

**IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MEETING NOTICE**

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

THURSDAY, October 16, 2025, 1:00 PM

AGENDA

Actionable Items

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the September 18, 2025, meeting.
3. Review and reconsider approval TIP Amendment – Project 52489 (US 218: Janesville to Waverly)

Discussion Items

1. Context for TIP Amendment – Project 52489 (US 218: Janesville to Waverly)
2. Project updates (TA SA/TAP and STBG)
3. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update
4. General discussion.
5. Adjournment

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Everyone can come to this meeting. If you need special help to join, call INRCOG at (319) 235-0311 at least two days before the meeting.

Policy Board Members (Term Ending 12/31/2025)

Representing	Name	Title
Black Hawk County	Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor
Bremer County	Duane Hildebrandt	Supervisor (Vice Chair)
Buchanan County	Keith Weiland	Supervisor
Butler County	Greg Barnett	Supervisor (Chair)
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 Readlyn (Small City At Large)	Dan Wedemeier	Mayor
City of Plainfield (Small City At Large)	Tom Geise	Mayor
VACANT (Small City At Large)	Steve Geerts	Mayor New Hampton

Transportation Technical Committee Members (Term Ending 12/31/2025)

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 Readlyn (Small City At Large)	Dan Wedemeier	Mayor
City of Plainfield (Small City At Large)	Tom Geise	Mayor
City of Dunkerton (Small City At Large)	Michael Schares	Mayor

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members (Term Ending 12/31/2025)

Representing	Name	Title
Black Hawk County Conservation	Mike Hendrickson	Executive Director
Bremer County Conservation	Andrew Hockenson	Director
Buchanan County Conservation	Ben Bonner	Executive Director
Butler County Conservation	Matt Wilken	Executive Director
Chickasaw County Conservation	Chad Humpal	Director
Grundy County Conservation	Nick Buseman	Executive Director
City of Waverly	James Bronner	City Administrator
City of Independence	Matthew Schmitz	City Manager
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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 on 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

INRCOG RTA TIP Amendment NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Policy Board will hold a public hearing at the INRCOG Center, 229 E. Park Ave., Waterloo, Iowa, on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to present for public comment the following amendment to the RTA's FY'26-'29 Transportation Improvement Program: removing funding \$2 million funding from FY 2026 and reallocating the project in FY 2027 for the HWY 218 repaving project from the Cedar River in Janesville to IA 116 in Waverly.

It is your privilege to attend this hearing to express your views concerning the proposed amendment, or you may submit your written comments to the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments, 229 E. Park Ave., Waterloo, Iowa 50703, through the time and date of the hearing as specified above. The public is hereby notified that if no changes are made to the proposed amendment stated above, it will be considered for adoption without further public comment.

For additional information, you may contact Nick Fratzke at (319) 235-0311 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays or at kdurant@inrcog.org.
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