

**IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**  
**MEETING NOTICE**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025, 10:00 AM**

**AGENDA**

**A. Introductions**

**B. Actionable Items**

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Review and consider approval of the May 28, 2022 BPAC (formerly known as the TAP Committee) minutes
3. Work session to develop the draft Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA/TAP) Program for the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program
  - a. Updates for projects currently programmed
  - b. Presentations by new project sponsors
    - Independence – Enterprise Drive Trail Phase II
  - c. Programming of TASA/TAP projects
  - d. Review and consider approval of the recommended TASA/TAP projects for submittal to the Policy Board

**C. General Discussion**

**D. Adjournment**

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Representing	Name	Title
Black Hawk County	Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor
Bremer County	Duane Hildebrandt	Supervisor <b>(Vice Chair)</b>
Buchanan County	Keith Wieland	Supervisor
Butler County	Greg Barnett	Supervisor <b>(Chair)</b>
Chickasaw County	Scott Cerwinske	Supervisor
Grundy County	Mark Schildroth	Supervisor
City of Waverly	James Bronner	City Administrator
City of Independence	Brad Bleichner	Mayor
City of Denver (Small City At Large)	Joel Wikner	Councilmember
City of Dunkerton (Small City At Large)	Michael Schares	Mayor
City of La Porte City (Small City At Large)	Jane Whittlesey	City Clerk
City of New Hampton (Small City At Large)	Steve Geerts	Mayor

**Transportation Technical Committee Members (Term Ending 12/31/2026)**

Representing	Name	Title
Black Hawk County	Cathy Nicholas	County Engineer
Bremer County	Landon Moore	County Engineer
Buchanan County	Brian Keierleber	County Engineer
Butler County	John Riherd	County Engineer
Chickasaw County	Roman Lensing	County Engineer
Grundy County	Jeff Skalberg	County Engineer
City of Waverly	James Bronner	City Administrator
City of Independence	Matthew Schmitz	City Manager
City of Denver (Small City At Large)	Joel Wikner	Councilmember
City of Dunkerton (Small City At Large)	Michael Schares	Mayor
City of La Porte City (Small City At Large)	Jane Whittlesey	City Clerk
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**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members (Term Ending 12/31/2026)**

Representing	Name	Title
Black Hawk County Conservation	Mike Hendrickson	Executive Director
Bremer County Conservation	Andrew Hockenson	Director
Buchanan County Conservation	Ben Bonar	Executive Director
Butler County Conservation	Matt Morris	Executive Director
Chickasaw County Conservation	Chad Humpal	Director
Grundy County Conservation	Nick Buseman	Executive Director
City of Waverly	James Broner	City Administrator
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**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2022**

**MINUTES**

Durant called the meeting of the Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Committee to order at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Attendees:	Ryan Brennan	Black Hawk County
	Mike Hendrickson	Black Hawk County Conservation
	Cherrie Northrup	Black Hawk County Conservation
	Landon Moore	Bremer County
	Andy Hockenson	Bremer County Conservation
	Brian Keierleber	Buchanan County
	Dan Cohen	Buchanan County Conservation
	Mike Miner	Butler County Conservation
	John Riherd	Butler County Engineering
	Nick Buseman	Grundy County Conservation
	Mitchell Franck	City of Fairbank
	Brittany Fuller	City of Fairbank
	Mike Harter	City of Fairbank
	Brian Crawford	City of Independence/Crawford Engineering
	John Kurtz	City of Independence
	Jasmine Gaston	City of La Porte City
	Cally Mueller	City of Sumner Parks and Recreation
	Dave Nuss	City of Sumner Public Works
	Mike Cherry	City of Waverly
	Carter Baldwin	INRCOG
	Aldina Dautović	INRCOG (Secretary)
	Kyle Durant	INRCOG
	Brenda Vavroch	INRCOG

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

Next on the agenda was a work session to develop the draft Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

a. Updates for projects currently programmed

Durant said three projects from Waverly, Buchanan County, and Black Hawk County Conservation are already programmed in the TAP. Black Hawk County Conservation requested to remove their project which is programmed was programmed with \$210,000 in FY 2024; Hendrickson said the scope of the project changed substantially. Cherry said the Waverly project has been moved to FY 2023 and the project will be bid in November with construction taking place in spring. Keierleber said the Buchanan County project is on track.

b. Presentations by new project sponsors

Durant said engineering fees are not permissible as part of project costs. All engineering costs have been removed from the total costs reflected in the spreadsheet.

**i. Buchanan County Conservation – Fontana Park Trails Loop**

**Total cost: \$181,417, TAP request: \$145,133**

**FY 2024**

This project paves a ten-foot wide, 0.5-mile paved concrete trail system, with loops guiding users through a new Prairie and Bison Learning Center, a lake-side campground, nature center, live animal displays, and other current and future park features. The trail makes connections to the existing paved Fontana Trail that extends along a lake shore with fishing jetties, and to the town of Hazelton.

**ii. Butler County Conservation – Rolling Prairie Trail Extension**

**Total cost: \$634,617, TAP request: \$500,000**

**FY 2025**

The project seeks to expand the Rolling Prairie Trail from Cedar Ave in the city limits of Dumont to the western Butler/Franklin County line. The project will include clearing, preparing, and placing a hard surface consisting of either concrete or asphalt on the former railroad bed. The length of the expansion is approximately 11,283 feet (2.14 miles). Franklin County is currently working on securing funds to pave the trail from the Butler/Franklin County line west to Hampton.

**iii. Fairbank – Walk Safe Fairbank**

**Total cost: \$102,431, TAP request: \$81,947**

**FY 2023**

This project will install a five-foot-wide sidewalk between Cedar Dr and Rhonda Rd within city limits where no current sidewalk exists. The project would connect the newest additions on the northeast side of town to the community and the school and provide more walking paths in town.

**iv. Grundy County Conservation – Pioneer Trail**

**Total cost: \$249,579, TAP request: \$199,656**

**FY 2023**

The proposed project is to overlay the existing limestone bike trail from Grundy Center to Holland with three inches of asphalt.

**v. Independence – Enterprise Drive Trail Phase II**

**Total cost: \$442,000, TAP request: \$186,000**

**FY 2026**

The project seeks to pave approximately 0.7 miles of pedestrian/bicycle trail connecting the City's current trail system to the retail commercial district along the Hwy 150 – Enterprise Dr corridor in the southern part of Independence.

**vi. Janesville – Maple Street Trail**

**Total cost: \$922,980, TAP request: \$501,627**

**FY 2025**

The project seeks to complete a multi-use trail from the 7th St Bridge, which is soon to be replaced, to Barrick Rd with railroad crossing and signals.

**vii. La Porte City – Anton Trail**

**Total cost: \$492,797, TAP request: \$394,000**

**FY 2026**

The project seeks to complete a multi-use trail from Bluff St at West Main St heading north to East Reinbeck Rd at Highway 218.

**viii. Waverly – Ivanhoe Bridge Replacement**  
**Total cost: \$348,000 TAP request: \$278,400**  
**FY 2026**

The project seeks to replace one of eight bridges along the Rolling Prairie Trail that Waverly owns and maintains. The bridge is in poor condition and needs to be replaced to avoid future gaps in the trail network. The trail bridge also currently lacks adequate room for vehicle traffic or farm equipment to pass underneath. Bridge replacement will provide greater lateral clearance and ensured access to the Rolling Prairie Trail.

c. Candidate project ranking

Durant explained that the DOT allows the group to borrow ahead TAP funds so long as the last year of the program reflects a positive balance. Staff tallied the results and the group decided to remove projects one by one, using the rankings, until the program was balanced in FY 2026. Project rankings were as follows:

<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Fairbank	Walk Safe Fairbank	72	1
Buchanan CC	Fontana Park Trails Loop	67	2
Butler CC	Rolling Prairie Trail Expansion	64	3
Grundy CC	Pioneer Trail	58	4
Waverly	Ivanhoe Bridge Replacement	54	5
Independence	Enterprise Drive Trail Phase II	47	6
Janesville	Maple Street Trail	22	7
La Porte City	Anton Trail	6	8

d. Programming of TAP projects

Five of the eight projects were removed, leaving the following projects in order: Walk Safe Fairbank, Fontana Park Trail, and Rolling Prairie Trail expansion. Available funding for the latter was \$15,500 below the project request. Butler County Conservation accepted the available funding. The program reflected a balance of \$47 in FY 2026.

e. Review and consider approval of the recommended TAP projects for submittal to the Policy Board

It was motioned by Keierleber, seconded by Kurtz to approve the recommended TAP projects for submittal to the Policy Board as follows:

<b>FY</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>TAP Programmed</b>
2023	Waverly	Rolling Prairie Trail Extension	\$235,000	\$184,000
2023	Fairbank	Walk Safe Fairbank	\$102,431	\$81,947
2024	Buchanan County	Taylor's Ford Bridge Rehab	\$350,000	\$184,000
2024	Buchanan CC	Fontana Park Trails Loop	\$181,417	\$145,133
2025	Butler CC	Rolling Prairie Trail Expansion	\$634,617	\$484,500

Motion carried unanimously. The recommended TAP projects will be submitted to the Policy Board for review. From there, projects will be programmed as part of the draft FY 2023-2026 TIP.

In general discussion, Durant told the group to let him know any comments they had about the selection process.

There being no further business, Durant called the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aldina Dautović  
Acting Secretary