

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

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020

10:00 A.M.

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

AGENDA

1. Review and consider approval of minutes for the June 11, 2020 Policy Board and Technical Committee meeting.
2. Hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of the final FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program*.
3. Transit Dependency Analysis presentation – Joe Drahos, Iowa DOT Passenger Planner
4. Federal legislative update
5. Project status report:
 - a. City and county project updates
6. General discussion.
7. Adjournment.

*http://www.inrcog.org/pdf/MPO_TIP_FY_21-24_Final.pdf

This will be an **online meeting**. Live audio and presentation materials will be available using the following link:

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STATEMENT OF WHY MEETING OF THE BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN PERSON ON JULY 9, 2020, IS IMPRACTICAL PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTION 21.8(1)(C).

The members of the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board and Technical Committee are holding this session by electronic means pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Open Meetings Law, Section 21.8, Code of Iowa.

As a result of substantial community spread of COVID-19 in the state of Iowa and based on the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is impractical for the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board and Technical Committee to meet in person. Therefore, the meeting is being held by web conference originating from the INRCOG Center in Waterloo. It is open to the public and those in attendance can hear the proceedings or the public can access from a remote location and join by web conference. Public notice of the meeting has been issued in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.4.

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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:	Rob Green	City of Cedar Falls
	Stephanie Houk Sheetz	City of Cedar Falls
	David Wicke	City of Cedar Falls
	George Wessel	City of Hudson (Vice-Chair)
	Chrissi Wiersma	City of Hudson
	Bryan Benjamin	City of Raymond, MSA Professional Services
	Gary Vick	City of Raymond
	Mohammad Elahi	City of Waterloo
	Aric Schroeder	City of Waterloo
	David Sturch	MET Transit
	Krista Billhorn	Iowa DOT, District 2
	Joe Drahos	Iowa DOT, Systems Planning Bureau
	Kyle Durant	INRCOG
	Codie Leseman	INRCOG

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of minutes for the June 11, 2020 Policy Board and Technical Committee meeting. It was moved by Green, seconded by Sturch to approved the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of the final FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. It was moved by Green, seconded by Sturch to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Vice-Chair Wessel declared the Public Hearing open at 10:02 a.m. Durant said two virtual public input meetings were held to discuss the draft TIP and answer questions, and one person attended. Persons were able to submit comments via phone, email, or an online comment form. The draft document was submitted to the Iowa DOT for review, and comments have been addressed in the final document. No public comments have been received, and proof of publication is on file. There being no further discussion, it was moved by Schroeder, seconded by Green to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. The Public Hearing was closed at 10:05 a.m. It was then moved by Green, seconded by Vick to approve the final FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was a Transit Dependency Analysis presentation by Joe Drahos, Iowa DOT Passenger Planner. Drahos presented to the group. Data will eventually be shared via an interactive web map and the Iowa DOT Data Portal.

The next item on the agenda was a federal legislative update. Durant said the House passed The Moving Forward Act on July 1. Themes of the \$1.5 trillion bill include climate change, resilience, accessibility, bicycle and pedestrian, and car safety. \$140 billion in additional revenue or transfers would be required if enacted. Due to coronavirus impacts on travel and the resulting loss of revenue, without new revenue or other funds the US DOT projects the Highway Trust Fund to hit a critical point in Spring 2021, and a shortfall Summer 2021. A transfer from the General Fund of \$145.3 billion would be required to pay for this bill. It is unlikely that a Senate package will materialize before the August recess, and we can expect a continuing resolution for the FAST Act.

Next was a project status report:

City of Waterloo

Elahi said the Ansborough Ave widening project will start August 1. The City has selected Stanley Consultants for the Park Ave Bicycle Signal Improvements project. Schroeder said the City is finalizing design and working on temporary easement acquisitions for the Shaulis Rd Trail project. Design for the US 63 Enhancements final phase is moving forward.

City of Cedar Falls

Wicke said the City is moving forward with design for the Cedar Heights Dr and Greenhill Rd/Main St intersection projects. Final striping has been completed for the IA Highway 58/Viking Rd interchange project. West 1st St is moving forward. The contractor is continuing work on paving and utilities. The City is still working on a Downtown Streetscape project, and paving will be underway on side streets soon.

City of Hudson

Wessel said the US Highway 63 Underpass project is open, and the contractor is working on seeding. The City will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony.

In general discussion, Durant said REAP grants are due to the Iowa DNR by August 15. Two State Recreational Trails grant applications were submitted to the Iowa DOT in July, both projects being located outside of the MPO area. Jacki Schares, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, has accepted a position at Bremer County Health Department. Leseman said INRCOG mailed surveys to 228 households living in low-income senior housing for the SNAP-Ed Physical Activity Access project. 55 responses have already been received in just the first two days. INRCOG will prepare a report in the coming months with information about travel habits and demographic data from these surveys.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Codie Leseman
Acting Secretary