

BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

July 09, 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)
Danny Laudick	Mayor	City of Cedar Falls	Policy Board Member
David Wicke	City Engineer	City of Cedar Falls	TTC Member
Deanne Kobliska	Mayor	City of Evansdale	Policy Board Member
Heather Sallis	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	City of Elk Run Heights	Policy Board 1 st Alternate
Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Black Hawk County	TTC Member
Aric Schroeder	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2 nd Alternate
John Dornoff	Planner II	City of Waterloo	Attendee
David Sturch	General Manager	MET Transit	TTC Member`
Curtis Young	Chair	Waterloo CSAC	Attendee
Rob Werner	Public Works Director	City of Gilbertville	TTC member
Michelle Sweeney*	Operations Manager	AECOM	Attendee
Tony Hemann	AECOM	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 introduction and approval of the agenda. It was moved by Kurtenbach, seconded by Kobliska, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, hold a Public Hearing to consider and approve the final FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Motion to open the public hearing was moved by Kurtenbach, seconded by Kobliska. Motion carried unanimously. Oriakhi noted that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) identifies highway, bridge, bicycle and pedestrian, Safe Routes to School, and transit projects within the Black Hawk County urbanized area that are scheduled to receive federal funding over the next four federal fiscal years. He noted that the TIP was made available for public input through two public input sessions with no public comments were received. Fratzke reported that no new STBG applications were submitted. However, the City of Hudson requested Board approval to amend its FY 2026 Washington Street project by increasing STBG funding from \$853,600 to \$1,168,800 (an additional \$315,200) and moving the project to FY 2028 due to a 37% increase in project costs. Motion to close the public hearing was moved by Kobliska, seconded by Laudick. The motion carried unanimously. A motion to approve and adopt the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was moved by Laudick, seconded by Kobliska. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items.

1. 2055 MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

Setu reported that the MPO has begun coordinating with the Iowa DOT on the 2028 LRTP update. Oriakhi noted that travel demand modeling will evaluate future land use and travel patterns, while Fratzke indicated that recent Iowa DOT staff turnover has delayed the modeling process.

2. Onboard Public Transit Guide Update

Fratzke reported that staff are evaluating fare adjustments for OnBoard Public Transit due to rising operating costs. The fare is \$2 per mile with \$8 minimum, and service costs about \$100 per hour with subsidies.

3. Project updates

a. City and county project updates

- **Black Hawk County,** Kurtenbach noted that the Donald Street, Gilbertville, and Raymond projects have been completed.
- **City of Cedar Falls,** Wicke mentioned the Main Street is near completion and 27th Street/Union Road projects design work are progressing as planned and announced the receipt of a \$24 million BUILD Grant for the Greenhill Road/IA 58 project.
- **City of Waterloo,** Hemann reported that Phase I of LaPorte Rd utility work is underway with paving expected in August, while Phases II and III are planned for a combined November letting, pending approval of the required amendments.
- **City of Gilbertville,** Hamann reported that the 5th St sewer project completed soon and roads open on Monday morning.
- **DOT,** Billhorn invited INRCOG to present at the Commission Tour in Marquette this October and provided an update on the Greenhill Road BUILD Grant project, noting that right-of-way acquisition is planned for FY 2028 and construction letting is anticipated in FY 2029

b. Cedar Valley Nature Trails Guide Update

Oriakhi introduced the updated pocket-sized, user-friendly trail guide, while Setu noted that user feedback continues to improve the interactive trail map by identifying closures and other trail updates.

c. How to Ride Signage – AARP Grant

Sturch reported that although the national AARP grant application was unsuccessful, the State Outreach offered \$4,200 to fully fund the How to Ride Signage project. Installation of approximately 40 signs with QR codes is expected by the end of the summer.

d. Microtransit Solutions

Sturch provided an update on the ongoing microtransit initiative for the Waterloo–Cedar Falls area. The proposed service would provide on-demand connections for riders in areas not directly served by fixed transit routes. Planning efforts are continuing, seeking funding through grant application. A pilot program is anticipated to launch next year.

e. NEIA NEPA Study

Hemann noted ongoing work on Elk Run Heights to evaluate alternatives that would convert the roadway into two lanes and reduce project costs. Also, Elk Run Heights does not support closing Elk Run Road, as it serves as a direct emergency access route to Allen Hospital, and a concern raised by CN.

4. General discussion.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kurtenbach, seconded by Kobliska. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Oghogho Oriakhi
Secretary