most Iowans would have to work within a few miles of their homes. Therefore, good roads expand the choices of where to live and work.

Modern, well-engineered roads also save hundreds of lives each year. During 1970 there were 912 traffic fatalities in Iowa; in 1987 there were fewer than 500.

And, roads are a bargain. In 1972 taxes accounted for 11.5 percent of the cost to operate a car; today taxes account for only 7 percent of the cost.

Governor

Terry Branstad

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