

**IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MEETING NOTICE**

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

THURSDAY, May 21, 2026, 1:00 PM

AGENDA

Actionable Items

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the April 16, 2026 meeting.
3. Hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of the FY 2026 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) - https://bhcmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/2-rta_fy_27_tpwp_text.pdf

Discussion Items

1. Project updates (TA-SA/TAP and STBG)
2. General discussion.
3. Adjournment

Policy Board Members (Term Ending 12/31/2026)

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Everyone can come to this meeting. If you need special help to join, call INRCOG at (319) 235-0311 at least two days before the meeting.

Representing	Name	Title
Black Hawk County	Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor
Bremer County	Duane Hildebrandt	Supervisor (Vice Chair)
Buchanan County	Keith Wieland	Supervisor
Butler County	Greg Barnett	Supervisor (Chair)
Chickasaw County	Scott Cerwinske	Supervisor
Grundy County	Mark Schildroth	Supervisor
City of Waverly	James Bronner	City Administrator
City of Independence	Brad Bleichner	Mayor
City of Denver (Small City At Large)	Joel Wikner	Councilmember
City of Dunkerton (Small City At Large)	Michael Schares	Mayor
City of La Porte City (Small City At Large)	Jane Whittlesey	City Clerk
City of New Hampton (Small City At Large)	Steve Geerts	Mayor

Transportation Technical Committee Members (Term Ending 12/31/2026)

Representing	Name	Title
Black Hawk County	Cathy Nicholas	County Engineer
Bremer County	Landon Moore	County Engineer
Buchanan County	Alex Davis	County Engineer
Butler County	John Riherd	County Engineer
Chickasaw County	Roman Lensing	County Engineer
Grundy County	Jeff Skalberg	County Engineer
City of Waverly	James Bronner	City Administrator
City of Independence	Matthew Schmitz	City Manager
City of Denver (Small City At Large)	Joel Wikner	Councilmember
City of Dunkerton (Small City At Large)	Michael Schares	Mayor
City of La Porte City (Small City At Large)	Jane Whittlesey	City Clerk
City of Clarksville (Small City At Large)	Jerald Heuer	Mayor

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members (Term Ending 12/31/2026)

Representing	Name	Title
Black Hawk County Conservation	Mike Hendrickson	Executive Director
Bremer County Conservation	Andrew Hockenson	Director
Buchanan County Conservation	Ben Bonner	Executive Director
Butler County Conservation	Matt Wilken	Executive Director
Chickasaw County Conservation	Chad Humpal	Director
Grundy County Conservation	Nick Buseman	Executive Director
City of Waverly	James Bronner	City Administrator
City of Independence	Matthew Schmitz	City Manager
City of Denver (Small City At Large)	Joel Wikner	Councilmember
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POLICY BOARD**

THURSDAY, April 16, 2026

MINUTES

Hildebrandt (Vice Chair) called the meeting of the Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to order at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor	Black Hawk County	Policy Board Member
Duane Hildebrandt	Supervisor	Bremer County	Policy Board Member (Vice Chair)
Joel Wikner	Councilmember	City of Denver	Policy Board Member
Mark A. Schildroth	Supervisor	Grundy County	Policy Board Member
Steve Geerts	Mayor	City of New Hampton	Policy Board Member
Keith Wieland*	Supervisor	Buchanan County	Policy Board Member (Online)
Landon Moore	County Engineer	Bremer County	TTC Member
Jeff Skalberg	County Engineer	Grundy County	TTC Member
Michael Schares	Mayor	City of Dunkerton	TTC Member
Matthew Schmitz *	City Manager	City of Independence	TTC Member (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 **

The meeting started with the approval of the agenda. Motion was made by Wikner, seconded by Kurtenbach to approve the agenda. Motion carries unanimously.

Next was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the March 19, 2026, meeting. Motion was moved by Schildroth, seconded by Wikner to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

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

Fratzke presented the FY2027 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) outlining key work elements including the TIP, public participation process, long-range and short-range transportation planning, and administration. Funding targets from the DOT were noted as subject to change with adjustments made based on anticipated priorities. The draft was submitted to the DOT by the April 1st deadline, with minimal feedback received and no significant revisions expected. Final approval is expected at the May policy board meeting. Board members are welcome to review the draft TPWP and provide any feedback.

1. Project updates (TASA/TAP and STBG).

- Black Hawk County received notice on FY25 CHBP grant will be awarded 64% of their budget. The federal aid bridge project on Winslow Road is in progress. Additionally, the five-year plan has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors, which includes an intersection project at University and Ridgeway, with funding anticipated next year.

- Bremer County also received CHBP funding. They are starting the replacement of culverts on the V21 project.
- Buchanan County started the W-45 project in April 2026. Additionally, the bridge replacement project over Wapsi River will be let next.
- Iowa DOT held a public meeting on the US 63 and C57 project, with comments open for two more weeks on two proposed design options. The commission is developing its five-year program with a draft expected in May 2026 and plans an October 2026 visit to Marquette. The Bremer County interchange project is on track for completion this fall.

2. General Discussion

Fratzke revisited the STBG and TASA programing and funding allocation.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Sincerely,
Sanzida Rahman Setu
RTA Staff

**Iowa Northland Regional
Transportation Authority TPWP
FY 2027**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Policy Board will hold a public hearing at the INRCOG Center, 229 E. Park Ave., Waterloo, Iowa, on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 1:00 p.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 the transportation-related activities and projects that are anticipated to occur in the RTA region for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. The document can be viewed at www.bhcmpo.org/rta-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 RTA 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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