

BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

JANUARY 08, 2025

MINUTES

Smock (Chair) called the meeting of the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board to order at 10:00 am.

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Black Hawk County	TTC member
Lisa Smock	Mayor	Elk Run Height	Policy Board Member (Chair)
Deanne Kobliska	Mayor	Evansdale	Policy Board Member
Scott Becker	Mayor	City of Gilbertville	Policy Board Member
David Sturch	General Manger	MET Transit	TTC member
Curtis Young	Chair	Waterloo CSAC	Attendee
Jake Hovey	Public Works	Hudson	TTC 1 st Alternate
Cherie Northrup	Planning Administrator	BHC Conservation	Attendee
Noel Anderson	Com. Planning & Dev. Director	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 1 st Alternate
Mike Henderson	Executive Director	BHC Conservation	Attendee
Dave Bosen	Mayor	Waterloo	Member
Aric Schroeder	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2nd Alternate
Jamie Knutson	City Engineer	City of Waterloo	TTC Member
David Wicke	City Engineer	City of Cedar Falls	TTC member
Steven Kjergaard	Director of Aviation	Waterloo Regional Airport	Policy Board 1 st Alternate
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 election of officers for 2026. Kobliska nominated Becker for Chair. It was moved by Kobliska, seconded by Bosen, to approve the Chair for 2026. Motion carried unanimously. Kobliska then nominated Kurtenbach for Vice Chair. Motion moved by Kobliska, seconded by Becker. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, the introduction and approval of the agenda. It was moved by Kjergaard, seconded by Kobliska, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, review and consider the minutes of the December 11, 2025, meeting. It was moved by Kobliska, seconded by Smock, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously

Discussion Items

1. **Consider amendments to 2026-2029 TIP:** Moving the Waterloo La Porte Rd STBG funds from FY 2028 to FY 2026.

Fratzke provided the background and objective of the discussion regarding the La Porte Rd project. Jamie mentioned the possibility of moving the Gilbertsville 5th Street project. Fratzke provided an overview of the FY 2026 funding while noting that the Gilbertsville project and Black Hawk County Donald Street projects have already been let, and have a funding agreement in place, making it difficult to reprogram

those funds. Further discussion would be left to the individual jurisdictions. Jamie and Sweeney noted that the LaPorte Road Phase II engineering estimate is lower than programmed, which affects the local match and could help address the deficit. Sweeney stated that Phase II is scheduled for letting in March and Phase III in July and suggested rolling the adjustment into Phase III to remain fiscally constrained, with any STBG excess rolling forward. Fratzke explained that an administrative amendment could remove approximately \$130,000 from Phase III and revisit funding levels after bids to ensure fiscal constraint.

Project updates

a. City and county project updates

Wicke reported for Cedar Falls that the Main Street project is completed, open, and punch list work is in progress. For Waterloo, Jamie provided updates on La Porte Rd: Phase I at 95% complete, Phase II bid in March, and Phase III in July. Brennan mentioned the joint project with Black County for the Donald overlay resurfacing, starting in the spring. Sweeney, IA -58 & Greenhill Rd intersection study is wrapping up utility coordination, and public information meetings in the spring, starting with the BUILD grant in coordination with IDOT, Cedar Falls, and calls for a support letter from jurisdictions and the MPO before 24th February. Fratzke mentioned that Evansdale got an award for the smoothness of Lafayette Road.

b. MET Transit - "How to Ride" Signage

Sturch noted that comments had been received from the City of Waterloo regarding the signage resolutions and that these would be addressed before submission to Council.

c. NEIA NEPA Study

Durbahn discussed the outcome of the December steering committee meeting, safety and capacity improvement alternatives for key corridors and intersections, highlighting significant safety concerns at Donald Street, Elk Run, and Cedar Wapsi Road, with IDOT studying the US 63/Cedar Wapsi intersection. Three improvement alternatives were outlined, and coordination with John Deere is ongoing. Upcoming steps include a January 21 steering committee meeting, public involvement, and an environmental review. Sweeney noted that the NEIA study meets requirements and could potentially support a BUILD grant application.

2. General discussion.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kobliska, seconded by Bosen. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Oghogho Oriakhi
Secretary