

Increasing capacity on our nation's transportation system will:

- Unlock Gridlock,
- Generate Jobs,
- Deliver Freight,
- Access Energy,
- Connect Communities

Did you know?

- The amount of freight moved in this country—from milk, toothpaste and toilet paper to sparkplugs, wheat and wind turbines—is expected to double in the next 40 years?
- The Interstate Highway System represents only 4 percent of total miles but carries 70 percent of commercial truck traffic?
- Each of the top ten worst freight-truck bottlenecks cause over one million hours of delay a year?

"Iowa is the crossroads of commercial travel in the United States, with commercial vehicles traversing the state east to west on Interstate 80 and north to south on interstates 35 and 29, making preservation of these routes essential. In addition, the ability to expand capacity when and where necessary, to carry interstate commerce and Iowa's agricultural and manufacturing supply chain, is crucial to the state's and the nation's economic recovery, stability and growth."

—Nancy Richardson, Iowa Department of Transportation Director



Freight Capacity Needs Iowa City/Coralville Interstate 80 Corridor

Between 35,000 and 52,000 vehicles a day travel the I-80 corridor on the west side of Iowa City/Coralville, while 34,000 and 21,000 vehicles use the I-380 and US 218 corridors respectively. Thirty percent of the I-80 corridor volume is commercial trucks. The interchange of these roadways is now seeing traffic volumes exceed the design capacity and by 2030 are projected to more than double. Current vehicle crash rates in the same area are over three times Iowa's statewide average for interstate freeways. A proposed project to replace the ramps and increase capacity is estimated to cost more than \$250 million. Without it, the level of service will decrease to E or F level over the next ten to fifteen-year-period.

Capacity Needs *continued*