BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

October 08, 2026

MINUTES

Becker (Chair) called the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board meeting to order at 10:02 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)
Deanne Kobliska	Mayor	City of Evansdale	Policy Board Member
Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Black Hawk County	TTC Member
David Sturch	General Manager	MET Transit	TTC Member
Rob Werner	Public Works Director	City of Gilbertville	TTC Member
Aric Schroeder	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2nd Alternate
John Dornoff	Planner II	City of Waterloo	Attendee
Lisa Smock	Mayor	Cit of Elk Run Heights	Policy Board Member
Curtis Young	Chair	Waterloo CSAC	Attendee
Julie Eastman*	City Administrator/Clerk	City of Hudson	Policy Board 2nd Alternate
Krista Billhorn*	District Planner	IDOT	Attendee
Gary Vick	Mayor	City of Raymond	Policy Board Member
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 introduction and next was the approval of the agenda. It was moved by Kurtenbach, seconded by Kobliska, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, review and consider approval of the minutes of September 10, 2026, meeting. It was moved by Vick, seconded by Kurtenbach, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items.

1. **FHWA Highway Cost Allocation Study (HCAS)**
   Fratzke discussed the Highway Cost Allocation Study as an opportunity to improve transportation planning methodologies, data quality, and access to emerging technologies. He emphasized the need to ensure that MPO investments provide equitable benefits across all jurisdictions, given the high costs of new technologies, and invited members to share their feedback on the initiative. Oriakhi highlighted the significance of developing new methodologies for allocating highway costs among users, particularly as electric, hybrid, and heavier vehicles become more prevalent and contribute differently to fuel-tax revenues and infrastructure wear. Vick emphasized the importance of prioritizing proactive road maintenance, evaluating the long-term benefits and costs of preservation treatments versus reconstruction.

2. **FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments**
   Fratzke stated that the FY 2027–2030 STIP has been adopted, and amendments to the TIP can now be processed as of October 1. Potential amendments include; La Porte Rd, Ridgeway/Hammond in Waterloo, Union Rd. in Cedar Falls, and 20th Avenue Paved Shoulder in Gilbertville. Amendments may involve changes in funding, project scope, termini, or schedule changes and require public notice and an opportunity for public comment before action, likely at the November meeting**.**

3. **MPO – DOT Planning Review**
   Fratzke reported that the MPO held its Planning Review with representatives from Iowa DOT, FHWA, and INRCOG in attendance. The discussions covered overall MPO operations, and while no major concerns were raised, the discussion highlighted the importance of expanding city and county project updates beyond physical progress to include key milestones such as engineering, permitting, and letting dates and generally improved communication and coordination.

4. **Project updates**
   a. City and county project updates
      - **City of Waterloo** – Schroeder noted that the Federal approval for RAISE has been granted for the La Porte Road project to proceed excluding the trail component which will move forward using alternative funding sources.
      - **City of Raymond**, Vick mentioned that one of the two identified locations in Lafayette Rd has been repaired, while the remaining location is pending repair. The project is expected to be completed soon.
      - **City of Gilbertville** – Becker noted that 5th Street sidewalk construction is underway, with crews working to complete the phase before the asphalt plants close for the season. Remaining work connecting to Washburn Road will resume next spring.
      - **Black Hawk County** – Brennan noted for STBG project, that Washburn Road, plans have been submitted for the November letting, with construction scheduled for next year along the Gilbertville to 218 corridors.
      - **Elk Run Heights** – Smock reported that the Lafayette Rd project is complete with closeout documents underway.

   b. Microtransit Solutions
      Sturch provided update on the funding phase, noting that grant applications are being finalized for submission. Next step will be to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a consultant. Fratzke added hosting the Iowa Public Transit Association (IPTA) in Waterloo in November, with Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) and the microtransit presentations planned for the event.

   c. NEIA NEPA Study
      Fratzke noted a series of presentations with AECOM to local jurisdictions, with next steps involving exploring funding opportunities, potential local matches, and community participation. Members reported positive feedback from local councils and emphasized the importance of continuing presentations to build understanding and support for the project.

5. **General discussion**.
   Fratzke mentioned INRCOG will present local transportation projects and regional collaborations to the Iowa DOT Transportation Commission on Tuesday the 13th in Marquette, highlighting the impact of transportation funding and identifying local priorities.

6. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kurtenbach, seconded by Vick. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Oghogho Oriakhi
MPO Staff