

**BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING NOTICE**

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024, 10:00 AM

AGENDA

Actionable Items

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the January 11, 2024 meeting.

Discussion Items

1. Railtowns United.
2. House File 591 and final request for [Letter of Support](#).
3. Project updates.
 - a. City and county project updates
 - b. MET Transit Study
 - c. NEIA NEPA Study
4. General discussion.
5. Adjournment.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

MINUTES

Chair Kobliska called the meeting of the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board to order at 10:04 AM.

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
Danny Laudick	Mayor	City of Cedar Falls	Policy Board Member
DeAnne Kobliska	Mayor	City of Evansdale	Policy Board Member (Chair)
Scott Becker	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	City of Gilbertville	Policy Board 1 st Alternate
Aric Schroeder	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2 nd Alternate (Online)
Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Black Hawk County	TTC Member
Rob Werner	Public Works Director	City of Gilbertville	TTC Member
Chrissi Wiersma	City Clerk	City of Hudson	TTC Member (Online)
Wayne Castle	City Engineer	City of Waterloo	TTC Member (Online)
Jamie Knutson	City Engineer	City of Waterloo	TTC Member (Online)
David Sturch	General Manager	MET Transit	TTC Member
Doug Schindel	Engineer	AECOM	Attendee
Michelle Sweeney	Engineer	AECOM	Attendee
Ben Claypool	City Engineer	City of Cedar Falls	Attendee
Britni Eisenmann	Co-Executive Director	Railtowns United	Attendee (Online)
Tate Linden	Co-Executive Director	Railtowns United	Attendee (Online)
Krista Billhorn	District Transportation Planner	Iowa DOT	Attendee (Online)
Travis Halm	Transportation Planner	Iowa DOT	Attendee (Online)
Aldina Dautović	Transportation Planner	INRCOG	MPO Staff (MPO Secretary)

Due to a lack of quorum, actionable items were moved to the March MPO meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. Railtowns United Presentation

- a. The group was joined by Britni and Tate from Railtowns United for a virtual presentation. Railtowns United is dedicated to making rail communities safe, accessible, and thriving. The organization is working to build a national community of railtowns as well as provide grant finding and application guidance for safety and accessibility issues related to railroads.

2. House File 591 and final request for Letter of Support

- a. Dautović said House File 591 has passed out of committee to the debate calendar. Representative Kressig has indicated that he's supporting the bill. Representative Kressig and Senator Eric Giddens thank the group for our collective effort.

3. Project Updates

a. City and county project updates:

Cedar Falls

Claypool said construction for the Main Street project will be starting back up in the beginning of March.

Waterloo

Knutson said the Park Avenue bridge project is anticipated to be completed by this summer and the 11th Street bridge project is anticipated to be completed by this fall. The City is finalizing plans to get the La Porte Road project bid.

DOT

Schindel said project management is reviewing alternatives for the IA 58 interchange at Greenhill Road. A decision will be made in the next month or two. The IA 58 and US 20 project has paused due to weather conditions. Construction will resume on the IA 58 portion north of Ridgeway Ave.

b. MET Transit Study

Sturch said two public input meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th from 11 AM – 1 PM and 3 PM – 6 PM to gather feedback on the restructured routes. The meetings will take place at Central Transfer.

c. NEIA NEPA Study

Schindel said AECOM is currently going through project scope and anticipate having it completed this month.

In general discussion, Dautović reminded the group of three upcoming programming sessions. Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside applications are due March 1st, 2024, and Carbon Reduction Program and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) applications are both due on April 5th, 2024.

There being no further business, it was moved by Becker, seconded by Laudick to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aldina Dautović
Secretary