

**IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
POLICY BOARD**

THURSDAY, July 16, 2026

MINUTES

Schildroth (Acting 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
Steve Geerts	Mayor	City of New Hampton	Policy Board Member
Michael Schares	Mayor	City of Dunkerton	Policy Board Member
Keith Wieland*	Supervisor	Buchanan County	Policy Board Member (Online)
Mark A. Schildroth	Supervisor	Grundy County	Policy Board Member (Acting Chair)
Scott Cerwinske*	Mayor	City of Independence	Policy Board Member (Online)
Alex Davis	County Engineer	Buchanan County	TTC Member
John Riherd	County Engineer	Butler County	TTC Member
Landon Moore	County Engineer	Bremer County	TTC Member
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Roman Lensing*	County Engineer	Chickasaw County	TTC Member (Online)
Matthew Schmitz *	City Manager	City of Independence	TTC Member (Online)
Larry Farley	City Administrator	City of Denver	Attendee
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 Schares, seconded by Geerts to approve the agenda. Motion carries unanimously.

Next was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the June 18, 2026, meeting. Motion was moved by Schares, seconded by Geerts to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Up next was the public hearing to review and approve the final INRTA Final FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Schildroth (Acting Chair) opened the public hearing on July 16, 2026, at 1:03 p.m. Fratzke noted that INRCOG held two public input sessions both in-person and virtual, each running for an hour and received no public feedback on the TIP. Hearing no public comment, the Acting Chair called for any additional comments or discussion on final TIP. Hearing none, the public hearing was officially closed at 1:06 p.m. Following that, Schildroth called for a motion to adopt the INRTA Final FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A motion was moved by Schares, seconded by Geerts to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Afterwards, Schildroth commenced the discussion items.

Discussion Items

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

- Buchanan County completed the deconstruction of first boxed culvert, and the second culvert project is halfway done.
- City of Denver's State funded street resurfacing project is underway.
- Bremer County is preparing for two CHBP funded bridge projects letting in November 2026 and two raised bridge projects letting in December 2026. Additionally, two STBG funded culvert replacement projects are scheduled for next year.
- Black Hawk County has finished all project engineering work for this year apart from the federally funded bridge project on Winslow Rd.
- Butler County started the construction of two BROS projects. The Ridge Ave bridge project is expected to be completed on July 16, 2026, while work on the 120th St bridge over Flint Creek is progressing steadily.
- Chickasaw County is preparing for V56 project letting in September 2026. Additionally, they are conducting a brief public input survey on current bridge conditions and proposed improvements, in partnership with the Iowa DOT.
- City of Independence has started the construction work of Phase II of the Enterprise Dr. Trail Extension Project.

2. General Discussion

- **Butler County Industrial Park Road RISE Grant:** Butler County was awarded a \$360,000 RISE grant to help build a new roadway for Feldmeier Equipment's new facility in the Shell Rock Industrial Park. The new road will improve access to the highway and support the company's expansion, with plans to begin operations at the new site early next year. The county also received approximately \$3 to \$4 million through a federal funded bundle bridge project with six other counties. The total project is estimated at about \$24 million.
- **Black Haw County MPO Microtransit Solution:** The MPO is working with MET Transit to explore opportunities for a new microtransit service that would complement existing fixed-route and paratransit options. The service would help address first-mile/last-mile transportation needs and improve access in areas where fixed routes are less effective. The concept is still in the early planning stages, with hopes of developing the service over the next one to two years.
- Iowa DOT Commission meeting will be held on October 13, 2026, with a public input session. Anyone is welcome to share any feedback.

There being no further discussion, Schildroth called for a motion to adjourn. Schares moved the motion, seconded by Geerts. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Sincerely,
Sanzida Rahman Setu
RTA Staff