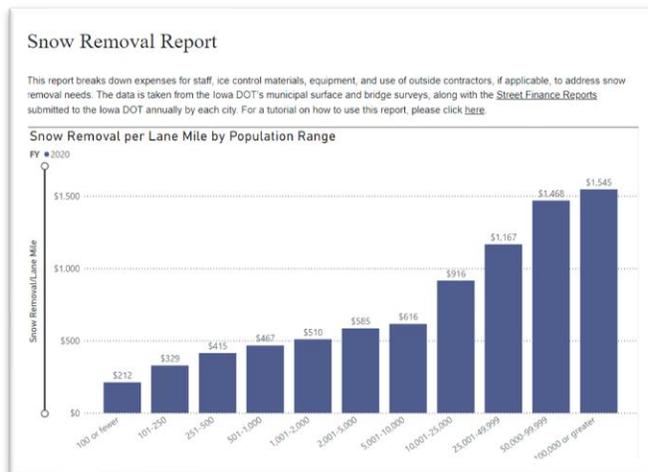
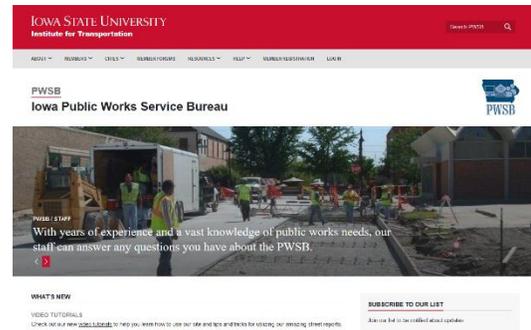


What is the Public Works Service Bureau?

The Iowa Public Works Service Bureau (PWSB) provides a resource for public works staff members from cities of all sizes to connect with and learn from others how best to improve work efficiencies, learn new techniques, and maximize available resources. Our goal is “communicate to innovate!”

Working the “bugs” out

As any new website launches, there are always bugs to work out. Based on input from our users, technical advisory committee, and staff, we have been working on improving the site. If you haven’t visited the site recently, be sure to check it out!



Street Reports

Our [Street Reports](#) are the newest and most exciting additions to the website. These reports contain a plethora of valuable information. The Street Reports page includes a series of dashboards and charts created with street data from the Iowa Pavement Management Program and budget data from the Iowa DOT. We also created [video tutorials](#) to help guide you through using the interactive features of the reports.

Member Forums

Want to be part of the discussions? Check out the [member forums](#) (only visible to registered users). We created various categories of forums. You can click on any of the forum titles and view the discussions on that particular topic. You can reply to an existing discussion or begin one of your own. Be sure to click on “subscribe” just above the discussions table to subscribe to any forums you are interested in. You can also click the box to “notify me of follow-up replies via email” just before you post a new discussion.



New Features

As previously mentioned, we worked through our initial growing pains associated with launching a new site. Here are the new features we have added since the launch:

- Reorganized the site and menu items.
- Added a new [contacts](#) page that lists all people who have registered on the site. Included a classification for “type of organization”: city, consultant, partner (Iowa DOT, Iowa DNR, LTAP, Iowa League of Cities, Counties), and other.
- Developed [street reports](#) (see above).
- Added [video tutorials](#) for guidance on registration, the forums, and the street reports.
- Created a [suggestions form](#).
- Added a resources menu to include a [job board](#) to post new public works-related job opportunities, [partner contacts](#), and [training/educational opportunities](#).
- Created social media accounts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

Help us help YOU!

If you haven't already done so, [register](#) as a member on the site. Once you are a registered user, you can start viewing the information we only share with registered users. Check out the street reports, member forums, find contact information for your fellow colleagues, or check out the city documents list. Most importantly, we need your suggestions. If you think of something you would like to see the service bureau handle, submit a suggestion using our [suggestion form](#).



Message from the Director

“I hope you enjoy the newsletter and use all of the links to check out the website. As you can tell, this is an exciting opportunity for public works staff at all levels to learn and improve on their work efficiencies! Please take the time to sign up, provide input, and become a regular user of the Iowa Public Works Service Bureau.” --Paul Wiegand, PWSB Director

Questions?

If you have any questions about the PWSB, please contact Beth Richards (brich@iastate.edu).