

BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

August 13, 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
Scott Becker	Mayor	City of Gilbertville	Policy Board Member (Chair)
Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor	Black Hawk County	Policy Board Member (Vice Chair)
David Wicke	City Engineer	City of Cedar Falls	TTC Member
Deanne Kobliska	Mayor	City of Evansdale	Policy Board Member
Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Black Hawk County	TTC Member
Aric Schroeder*	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2 nd Alternate
David Sturch	General Manager	MET Transit	TTC Member`
Curtis Young	Chair	Waterloo CSAC	Attendee
Rob Werner	Public Works Director	City of Gilbertville	TTC member
Mark Durbahn	Project Manager	AECOM	Attendee
Michelle Sweeney	Operations Manager	AECOM	Attendee
Tony Hemann	AECOM	AECOM	Attendee
Krista Billhorn*	District Planner	IDOT	Attendee
Steven Kjergaard*	Director of Aviation	ALO	Policy Board 1 st Alternate
Gary Vick	Mayor	City of Raymond	Policy Board Member
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 Kurtenbach, seconded by Vick, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, review and consider approval of the minutes of May 14, 2026, and July 09, 2026, meeting. It was moved by Kurtenbach, seconded by Kobliska, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items.

1. NADO National Award - INRCOG received the 2026 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award for its FY 2026–2030 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP)

Fratzke mentioned that the INRCOG FY 2026–2040 PTP received the NADO 2026 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award, emphasizing that the recognition reflects a collective team effort. Fratzke noted that PTP outlines strategies and initiatives for the next five years, including the Microtransit initiative, among other key goals. Fratzke highlighted the various accolades the plan has received, both from the Iowa DOT and at the national level, as recognition of the quality and collaborative effort behind the plan.

2. Project updates

a. City and county project updates

- **Black Hawk County**, Brennan reported for Donald St., paving has been completed and the project is currently undergoing an audit with the DOT.
- **City of Cedar Falls**, Wicke reported that Main Street is addressing remaining punch-list items, while 27th/Union Rd. remains in design, with bidding expected in late fall/early winter and

construction next year. Sweeney reported that Greenhill Rd./IA 58 is moving toward final design, with public meetings, right-of-way impacts, and NEPA activities underway; letting is anticipated in late 2028, with construction planned for 2029.

- **City of Waterloo**, Hemann noted that La Porte is scheduled for letting in November. The USDOT funding has not yet been signed or obligated.
- **City of Gilbertville**, Hamann reported that 5th Street was bid in July, and slightly above estimate. Finalize contract, with some concrete work and the overlay potentially taking place this year.
- **Raymond**, Vick reported that Lafayette Road is substantially complete, with final grading finished
- **DOT** – no major updates.

b. Microtransit Solutions

Sturch noted that the Microtransit initiative has been in development ongoing and is now at the funding stage, with potential funders from the Union Block, DOT, and local jurisdictions. The three-year pilot is intended to complement gaps in first- and last-mile connectivity to the existing fixed-route system, with potential for expansion based on demand and performance. Next steps include presenting to city councils to secure buy-in. Fratzke added that discussions are ongoing with major employers, including Tyson and UnityPoint Health.

c. NEIA NEPA Study

Durbahn provided a comprehensive presentation on the NEIA Study, noting collaboration with the steering committee, Iowa DOT, and INRCOG to refine the recommended alternatives. Next steps include presenting the recommendations to city councils and establishing a framework for jurisdictions to pursue potential grant opportunities through the FHWA or FRA to help fund some of the preferred projects.

3. General discussion.

Setu provided an update on NOFOs/grant opportunities, including ICAAP, TAP, and FRT. Setu mentioned the DOT requesting public comments for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and State Long Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP).

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kobliska, seconded by Kurtenbach. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Oghogho Oriakhi
Secretary