

**BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING NOTICE**

**INRCOG BOARD ROOM
229 EAST PARK AVENUE
WATERLOO, IA**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023, 10:00 AM

UPDATED AGENDA

Actionable Items

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the November 9, 2023 meeting.
3. Election of Officers for 2024.

Discussion Items

1. STBG, TA SA, and CRP Funding Opportunities.
2. Project updates.
 - a. City and county project updates
 - b. MET Transit Study
 - c. NEIA NEPA Study
3. General discussion.
4. Adjournment.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

MINUTES

Chair Kobliska called the meeting of the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board to order at 10:00 AM.

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
Rob Green	Mayor	City of Cedar Falls	Policy Board Member (Vice-Chair)
DeAnne Kobliska	Mayor	City of Evansdale	Policy Board Member (Chair)
Lisa Smock	Mayor	City of Elk Run Heights	Policy Board Member
Gail Bunz	Councilperson	City of Hudson	Policy Board 1 st Alternate
Aric Schroeder	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2 nd Alternate (Online)
David Wicke	City Engineer	City of Cedar Falls	TTC Member
Rob Werner	Public Works Director	City of Gilbertville	TTC Member
Chrissi Wiersma	City Clerk	City of Hudson	TTC Member (Online)
Doug Schindel	Engineer	AECOM	Attendee
Michelle Sweeney	Engineer	AECOM	Attendee
Krista Billhorn	District Transportation Planner	Iowa DOT	Attendee (Online)
Aldina Dautović	Transportation Planner	INRCOG	MPO Staff (MPO Secretary)
Kyle Durant	Transportation Planner	INRCOG	MPO Staff
Nick Fratzke	Transportation Director	INRCOG	MPO Staff

The first item was approval of the agenda. It was moved by Green, seconded by Smock to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the November 9, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Smock, seconded by Green to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was the Election of Officers for 2024. DeAnne Kobliska and Lisa Smock volunteered to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair. It was moved by Green, seconded by Bunz to elect the slate of MPO Officers for 2024 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was Discussion Items:

1. STBG, TA SA, and CRP Funding Opportunities

Dautović said that staff created Funding Flyers to showcase funding types, amounts, eligible activities, and example funded projects. Application materials and additional information can be found on the MPO website www.bhcmpo.org/funding-opportunities/.

2. Project Updates

a. City and county project updates

Cedar Falls

Wicke said Main Street from 6th St to 22nd St is open. The contractor is working on the roundabout at the intersection with Seerley Avenue. The city is optimistic that the roadway will be completed and opened by Christmas.

Evansdale

Kobliska said the archeological study for the Lafayette Road project has been completed. The bid letting is being pushed to the March timeframe.

Elk Run Heights

Smock said the Lafayette Road and Gilbertville Road project is hung up on the historical and architectural review. The bid letting has been delayed.

Waterloo

Schindel said the Park Avenue bridge is moving forward with utility work. The contractor is working on the last pier for the 11th Street bridge. The plans for the first phase of La Porte Road from Shaulis Road to Bopp Street have been submitted to the Iowa DOT and are awaiting signature.

DOT

Schindel said analysis of the alternatives for the IA 58 interchange at Greenhill Road continues, and a preferred alternative may be identified early next year. Reconstruction for the IA 58 and US 20 interchange is mainly done and open. The contractor will work on the section of IA 58 north of Ridgeway Avenue next year. The reconstruction work for the US 218 and IA 58 interchange has been completed.

b. MET Transit Study

Durant said staff scheduled the next Transit Advisory Committee meeting for January 23rd, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the INRCOG building. Staff are hopeful that MET Transit will have an update on the transit study.

c. NEIA NEPA Study

Durant said the MPO received two proposals. The Consultant Selection Committee is in the process of reviewing and scoring the proposals. Staff anticipate having a consultant selected and on board early next year.

In general discussion, Durant mentioned that MPO staff received the finalized US Census Boundary Map. The staff recommendation was to maintain the 2010 boundary. Upon reviewing the 2050 Travel Demand Model, it was found necessary to make technical revisions for the Shaulis Road area near the water park and theme park to accurately represent the observed traffic counts from 2017. Printed copies of the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan are now available. Green announced that Cedar Falls will host its first-ever Inauguration Event on January 2nd, running from 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM, and everyone is invited to attend.

There being no further business, it was moved by Werner seconded by Green to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aldina Dautović
Secretary