

IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Hilderbrandt (Vice Chair) called the meeting of the Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to order at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor	Black Hawk County	Policy Board Member
Jerald Heuer	Mayor	City of Clarksville	Attendee
Steve Geerts	Mayor	City of New Hampton	Attendee
Keith Wieland	Supervisor	Buchanan County	Policy Board Member
Dawey Hildebrandt	Supervisor	Bremer County	Policy Board Member (Vice Chair)
Michael Schares	Mayor	City of Dunkerton	Policy Board Member
Joel Wikner	Mayor pro tem	City of Denver	Policy Board Member
Mark A. Schildroth	Supervisor	Grundy County	Policy Board Member
Jeff Scalberg	County Engineer	Grundy County	TTC Member
Mark Crawford	Project Manager	Crawford Engineering & Surveying, Inc.	Attendee
Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Black Hawk County	Attendee
Bret Weber*	City Council Member - 2nd Ward	City of Independence	Attendee (Online)
Oghogho Oriakhi	Transportation Planner I	INRCOG	RTA Staff
Sanzida Rahman Setu	Transportation Planner II	INRCOG	RTA Staff

Online Attendees *

The next item was approval of the agenda. Motion was made by Geerts, seconded by Wikner, to approve the agenda. Motion carries unanimously.

Next was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the July 17, 2025, meeting. It was moved by Schildroth, seconded by Schares, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Up next was the public hearing and consider the amendment to the FY 2026–2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Hilderbrandt (Vice Chair) opened the public hearing on September 18, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. following a motion by Kurtenbach, seconded by Wieland. The motion carried unanimously. Oriakhi shared that the amendment to the RTA's FY26-29 Transportation Improvement Program is for reallocating \$2 million funding from FY26 to FY27 for the HWY 218 repaving project from Cedar River in Janesville to IA 116 in Waverly. Scalberg asked if the carry-over funding would impact other projects or not. Oriakhi mentioned that it wouldn't likely affect other project fundings. Kurtenbach requested more clarification and context on the HWY 218 repaving project on whether it involved RTA funding or is only administrative changes that need to be made for federally funded projects. He asked for clarification on the timeline and status of the overpass project. With this discussion, the Vice Chair Hilderbrandt called for any additional comments or discussion on the Final TIP. Hearing none, the motion was made to close the public hearing by Hilderbrandt, seconded by Schildroth. Motion carried unanimously. The public hearing officially closed at 1:08 p.m. Following that, Hilderbrandt called for a motion to consider the amendment to the Final FY 2026–2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Scalberg moved to approve with one exception to provide more clarification on the project timeline and status, seconded by Wikner. The motion carried unanimously.

Next was Discussion Items:

1. Annual Update – Iowa DOT Bicycle Accommodations Database

Oriakhi discussed the Iowa DOT's request for statewide updates on bicycle accommodations. This data can be of any sort including new construction, repair and/or improvement to existing facilities. The data will be used to update the Statewide Bike Plan and to evaluate Complete Street Policies. Email request was sent to all the Cities and Counties to share the new updates with INRCOG Transportation Planner II. Setu added that DOT prefers to receive geospatial data, so updates in the form of GIS files would be appreciated. However, the Cities and Counties can share the updates in any form, INRCOG will convert those into GIS files. Setu requested to share the data at the earliest possibility to have adequate time to convert those into GIS file before the deadline (September 30th, 2025). The updated information will also be used to update the Interactive Cedar Valley Trails map.

1. Project updates (TASA/TAP and STBG).

- Scalberg provided updates on Pioneer Road/W Ave project, which they are currently wrapping up.
- Wieland shared an update on D22 stating they are finishing up the pavement and reconstruction work in Independence.
- Brennan shared the status of Dubuque Road-Highway 20 project, stating the concrete box culvert replacement will be completed in the 4th week of September 2025. He also mentioned that the paving of Lafayette Road in Raymond has been finished.
- Wikner noted that the City of Denver is working on street resurfacing and replacing bridges on the city streets.
- Hildebrandt shared that Bremer County has completed C33 resurfacing project.

2. General discussion.

No general items were discussed.

There being no further business, Hildebrandt (Vice Chair) called for a motion to adjourn. Scalberg moved the motion, seconded by Schares. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

Sanzida Rahman Setu
RTA Staff