BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

May 14, 2026

MINUTES

Kurtenbach (vice-Chair) called the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Black Hawk County	TTC member
Gary Vick	Mayor	City of Raymond	Policy Board Member
Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor	Black Hawk County	Member (Vice-Chair)
Deanne Kobliska	Mayor	Evansdale	Policy Board Member
Dave Bosen	Mayor	City of Waterloo	Policy Board Member
Aric Schroeder*	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2nd Alternate
John Dornoff	Planner II	City of Waterloo	Attendee
David Sturch	General Manager	MET Transit	TTC Member`
Curtis Young	Chair	Waterloo CSAC	Attendee
Tony Hemann	AECOM	AECOM	Attendee
Mark Durbahn	Senior Project Manager	AECOM	Attendee
Krista Billhorn*	District Planner	IDOT	Attendee
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 Bosen, seconded by Kobliska, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, review and consider the minutes of the March 12, 2026, meeting. It was moved by Kobliska, seconded by Bosen, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously

Next, hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of the Final FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work program (TPWP). Motion to open the public hearing was moved by Kobliska, seconded by Bosen. Motion carried unanimously. Oriakhi mentioned that the Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) outlines the transportation activities and projects anticipated within the MPO during the fiscal year. The TPWP also establishes the budget for various programs based on targets provided by the Iowa DOT, identifies staff time allocations, and serves as a framework for justifying reimbursement from the DOT. TPWP has been open to public comments, during which no comments were received. Motion to close the hearing was moved by Bosen, seconded by Kobliska. The motion carried unanimously. A motion to approve the Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) for FY 2027 was moved by Bosen and Seconded by Kobliska. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items.

1. **Project updates**

   a. **City and county project updates**

      Cedar Falls
      Wicke noted that the Main Street project was completed last fall, with remaining punch list items currently being addressed and completion anticipated by the end of summer. For the Union Road/27th Street intersection improvements, roundabout design is underway, with right-of-way acquisition and utility coordination ongoing. The project is scheduled to be bid this fall, with construction next year.

Black Hawk County
Brennan mentioned that paving Donald Street from Sage to Raymond is ongoing. The following week will include base widening and additional paving work. In June, resurfacing is planned from Dubuque Street to the fire station near Raymond.

City of Waterloo
Hemman provided updates on Laporte Road, noting that the plan is complete. For Bob Street, the project is awaiting PCI. Phases 2 and 3 remain on hold pending the federal signature for funding amendments, with letting anticipated in October.

City of Gilbertville
Hemann noted that final plans for 5th Street are underway, with a schedule through the DOT in July.

DOT – No updates

b. **Microtransit Solutions**
Sturch mentioned that the task force was making progress with the ongoing microtransit discussions, designs are progressing, but most importantly, exploring federal funding opportunities, in coordination with stakeholders from the Union Block foundations. Sanzida added that the design was adjusted to accommodate major employers like John Deere and Tyson, as well as a high-immigrant neighborhood around Church Row. Oriakhi noted that from the last meeting, the design was reworked to ensure equity, capturing significant portions of both the east and west sides of Waterloo.

c. **NEIA NEPA Study, extension of existing agreement (June 30th) – RCE Grant application for the Dubuque Rd/Plaza Drive Roundabouts & Grade Separation.**
Durbahn discussed the possibility of moving forward with a Federal Railroad Administration Railway Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant application for the Dubuque Rd/Plaza Drive roundabouts and grade separation project, which is a portion of the NE Industrial Access Bypass Route. Several constraints were noted during the discussion. First, although the NEIA NEPA Study has been extended through June 30, the RCE grant application costs cannot be covered with the current federal funds. Second, the June 8, 2026, application deadline provides a very short timeframe for local jurisdictions. In addition, the required local match cannot be funded with federal dollars, creating another challenge for local jurisdictions to identify matching funds. Durbahn also noted that discussions with CN Railway are ongoing, as their involvement is an important component of the process.

2. General discussion.

Oriakhi provided a brief overview of the FY2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), noting that no new applications were received for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) programs. However, for STBG, the City of Hudson requested that the Washington Street project be moved from FY2026 to FY2028, along with an additional funding request of $315,800. Two TASA applications were received: the Evansdale Nature Trail resurfacing project and the Gilbertville 20th Avenue paved shoulder project. Oriakhi also noted that the balances will roll over in addition to the Iowa DOT's target for the next fiscal year.

3. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Oghogho Oriakhi
Secretary