

**BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD & TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
JOINT MEETING NOTICE**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020

10:00 A.M.

**INRCOG BOARD ROOM
229 EAST PARK AVENUE
WATERLOO, IA**

AGENDA

1. Review and consider approval of minutes for the July 9, 2020 Policy Board and Technical Committee meeting.
2. Discussion on eligible project sponsors for MPO TAP funds
3. Presentation of preliminary survey results of the SNAP-Ed Physical Activity Access project
4. Discussion on the local match for the Northeast Industrial Access NEPA Phase
5. Presentation on the Waterloo Park Avenue and 11th Street Bridge Replacements project
6. Project status report:
 - a. City and county project updates
7. General discussion.
8. Adjournment.

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MINUTES

Vice-Chair Wessel called the meeting of the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board and Technical Committee to order at 10:01 a.m.

Meeting Attendees:	Mark Durbahn	AECOM
	Ryan Brennan	Black Hawk County
	Rob Green	City of Cedar Falls
	David Wicke	City of Cedar Falls
	Kristi Lundy	City of Elk Run Heights
	George Wessel	City of Hudson (Vice-Chair)
	Chrissi Wiersma	City of Hudson
	Gary Vick	City of Raymond
	Noel Anderson	City of Waterloo
	Wayne Castle	City of Waterloo
	Jamie Knutson	City of Waterloo
	Aric Schroeder	City of Waterloo
	Brenda Durbahn	HG Consult Inc.
	Krista Billhorn	Iowa DOT, District 2
	Haley Hopkins	Iowa DPH
	Sarah Taylor Watts	Iowa DPH
	Roslyn Middleton	MET Transit
	Tony Bower	Snyder & Associates
	Jeffrey Hillegonds	Snyder & Associates
	Kevin Blanshan	INRCOG
	Kyle Durant	INRCOG
	Codie Leseman	INRCOG

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of minutes for the July 9, 2020 Policy Board and Technical Committee meeting. It was moved by Vick, seconded by Wiersma to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was discussion on eligible project sponsors for MPO TAP funds. Durant said that George Wyth State Park has been seeking funds for some time to repair segments of the trail in the park. Iowa's TAP allows the Iowa DNR to be an eligible project sponsor. When the MPO TAP Funding Requirements were created, the Iowa DNR was omitted as an eligible project sponsor which was not the intent of staff. Blanshan said he sees it no differently than the Iowa DOT being eligible for MPO STBG funds and thinks the Iowa DNR should be eligible for MPO TAP funds. Vick said he does not think additional eligible project sponsors should be added. Durant said he will check with George Wyth State Park to see if they have a separate maintenance line item. Leseman said trails in George Wyth State Park provide a key connection between the east and west halves of the metropolitan area. Wessel recommended to continue discussion on this item at a future meeting.

Next was a presentation of preliminary survey results of the SNAP-Ed Physical Activity Access project. Leseman presented on the topic. Surveys were mailed to 228 households living in low-income senior housing at Crossroads Square Apartments, Camelot Senior Housing, Stokes Manor, and Stokes Estate in Waterloo. The response rates were great with a total of 95 surveys received. There was good representation of the population. 20 percent of respondents indicated English was not their primary language, and 42 percent of respondents had ridden a MET bus in the past year. Transit was the highest mode of transportation at Stokes Estate and the seconded highest at

Crossroads Square Apartments. Green asked if electric bicycles were considered in the survey, and Leseman said this can be looked at for future surveys.

The next item was discussion on the local match for the Northeast Industrial Access NEPA Phase. Durant explained that the local match for this project will need to be determined before FY 2024. Blanshan said INRCOG staff are prepared to lead the process and assist in the consultant selection process. Anderson said the City of Waterloo is ready to contribute to this important project. Brennan said this is a good project to move forward with, and a similar allocation methodology is acceptable. Blanshan asked the smaller communities to reach out to their city councils to discuss the local match. It is hard to move forward with this project until we know where each small community stands.

Next was a presentation on the Waterloo Park Avenue and 11th Street Bridge Replacements project. Bower presented on the topic. Competitive Highway Bridge Program requires that the project be let by September 2021, and this project is tracking for July 2021. A public input meeting will likely be held this fall, and final design will occur next year. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2022 and 2023. The preferred alternative for Park Avenue is to have a lower profile that maintains flood closures on each side. The flood gates will be shorter and easier to maintain. For 11th Street, a three-lane design on the bridge approaches was selected. The bridge will have a two-lane profile.

Next was a project status report:

City of Cedar Falls

Wicke said traffic on West 1st Street has switched to head-to-head on the north side.

City of Raymond

Vick said MSA Professional Services has completed elevations and utility locates for the Lafayette Rd project, and the City plans to have a public information meeting in September. The project is on schedule for letting next year.

In general discussion, Durant said REAP applications are being submitted to the Iowa DNR on behalf of the Cities of Elk Run Heights, Evansdale, and Dunkerton.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Codie Leseman
Acting Secretary