

**BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING NOTICE**

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

Thursday, May 14, 2026, 10:00 AM

AGENDA

Actionable Items

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the April 9, 2026, meeting.
3. Hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of the Final FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) [Link](#)

Discussion Items

1. Project updates.
 - a. City and County Project Updates
 - b. Microtransit Solutions
 - c. NEIA NEPA Study, Extension of Existing Agreement (June 30th) - RCE Grant Application for the Dubuque Rd/Plaza Drive Roundabouts & Grade Separation [Link](#)
2. General discussion.
3. Adjournment.

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Policy Board Members (Updated 1/23/2026)

Representing	Name	Title	MPO Membership
City of Cedar Falls	Danny Laudick	Mayor	Member
	Gil Schultz	Councilperson	1 st Alternate
	Chris Latta	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	2 nd Alternate
City of Elk Run Heights	Lisa Smock	Mayor	Member
	Heather Sallis	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Evansdale	DeAnne Kobliska	Mayor	Member
	Justin Smock	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	1st Alternate
	Dottie Wear	Councilperson	2nd Alternate
City of Gilbertville	Scott Becker	Mayor	Member (Chair)
	Mike even	Councilperson	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Hudson	Héctor Baldiviezo	Mayor	Member
	Matt Reisetser	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Raymond	Gary Vick	Mayor	Member
			1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Waterloo	Dave Bosen	Mayor	Member
	Noel Anderson	Com. Planning & Dev. Director	1st Alternate
	Aric Schroeder	City Planner	2nd Alternate
Black Hawk County	Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor	Member (Vice-Chair)
			2nd Alternate
MET Transit Board	Rosalyn Middleton	Board Member	Member
	Sharon Droste	Chair	1st Alternate
	Stephanie Sheetz	Vice-Chair	2nd Alternate
Waterloo Regional Airport Board	David Deeds	Chair	Member
	Steven Kjergaard	Director of Aviation	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate

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Transportation Technical Committee Members (Updated 04/09/2025)

Representing	Name	Title	MPO Membership
City of Cedar Falls	David Wicke	City Engineer	Member
	Ben Claypool	Principal Engineer	1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
City of Elk Run Heights	Julie Eastman	City Clerk	Member
	Dale Wilson	Councilperson	1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
City of Evansdale	Chris Schares	Public Works Director	Member
			1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
City of Gilbertville	Rob Werner	Public Works Director	Member
	Al Even	City Maintenance	1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
City of Hudson	Julie Eastman	City Administrator/City Clerk	Member
	Jake Hovey	Public Works Director	1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
City of Raymond	Becky Pint	Councilperson	Member
			1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
City of Waterloo	Jamie Knutson	City Engineer	Member (Chair)
	Wayne Castle	Associate Engineer	1 st Alternate
	Matt Schindel	Associate Engineer	2 nd Alternate
Black Hawk County	Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Member
			1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
MET Transit	David Sturch	General Manager	Member
			1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate
Waterloo Regional Airport			Member
			1 st Alternate
			2 nd Alternate

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April 09, 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
Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor	Black Hawk County	Member (Vice-Chair)
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
Dave Bosen	Mayor	City of Waterloo	Policy Board Member
Aric Schroeder	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2 nd Alternate
John Dornoff	Planner II	City of Waterloo	Attendee
David Sturch	General Manager	MET Transit	TTC Member`
Curtis Young	Chair	Waterloo CSAC	Attendee
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 Kurtenbach, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Discussion Items.

1. Draft FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Fratzke mentioned that the draft Fiscal Year 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) serves as the annual framework outlining proposed transportation planning activities and justifies reimbursement requests to the DOT. The program identifies funding targets, allocates staff time, and defines key planning elements, including TIP development, public participation plan, and both long- and short-range transportation planning. It also highlights priority projects to be undertaken during the year. A major emphasis for FY2027 will be advancing the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan update, due in 2028, and updating the public participation plan.

2. Project updates

- a. City and county project updates

Black Hawk County

Ryan noted that paving is starting mid-May for the Donald St project, in conjunction with the City of Waterloo, and Raymond Rd. is projected for the fall, end of the paving season.

City of Waterloo

Sweeney mentioned LaPorte Rd. holding pattern for phase 2 and phase 3 final design on hold, although preliminary and check plan reviews are completed, and right of way acquisition is moving forward for phases 2 and 3. Sweeney mentioned being unsure where the punch list for Park Ave and 11th St. Additionally, a joint trail project between Waterloo and Cedar Falls is advancing, with an agreement scheduled for the next council meeting.

City of Gilbertville

Hamann noted that the 5th Street project is scheduled for an August letting. Based on the DOT check plans, NEPA environmental clearance was received approximately one to two weeks ago.

DOT

Sweeney noted for IA 58, right-of-way plans with preliminary plans submitted, and a BUILD grant application was submitted and is under consideration. After advancing to the second round, there is optimism for funding, which would close the gap and allow progress, with a decision expected around October or earlier.

b. Microtransit Solutions

Sturch mentioned ongoing discussions with cities and stakeholders are continuing through a smaller working group (task force), with the next meeting scheduled to review updated cost estimates and project scenarios. Fratzke added that one scenario incorporates Elk Run Heights and Evansdale to assess feasibility and provide information for future consideration, even if it is not immediately pursued.

c. NEIA NEPA Study

Durbahn noted that a steering committee meeting held on March 12 reviewed project alternatives, the preferred alternative, and preliminary cost estimates. The preferred option includes extending Plaza Drive over the CN Railroad with a grade-separated crossing, connecting to Dubuque Road as a two-lane facility with roundabouts at key intersections, including Lafayette Road. The project is primarily intended to support freight movement, accommodating about 1,200 semi-trucks daily with access control to improve traffic flow. The project is 90% complete; final refinements are ongoing, and a public meeting is expected by late June.

3. General discussion.

Fratzke noted that no STBG or CRP applications were received. While this initially raised concern, it was acknowledged that while the program remains fiscally constrained through 2030, with the potential to carry over funds into 2031. The carryover provides flexibility for future projects or adjustments in funding targets. Krista added that having a balance is not necessarily problematic, particularly when available funds may be insufficient to meaningfully support larger projects. The option to reopen the application cycle was discussed but approached cautiously to avoid setting an unintended precedent, with preference given to seeking policy board input. Additionally, two TASA applications from Gilbertville and Evansdale were received and can both be accommodated within the program, eliminating the need for a programming session. Final recommendations will be brought to the policy board for consideration and approval in May.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kobliska, seconded by Kurtenbach. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Oghogho Oriakhi
Secretary

Black Hawk County MPO TPWP FY 2027

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board (MPO) will hold a public hearing at the INRCOG Center, 229 E. Park Ave., Waterloo, Iowa, on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to solicit public comment on the final version of the FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). The document outlines transportation-related activities and projects anticipated to occur in the MPO region for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. The document can be viewed at www.bhcmpo.org/mpo-plans-programs.

It is your privilege to attend this hearing to express your views concerning the TPWP, 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. Following the hearing, the MPO will consider all oral and written comments before adopting the final TPWP.

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 nfratzke@inrcog.org.
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