

**IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, March 19, 2026**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting Attendees:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Role</b>
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
Mark Crawford	Project Manager	Crawford Engineering & Surveying, Inc.	Attendee
Cherrie Northrup*	Planning Administrator	Black Hawk County Conservation	Attendee (Online)
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 making a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was moved by Schares, seconded Lensing. Motion carried unanimously. The next agenda was work session to develop the draft Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program for FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.

**2. STBG 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**

**Buchanan County - V62 Reconstruction Jesup to D16**

This project involves reconstructing a 3.5-mile segment of V62 by removing and crushing the existing pavement, reusing it as base material, and repaving the roadway with 10" concrete. Excavated material from base and pavement preparation will be utilized to widen the shoulders to 10' on each side of the roadway. The project will extend from the intersection of V62 and North Street on the north side of Jesup to 175th Street (D16). The sponsor has requested \$2,600,000 STBG funds in FY2028.

**Chickasaw County - V21 Restoration Project**

This project involves improving approximately 4 miles of V21, extending north from the Bremer County line to State Hwy 346, through the placement of a 7" Portland Cement Concrete (P.C.C.) overlay. The existing roadway surface is rapidly deteriorating, with widespread cracking, raveling, and wheel rutting that pose safety concerns. The project will enhance the safety and efficiency of the transportation system by providing a more durable surface capable of supporting increased traffic volume and heavier vehicles. While the P.C.C. overlay is the preferred option, an alternative approach consisting of 4 inches of Cold-in-Place Recycling followed by a 3-inch Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) overlay may be considered depending on available funding. The sponsor has requested \$2,276,000 STBG funds in FY2030.

**c. Programming of STBG projects**

Based on project functionality, STBG allocation, and overall importance, the board recommended advancing both projects in FY 2030, with funding levels reduced from the amounts originally requested. The Buchanan County V62 Reconstruction project was awarded \$1,700,000, approximately 65% of the requested amount. The Chickasaw County V21 Reconstruction project was awarded \$1,400,000, approximately 61.5% of the requested amount.

**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 consideration for approval. The motion was moved by Moore, seconded by Wikner. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. General Discussion**

Schmitz recommended including the number of times a project has been submitted for STBG funding in the project information section. This information would provide additional context on project history and competitiveness and help evaluating funding priorities.

There being no further discussion, Fratzke called for a motion to adjourn. Skalberg moved the motion, seconded by Wikner. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Sincerely,  
Sanzida Rahman Setu  
RTA Staff