

**IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BYCYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, March 19, 2026

MINUTES

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
Joel Wikner	Councilmember	City of Denver	Policy Board Member
Landon Moore	County Engineer	Bremer County	TTC Member
Jeff Skalberg	County Engineer	Grundy County	TTC Member
Michael Schares	Mayor	City of Dunkerton	TTC Member
Roman Lensing	County Engineer	Chickasaw County	TTC Member
Alex Davis	County Engineer	Buchanan County	TTC Member
Jerald Heuer	Mayor	City of Clarksville	TTC Member
John Riherd	County Engineer	Butler County	TTC Member
Matthew Schmitz *	City Manager	City of Independence	TTC Member (Online)
James Bronner*	City Administrator	City of Waverly	TTC Member (Online)
Ben Bonner	Executive Director	Buchanan County Conservation	BPAC Member
Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Black Hawk County	Attendee
Cherrie Northrup	Planning Administrator	Black Hawk County Conservation	Attendee
Mark Crawford	Project Manager	Crawford Engineering & Surveying, Inc.	Attendee
Krista Billhorn*	District Planner Supervisor	IADOT	Attendee (Online)
Nick Fratzke	Director of Transportation	INRCOG	RTA Staff
Oghogho Oriakhi	Transportation Planner I	INRCOG	RTA Staff
Sanzida Rahman Setu	Transportation Planner II	INRCOG	RTA Staff

*Online Attendees **

A. Introduction

The introduction of the attendees was made at the beginning of three consecutive meetings.

B. Actionable Items

1. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting started with the approval of the agenda. The next agenda item was work session to develop the draft Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TA-SA/TAP) program for FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.

2. Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA/TAP) Program Work Session for the FY 2027-2030 TIP

a. Updates for projects currently programmed

No new updates have been shared. The board moved to the next agenda item and started the presentation of the new project applications.

b. Presentations by New Project Sponsors

City of Independence - 6th Avenue SW Trail Extension– Phase 2

This project involves constructing approximately 0.4 miles of an 8-foot-wide bicycle trail that connects to the existing trail along 6th Avenue SW. The trail will begin at the intersection of Enterprise Drive and Pines Drive and extend north along 6th Avenue SW to Lovers Lane. It will provide access to The Pines 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Additions, Jackson Green 1st Addition, and the city's existing trail system, while also creating a link to Triangle Park. The sponsor has requested \$400,058 TA-SA funds in FY2028.

Butler County - Utica Ave Trail

This project involves constructing a 2,750-foot separated shared-use path along Utica Ave to support both pedestrian and bicycle travel, extending from Beaver Valley Street to the New Hartford city limits. The project will require the acquisition of about one acre of right-of-way and will provide a safer connection for pedestrians and bicyclists between the Deer Ridge/Evergreen Heights neighborhoods and the City of New Hartford. Currently, both pedestrians and cyclists share County Route T55 (with an AADT of 1,120), leading to conflicts with vehicle traffic. The sponsor has requested \$360,000 TA-SA funds in FY2028.

c. Programming of TASA/TAP projects

Based on the functionality, TAP eligibility and readiness of the project, the board recommended the City of Independence 6th Ave SW Trail Extension project for funding in FY 2028.

d. Review and Consider approval of the recommended TA-SA/TAP Project to Policy Board

At the end of programming session, a motion was made to recommend the selected project to the Policy Board for review and consider approval. The motion was moved by Moore, seconded by Schares. Motion carried unanimously.

C. General Discussion

No general items were discussed.

There being no further discussion, Fratzke called for a motion to adjourn. Moore moved the motion, seconded by Lensing. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Sincerely,
Sanzida Rahman Setu
RTA Staff