

# BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

March 12, 2026

## MINUTES

Becker (Chair) called the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board meeting to order at 10:00 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
Deanne Kobliska	Mayor	Evansdale	Policy Board Member
Scott Becker	Mayor	City of Gilbertville	Policy Board Member (Chair)
Jake Hovey	Public Works	Hudson	TTC 1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate
Dave Bosen	Mayor	City of Waterloo	Policy Board Member
Aric Schroeder	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate
John Dornoff	Planner II	City of Waterloo	Attendee
David Wicke	City Engineer	City of Cedar Falls	TTC member
David Sturch	General Manager	MET Transit	TTC Member`
Curtis Young	Chair	Waterloo CSAC	Attendee
Steven Kjergaard	Director of Aviation	Waterloo Regional Airport	Policy Board 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 Kobliska, seconded by Smock, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, review and consider the minutes of the February 12, 2026, meeting. It was moved by Kobliska, seconded by Kjergaard, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously

### Discussion Items.

#### Project updates

- a. City and County Project Updates

##### **Black Hawk County**

Ryan reported that paving improvements on Donald Street are ongoing, with completion anticipated in the spring.

##### **City of Waterloo**

Sweeney noted that the La Porte Road project letting has been pushed back to June due to delays with the DOT. As a result, the project obligation will be moved, with an anticipated five-year extension stemming from administrative defunding and subsequent refunding of Phase II and Phase III components. The city is also preparing to pursue Safe Streets for All (SS4A) funding for the 5th and 6th Street corridors, and the

application has been completed. For the IA 58 / Greenhill Road project, right-of-way review and environmental updates are ongoing, and a BUILD grant application was submitted in February. The next step will be to proceed to the final design if the project receives funding.

#### **City of Cedar Falls**

Wicke reported that design is underway for improvements at the Union Road and 27th Street intersection, with a letting anticipated this fall. The project includes work along Union Road from 27th Street to University Avenue.

#### **City of Evansdale**

Kobliska added that the Lafayette Road project is being finalized and closed out with the DOT.

#### **City of Gilbertville**

Hemann provided an update on the 5th Street project, noting that it is now scheduled for an August letting.

#### **b. Microtransit Solutions**

Fratzke noted that there is an ongoing effort to explore potential solutions to address service gaps between existing on-board public transit options and MET Transit services, including evaluating what future service models may look like. He added that a task force consisting of key stakeholders has been established to continue discussions and coordination with Via Transportation regarding potential Microtransit or on-demand service solutions. Sturch added that the task force is working collaboratively with the cities and broadening the discussion outside of Cedar Falls & Waterloo, involving Evansdale, Raymond, and Elk Run Heights, to discuss and explore what is best for the Metro area, as well as funding opportunities.

#### **c. MET Transit - "How to Ride" Signage – AARP Community Challenge Flagship Grant Application**

Sturch provided an update on MET Transit's Ride Signage initiative, noting that an application was recently submitted for the AARP Community Challenge Grant. The grant, if approved, would fund the installation of signage with QR codes that would allow riders to easily access real-time bus location information at bus stops and key transit locations across the metro area.

#### **d. NEIA NEPA Study**

Durbahn provided updates on the NEIA study that the preferred alternative and supporting visualizations will be presented at the steering committee meeting, which follows immediately after the MPO policy board meeting, along with a discussion of next steps. An online public hearing is planned for later this month, with notices and participation details to be shared. The committee will also review preliminary cost estimates for the major infrastructure project.

## **2. General discussion.**

Fratzke mentioned that the MPO and RTA are in the process of updating the FY 2027–2030 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP), noting that a draft version is currently available on the BHCMPO website for review. He explained that the TPWP outlines and justifies the planning activities and programs to be undertaken each year and serves as the basis for submitting eligible work items to the Iowa DOT for reimbursement. Krista added that the Public Participation Plan (PPP) component within the TPWP should incorporate a virtual participation option to ensure compliance with Chapter 21 of the Iowa Open Meetings Law.

## **3. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kobliska, seconded by Kjergaard. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Oghogho Oriakhi  
Secretary