

BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

February 12, 2026

MINUTES

Becker (Chair) called the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board meeting to order at 10:06 am.

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Black Hawk County	TTC member
Lisa Smock	Mayor	Elk Run Height	Policy Board Member
Gary Vick	Mayor	Raymond	Policy Board Member
Deanne Kobliska*	Mayor	Evansdale	Policy Board Member
Scott Becker	Mayor	City of Gilbertville	Policy Board Member (Chair)
Jake Hovey	Public Works	Hudson	TTC 1 st Alternate
John Dornoff	Planner II	City of Waterloo	Attendee
Cherie Northrup*	Planning Administrator	BHC Conservation	Attendee
David Wicke	City Engineer	City of Cedar Falls	TTC member
Steven Kjergaard	Director of Aviation	Waterloo Regional Airport	Policy Board 1 st Alternate
Rob Werner	Public Works Director	Gilbertville	TTC member
Michelle Sweeney	Operations Manager	AECOM	Attendee
Tony Hemann	AECOM	AECOM	Attendee
Mark Durbahn*	Senior Project Manager	AECOM	Attendee
Krista Billhorn*	District Planner	IDOT	Attendee
Nick Fratzke	Director of Transportation	INRCOG	MPO Staff
Sanzida Rahman Setu	Transportation Planner II	INRCOG	MPO Staff
Oghogho Oriakhi	Transportation Planner I	INRCOG	MPO Staff

*Attended Online

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

Next, review and consider the minutes of the January 8, 2026, meeting. It was moved by Smock, seconded by Kjergaard, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously

Discussion Items.

Project updates

a. City and County Project Updates

Wicke reported that the Union Road and 27th Street project in Cedar Falls is currently in design and moving forward. Ryan provided updates on several paving efforts, including a paving project on Donald Street, an STBG-funded project, and another paving project from Raymond to Sage. Haeman shared that in Waterloo, La Porte Road Phase II has been pushed back to a May letting from its original March schedule due to a delay in the RAISE grant, and that Phase III design is proceeding. For Gilbertville, Haeman noted the 5th Street project is targeting a July letting. Sweeney stated that the IA 58 – Greene Hill project BUILD grant will be submitted in July and that support letters have been received. AECOM is continuing work on the joint recreation trail project for Cedar Falls and Waterloo under a 28E agreement, planned for FY26. Kjergaard noted that the airport will be closed for 10 days in the fall to complete intersection work, and this information will be shared with the surrounding communities.

b. Microtransit Solutions

Fratzke mentioned that one goal that resulted from the 2026-2030 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) is Microtransit, and the MPO, in coordination with the Cities of Waterloo and Cedar Falls, MET Transit, and members of the Transportation Advisory Committee, is in the early stages of exploring a Microtransit service with expanded demand response capabilities. While the concept is still being defined, including potential service areas, operations, and funding, it is viewed as an exciting opportunity, particularly with strong interest from Cedar Falls. Updates will be shared as the concept evolves.

c. MET Transit - "How to Ride" Signage

Fratzke noted that the How to Ride signage project has been an ongoing initiative of the Transit Advisory Committee alongside MET Transit and represents a key objective in the FY 2026–2030 Public Transit Plan (PTP). She explained that many residents and visitors are unfamiliar with how MET Transit operates or how to use the bus system. The proposed signage will provide clear step-by-step instructions on how to ride the bus, include QR codes for language translation, and offer easy access to the live bus tracker to improve overall accessibility and user experience. Oriakhi added that INRCOG is applying for the AARP Flagship Grant to help fund the installation of the How to Ride signage. The grant typically provides awards of up to \$15,000.

d. NEIA NEPA Study

Durbahn reported that following last month's productive meeting on the NEIA alternatives, revisions are being made, including the addition of a roundabout option at Eagles Landing Parkway in response to concerns about signal wait times and queue lengths. The roundabout concept has been received, and the team is finalizing the geometry and making refinements before sending it to the steering committee for review. Once completed, cost estimates will be updated to reflect the approved alternatives. Durbahn also noted an upcoming public information meeting for the 63 Cedar Wapsi project in April and expressed the desire to present this project in advance as a transition. The public engagement process will be primarily online, featuring a PowerPoint presentation with audio. The team anticipates having updated cost estimates, finalized alternatives, and a draft public presentation ready for the steering committee review at the March 12 meeting, with plans to launch the online public involvement process in late March.

2. General discussion.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kjegaard, seconded by Vick. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Oghogho Oriakhi
Secretary