

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

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023, 10:00 AM

AGENDA

Actionable Items

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the August 10, 2023 meeting.
3. Review and consider approval of a Letter of Support for Iowa to resume membership with the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission (MIPRC).

Discussion Items

1. Review the draft Carbon Reduction Program Guidelines for the MPO.
2. Review draft 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Chapters.
 - a. Chapter 4 – Passenger Transportation
 - b. Chapter 5 – Bicycle and Pedestrian
 - c. Chapter 10 – Public Involvement
3. Project updates.
 - a. City and county project updates (TAP and STBG)
 - b. MET Transit Study
 - c. Public Input Meetings – draft 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan
4. General discussion.
5. Adjournment.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 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
DeAnne Kobliska	Mayor	City of Evansdale	Policy Board Member (Chair)
Lisa Smock	Mayor	City of Elk Run Heights	Policy Board Member
Scott Becker	Councilperson	City of Gilbertville	Policy Board 1 st Alternate
Gail Bunz	Councilperson	City of Hudson	Policy Board 1 st Alternate
Aric Schroeder	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2 nd Alternate
Ben Claypool	City Engineer	City of Cedar Falls	TTC Member
Rosalyn Middleton	Board Member	MET Transit Board	Policy Board Member
Doug Schindel	Engineer	AECOM	Attendee
Michelle Sweeney	Engineer	AECOM	Attendee
Krista Billhorn	District Transportation Planner	Iowa DOT	Attendee
Aldina Dautović	Transportation Planner	INRCOG	MPO Staff (MPO Secretary)
Nick Fratzke	Director of Transportation	INRCOG	MPO Staff

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

Next was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the August 10, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Smock, seconded by Middleton to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was to review and consider approval of a Letter of Support for Iowa to resume membership with the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission (MIPRC). It was moved by Smock, seconded by Becker to approve the letter. Motion carried unanimously. Schroeder asked when the letter will be submitted, and Fratzke said likely by the next Policy Board meeting.

Next was Discussion Items:

1. Review the draft Carbon Reduction Program Guidelines for the MPO.

Dautović introduced the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), a new federal funding source which will be programmed alongside STBG and TAP this upcoming spring. CRP will be specific to the Black Hawk County metropolitan area. The overall goal of the program is to reduce transportation emissions by funding projects that implement carbon reduction strategies. Administration priorities for projects include safety and Complete Streets standards. Examples of eligible projects include expanding public transportation, bus lanes, electric vehicle infrastructure, on-road facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians, and more. Dautović noted recreational trail projects will not be eligible, and that this program serves as an opportunity to expand Black Hawk County's on-road bike network.

Projects will be eligible for up to 80 percent of a project's total estimated cost with a minimum 20 percent local match. Roughly \$362,000 will be available in CRP funding annually. The soonest projects can be let is October 1st, 2024, for fiscal year 2025. Applications will be available in a digital format. All available information and applications for CRP, STBG, and TAP can be found on the Black Hawk County MPO website at <https://bhcmpo.org/funding-opportunities/>. Dautović asked the group to

review the CRP guidelines and bring any comments to the October MPO meeting to consider adopting.

2. Review draft 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Chapters

Staff provided a high-level overview of draft chapters 4, 5, and 10. Draft chapters are posted on the MPO website and can be viewed at <https://bhcmpo.org/lrtp/>.

3. Project Updates

a. City and county project updates (TAP & STBG)

Waterloo

Schindel said restoration work on the Marina project is wrapping up. The La Porte Road project is ongoing, and staff are working on a funding agreement for RAISE. The first phase of La Porte Road will likely be let after the first of the year. The project requires Iowa DOT approval before moving forward. The downtown bridge reconstruction projects are progressing forward with hopes of pouring the remaining deck for Park Avenue this fall.

DOT

Schindel said Ridgeway Avenue and IA 58 is still under construction with the project estimated to be completed next year. Construction north of US 218 is ongoing. Staff are analyzing four different alternatives for IA 58 and Greenhill Road, including a single-point and dog-point interchange. Schroeder asked if the speed will be reevaluated when the interchange is implemented. Sweeney said they are designing the project for 60 MPH.

Evansdale

Kobliska said the city is moving forward with the construction project on Lafayette Road. Additional studies are being conducted for archaeological impact. The project is anticipated to move forward in March.

Gilbertville

Becker said the bridge between Gilbertville and I-380 is open.

Cedar Falls

Clayton said Main Street reconstruction is underway. The city is reopening 6th Street and Main Street. Work on laying pavement south of US 218 is progressing forward. The city hopes to have the entire corridor open by this winter.

b. MET Transit Study

Middleton said additional public input meetings for the Transit Study will take place to gather more public feedback. Restructured routes are anticipated to go live between October and November.

c. Public Input Meetings – draft 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan

Two public input meetings will be held to receive public feedback on the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. An in-person meeting will take place on September 19th from 12:00-1:30 PM in the third-floor conference room at INRCOG. A virtual meeting will take place on September 21st from 3:30-5:00 PM. Comments will be accepted until November 9th. Virtual meeting details and additional information is available at <https://bhcmpo.org/lrtp/>.

In general discussion, Dautović shared the updated Black Hawk County MPO website, which includes information on the metropolitan area, current projects, funding programs, federal documents, MPO meeting agendas and minutes, and more. Visit www.bhcmpo.org to view information and updates for the Black Hawk County MPO.

There being no further business, it was moved by Becker, seconded by Smock to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aldina Dautović
Secretary