

**IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MEETING NOTICE**

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

THURSDAY, October 16, 2025, 1:00 PM

AGENDA

Actionable Items

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the September 18, 2025, meeting.
3. Review and reconsider approval TIP Amendment – Project 52489 (US 218: Janesville to Waverly).

Discussion Items

1. Context for TIP Amendment – Project 52489 (US 218: Janesville to Waverly).
2. Project updates (TA SA/TAP and STBG).
3. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update.
4. General discussion.
5. Adjournment.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

Hilderbrandt (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
Dewey Hildebrandt	Supervisor	Bremer County	Policy Board Member (Vice Chair)
Michael Schares	Mayor	City of Dunkerton	Policy Board Member
Joel Wikner	Mayor pro tem	City of Denver	Policy Board Member
Brad Bleichner*	Mayor	City of Independence	Policy Board Members
Keith Wieland	Supervisor	Buchanan County	Policy Board Member
Brian Keierleber	County Engineer	Buchanan County	TTC Member
Cathy Nicholas	County Engineer	Black Hawk County	TTC Member
Landon Moore	County Engineer	Bremer County	TTC Member
John Riherd*	County Engineer	Butler County	TTC Member
Jerald Heuer	Mayor	City of Clarksville	Attendee
Steve Geerts	Mayor	City of New Hampton	Attendee
Krista Billhorn*	District Planner Supervisor	IDOT	Attendee (Online)
Travis Halm*	Metropolitan & Regional Planning Coordinator	IDOT	Attendee (Online)
Mark Crawford*	Project Manager	Crawford Engineering & Surveying, Inc.	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 FIRST item was approval of the agenda. Motion was made by Geerts, seconded by Wikner, to approve the agenda. Motion carries unanimously.

Next was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the September 18, 2025, meeting. It was moved by Kurtenbach, seconded by Schares, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Up next, Hildebrandt (Vice Chair) called for a motion to review and reconsider the approval of amendment to the FY 2026 - 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)- Project 52489 (US 218: Janesville to Waverly). The motion was made by Wieland, seconded by Wikner and approved by the board.

Discussion Items

1. Context for TIP Amendment – Project 52489 (US 218: Janesville to Waverly)

The Policy Board had requested clarification on reallocating \$2 million carry-over funding impact (from FY26 to FY27) for the HWY 218 repaving project from Janesville to Waverly. Billhorn clarifies that the TIP amendment is a technical change from one fiscal year to the next, with no impact on RTA or STP funding. Previously, Oriakhi shared the context for the TIP Amendment that the funding was

authorized in June for a July letting, which falls within FY 2025. The FY 2027 funding will remain unchanged.

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

- Billhorn later shared that a portion of the project on the Waverly Bridge deck pouring has been planned to be completed on October 16, 2025. It is projected to be open for traffic circulation by late November with sidewalk construction afterwards; the resurfacing on US 218 South of Waterloo and US 63 from US 20 north to University Ave will be completed in 2025. There will be items to clean up in Spring 2025; a portion on US 218 Bremer-interchange will be completed in 2027 and the interchange north of Janesville will be open for traffic in Fall 2026.
- Moore shared that Bremer County has completed C33 resurfacing project. Bremer County is currently closing out the three Bridge construction projects. They submitted Competitive Highway Bridge Program grant application for two more bridge construction in 2026.
- Nicholas shared that Black Hawk County completed Dubuque Road culvert closure. They are working on a promotional video which will be circulated through social media. For 2027, they are planning the resurfacing of Washburn Rd over the Cedar River floodplain and floodway zones.
- Keierleber provided update on D22 project – from IA 187 to Delaware is completed. and W 35 project is nearing completion, with a friction course, guardrail work and pavement marking remaining. The STBG funded W-45 project to South Moore St will be on the February 2026 letting. The Bridge project, which involves six counties is expected to be ready for March 2026 letting, if the Federal Government shutdown doesn't impact its timeline.
- Riherd shared that Butler County wrapped up federally funded four bridge deck overlay projects and the STP rehab north of Dumont is underway. Two off-system projects including a box culvert and a concrete slab bridge construction will be in the December 2025 and January 2026 lettings.

3. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Oriakhi shared the final draft of 2050 RTA Long Range Transportation Plan and requested the board to share any comment or view on the draft. He explains that the pavement condition index data is collected every four years and the updated LRTP includes the latest data from 2022. The draft LRTP will be set out for public comments and shared with IDOT for adoption over the course of a few months.

4. General Discussion

- Fratzke provided updates on the Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP). The Transit Advisory Committee has developed a framework with goals and objectives for the next five-years periods. The Plan emphasizes the metropolitan area transportation with some regional focus within OnBoard Public Transit network. The board commended Oriakhi and INRCOG team for the work on the Long-Range Transportation Plan and Passenger Transportation Plan.
- Billhorn shared that IDOT will set up meetings with all the County Engineers on the local road safety plans completed in each county. She also mentioned that the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) application is due in November 2025.
- Nicholas mentions a proposal to change the sales tax language in Black Hawk County unincorporated areas to allow for capital purchases and maintenance.

There being no further business, Hildebrandt (Vice Chair) called for a motion to adjourn. Geerts moved the motion, seconded by Kurtenbach. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Sincerely,

Sanzida Rahman Setu
RTA Staff