

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

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024, 10:00 AM

AGENDA

Actionable Items

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the January 11, 2024 meeting (pages 4-5).

Discussion Items

1. Railtowns United.
2. House File 591 and final request for [Letter of Support](#).
3. Project updates.
 - a. City and county project updates
 - b. MET Transit Study
 - c. NEIA NEPA Study
4. General discussion.
5. Adjournment.

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Policy Board Members (Updated 1/11/2024)

Representing	Name	Title	MPO Membership
City of Cedar Falls	Danny Laudick	Mayor	Member
	Gil Schultz	Councilperson	1 st Alternate
	Chris Latta	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	2 nd Alternate
City of Elk Run Heights	Lisa Smock	Mayor	Member (Vice-Chair)
	Heather Sallis	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Evansdale	DeAnne Kobliska	Mayor	Member (Chair)
	Justin Smock	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	1st Alternate
	Dottie Wear	Councilperson	2nd Alternate
City of Gilbertville	Mark Thome	Mayor	Member
	Scott Becker	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Hudson	Gail Bunz	Mayor	Member
	Kate Wyatt	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Raymond	Gary Vick	Mayor	Member
			1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Waterloo	Quentin Hart	Mayor	Member
	Noel Anderson	Com. Planning & Dev. Director	1st Alternate
	Aric Schroeder	City Planner	2nd Alternate
Black Hawk County	Daniel Trelka	Supervisor	Member
	Tavis Hall	Supervisor	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
MET Transit Board	Rosalyn Middleton	Board Member	Member
	Bob Seymour	Chair	1st Alternate
	Sharon Droste	Vice-Chair	2nd Alternate
Waterloo Regional Airport Board	Scott Voight	Chair	Member
	Keith Kaspari	Director of Aviation	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate

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Transportation Technical Committee Members (Updated 1/1/2024)

Representing	Name	Title	MPO Membership
City of Cedar Falls	David Wicke	City Engineer	Member
	Ben Claypool	Civil Engineer II	1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
City of Elk Run Heights		City Clerk	Member
	Mark McChane	Councilperson	1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
City of Evansdale	Chris Schares	Public Works Director	Member
			1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
City of Gilbertville	Rob Werner	Public Works Director	Member
	Al Even	City Maintenance	1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
City of Hudson	Chrissi Wiersma	City Administrator/City Clerk	Member
	Jake Hovey	Public Works Director	1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
City of Raymond	Becky Pint	Councilperson	Member
			1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
City of Waterloo	Jamie Knutson	City Engineer	Member
	Wayne Castle	Associate Engineer	1 st Alternate
	Matt Schindel	Associate Engineer	2 nd Alternate
Black Hawk County	Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Member
			1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
MET Transit	David Sturch	General Manager	Member
			1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
Waterloo Regional Airport			Member
			1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

MINUTES

Chair Smock 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
Lisa Smock	Mayor	City of Elk Run Heights	Policy Board Member (Chair)
Scott Becker	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	City of Gilbertville	Policy Board 1 st Alternate
Gail Bunz	Mayor	City of Hudson	Policy Board Member
Gary Vick	Mayor	City of Raymond	Policy Board Member
Aric Schroeder	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2 nd Alternate (Online)
Keith Kaspari	Director of Aviation	Waterloo Airport	Policy Board 1 st Alternate (Online)
Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Black Hawk County	TTC Member
Chrissi Wiersma	City Clerk	City of Hudson	TTC Member (Online)
David Sturch	General Manager	MET Transit	TTC Member
Doug Schindel	Engineer	AECOM	Attendee
Michelle Sweeney	Engineer	AECOM	Attendee
Jake Huck	Engineer	MSA	Attendee
Matthew Tolan	City Engineer	City of Cedar Falls	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	Director of Transportation	INRCOG	MPO Staff
Brenda Vavroch	Safe Routes to School Coordinator	INRCOG	MPO Staff

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

Next was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the December 14, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Vick, seconded by Becker to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was to hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of amendments to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) related to the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) project on Lafayette Road in Raymond, and the City Bridge Replacement project on Butterfield Road over Drainage in Hudson. Chair Smock declared the Public Hearing open at 10:03 AM. Durant said the bridge project on Butterfield Road was awarded funds last year and needs to be added to the TIP. Vick said that Raymond is requesting to change the project termini, scope of work, and overall budget. The city is nearing its maximum bonding capacity due to the wastewater treatment facility project combined with this road project. Despite these changes, the project will improve the pavement conditions, which have deteriorated further in the past couple of years. Although there was significant public backing for adding a sidewalk along the route, the expense was deemed too much. There being no further discussion, Chair Smock declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:16 AM. It was moved by Becker, seconded by Vick to approve the amendments to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was Discussion Items:

1. Project Updates

a. City and county project updates

Cedar Falls

Tolan said Main Street is fully open. Next year, construction will focus on the 12th Street roundabout from 11th to 17th Street.

Waterloo

Schindel said the Park and 11th Street bridges will continue with structure and utility work over the winter months as weather allows. The Park Avenue bridge project is anticipated to be completed by June. The 11th Street bridge project is further behind, with completion anticipated closer to the end of the year. Phase I of La Porte Road from Shaulis to Bopp Street is under review with construction anticipated later this year.

DOT

Schindel said project management is reviewing alternatives for the IA 58 interchange at Greenhill Road. A decision will be made in the following months.

Elk Run Heights

Smock said a historical and architectural review consultant is in place for the Lafayette/Gilbertville Road project. The project is anticipated to be let soon.

b. MET Transit Study

Sturch said public input meetings were scheduled for the following Tuesday but will be postponed until next month due to severe weather. The meetings will take place at Central Transfer. The survey regarding potentially extending routes to Evansdale and Elk Run Heights has been closed.

c. NEIA NEPA Study

Fratzke said staff received two proposals from consultants. After a reviewing and scoring process, the selection committee chose AECOM. Contract negotiation will begin soon. Durant added that the project has been grandfathered to use STBG funding, which is now only allowed for construction projects.

In general discussion, Fratzke encouraged the group to sign a [Letter of Support](#) encouraging Iowa to rejoin the [Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission \(MIPRC\)](#). MIPRC joins leaders from across the region to advocate for passenger rail improvements and opportunities. Iowa used to be a member but left in recent years. The letter encourages Iowa to rejoin to have the opportunity to partake in the economic and social benefits of a multistate passenger rail system. Fratzke shared physical copies of the letter and encouraged the group to sign and share. Durant noted that printed copies of the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) are available at the office.

There being no further business, it was moved by Becker, seconded by Vick to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aldina Dautović
Secretary