

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

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

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025, 10:00 AM

AGENDA

Actionable Items

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the June 12, 2025, meeting.
3. Hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of the final FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. <https://bhcmpo.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/0-mpo-tip-draft-fy-26-29.pdf>
4. Hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of Amendment to FY'25-FY'28 Transportation Improvement Program increasing Federal-Aid by more than 30% for a pavement rehabilitation project including US 218: W US 63 interchange to Cedar Rivers Bridge in Waterloo.

Discussion Items

1. Updates on Draft Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP)
 - a. ["F:\Organizations\MPO\Transit\Transit Planning\2026-2030 PTP\4 - DRAFT Plan\Draft 26-30 PTP.pdf"](F:\Organizations\MPO\Transit\Transit Planning\2026-2030 PTP\4 - DRAFT Plan\Draft 26-30 PTP.pdf)
2. Introduce Transportation Planner II
3. National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) Grant.
4. Project updates.
 - a. City and county project updates
 - b. MET Transit Youth Summer Fare
 - c. NEIA NEPA Study
 - d. SS4A Comprehensive Action Plan and Implementation Application
5. General discussion.
6. Adjournment.

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**BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD &
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD JOINT MEETING**

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

MINUTES

Kobliska (Vice-Chair) called the meeting of the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board and Transportation Technical Committee to order at 10:001AM, thereafter introductions.

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor	Black Hawk County	Policy Board Member
DeAnne Kobliska	Mayor	City of Evansdale	Policy Board Member (Vice-Chair)
Scott Becker	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	City of Gilbertville	Policy Board 1 st Alternate
Benjamin Claypool	Principal Engineer	Cedar Falls	TTC 2 nd Alternate
Danny Luddick*	Mayor	Cedar Falls	Policy Board Member
Aric Schroeder	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2nd Alternate
John Dornoff	Planner II	City of Waterloo	Attendee
Sahrish Elahi	Traffic Operations	City of Waterloo	Attendee
Michelle Sweeney	AECOM	AECOM	Attendee
Tony Hemann	AECOM	AECOM	Attendee
Curtis Young	Chair CSAC	CSAC	Attendee
Mark Durbahn*	Senior Project Manager	AECOM	Attendee
Nick Fratzke	Director of Transportation	INRCOG	MPO Staff
Sanzida Rahman Setu	Transportation Planner II	INRCOG	MPO Staff
Krista Billhorn*	District Planner	DOT	Attendee
Oghogho Oriakhi	Transportation Planner I	INRCOG	MPO Staff

**Attended Online*

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

Next was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the June 12, 2025, meeting. It was moved by Becker, seconded by Kurtenbach, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to hold a public hearing and consider approval of the final FY 2026–2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The public hearing was opened at 10:02 a.m. by Vice-Chair Kobliska, following a motion by Becker, seconded by Kurtenbach. The motion carried unanimously. Fratzke noted a challenge encountered in preparing the TIP, determining Gilbertsville’s eligibility for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) funding. He explained that there is uncertainty due to unclear and evolving eligibility guidance. The recommendation is that the project in question has been divided into two separate sets, although they remain tied together as one overall initiative. Sweeney added that the concept statement is being submitted as two separate projects to align with the current structure by the DOT. Also, Fratzke noted that the public notice for the TIP had been posted with no comments received to date, but it will remain open for an additional 30 days for public input. Vice-Chair Kobliska asked if there were any comments while the hearing was open; hearing none, Vice-Chair Kobliska closed the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. A motion to approve the final TIP for FY 2026–2029 was made by Luddick and seconded by Becker. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to hold a public hearing and consider approval of an amendment to the FY 2025–FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), increasing federal aid by more than 30% for a

pavement rehabilitation project on US 218, from the W US 63 interchange to the Cedar River Bridge in Waterloo. A motion to open the public hearing was made by Kurtenbach and seconded by Schroeder. The motion carried unanimously, and the public hearing was opened at 10:07 a.m. Krista explained that the project involves patching and overlay treatment on US 218 in the specified section and noted it would be a valuable improvement for the area. With no public comments, the hearing was closed at 10:07 a.m. A motion to approve the amendment to the FY 2025–FY 2028 TIP was made by Becker and seconded by Schroeder. The motion carried unanimously.

Up next: discussion Items

1. Updates on Draft Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) 2026-2030

Oriakhi gave updates on the draft PTP, noting that the draft PTP, excluding the Section, had been sent over to the DOT for review. Section 4, which covers the strategic goals and objectives for the 5-year plan, is undergoing review and receiving comments through the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC), made up of members from different public organizations and groups. Oriakhi noted that there was a work session at the Union Block Board room where members of the TAC actively participated in the work session to prioritize low-hanging fruits from the goals and objectives with high impact and easy feasibility and assign lead agencies. The exercise was intended to focus on realistic and actionable objectives, rather than broad goals that may not be achievable within the 2026-2030 timeframe due to several constraints. Oriakhi concluded that the next step would be to finalize and clean up the prioritized goals and objectives at the next August TAC meeting. Following that, the final draft PTP will be presented to the Policy Board and Technical Committee members.

2. Introducing Transportation Planner II

Sanzida Rahman Setu introduced themselves as they recently joined INRCOG as a Transportation Planner II. Setu stated they had recently graduated from the master's program in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Iowa. Fratzke added that Setu is a great fit for the position, bringing great skill sets to the role.

3. National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) Grant.

Fratzke mentioned that this was wrapped up for the fiscal year and is open to metropolitan youth opportunities, passenger opportunities, and a good project to set the tone for the future.

4. Project updates.

- a. City and county project updates

Claypool reported that 18th and Main Street in Cedar Falls remains closed, as crews continue to work on a miscellaneous three-year catch-up effort for the project. It is expected to reopen soon. For the City of Waterloo, Hemann stated that Phase 1 of La Porte Road is nearing completion up to Bob Street, with ongoing utility work. Phase 2 will extend from Ridgeway Avenue through the slip ramp, with final design plans anticipated by this fall. Construction is scheduled to begin next year and span two years, along with Phase 3. Sweeney shared that the city is finalizing rulings and completing the punch list for 11th Street and other associated projects. Additionally, the SS4A application for 4th, 5th, and 6th Streets has been submitted, along with other downtown corridor improvements to meet corridor criteria. For the City of Evansdale, Kobliska noted that Phase 1 of the Lafayette project is wrapping up and progressing well, with completion expected in August. Sweeney added that the Greenhill and Ridgeway intersection in Cedar Falls, some UNI and CFU properties, require acquisitions. Public input will follow a NEPA reevaluation, likely next spring. Krista mentioned that the project is currently programmed for FY27, which is still a year out, and noted there was a delay in grant funding. Billhorn reported that she and Nick discussed with the DOT on designating IA 58 as an urban freight corridor as part of systems planning. Kurtenbach noted that work on Dubuque Road is ongoing, with the culvert currently under construction and the road closed. Fratzke reported that the City of Raymond has completed most of the asphalt overlay on Lafayette Street, which has remained open throughout the project. Shoulder widening and striping are also being completed.

b. MET Transit Youth Summer Fare

Fratzke mentioned that MET Transit is excited to announce the launch of convenient new transit options this summer, between two of Waterloo's most popular recreational destinations are Gates Park and Byrnes Park Aquatic Center. As part of this initiative, MET Transit is offering a reduced fare of \$0.25 for children and youths. The program aims to make public transportation more affordable and accessible during the summer months, allowing young riders to reach key destinations such as Byrnes and Gates Park with ease.

c. NEIA NEPA Study

Durbahn noted that while progress has been slower than expected, there have been some positive developments from the DOT. Some staff members have begun working on Travel Demand Modeling, and a meeting is scheduled with the DOT next week to evaluate the developed alternatives and determine which option is most suitable, with Nick involved in the process. Durbahn also referenced recent legislation regarding annual weight-carry permits and restrictions on freight traffic through communities. As part of this, INRCOG is assisting the City of Raymond in assessing potential reductions in freight travel, with findings to be presented to both INRCOG and the city. Fratzke added that with Kyle, the staff member previously leading modeling efforts, having left the organization, Sanzida will now be taking on that responsibility.

d. SS4A Comprehensive Action Plan and Implementation Application

Sweeney mentioned that AECOM revised the SS4A application, as previously noted. Updates related to 4th, 5th, and 6th Streets were presented to the City Council, with additional language incorporated. The revised version was approved by the council and is now posted as the official SS4A.

Next was the general Discussion.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kurtenbach, seconded by Schroeder. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Oghogho Oriakhi
Secretary