

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

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024, 10:00 AM**

**AGENDA**

**Actionable Items**

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the June 13, 2024 meeting.
3. Hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of the final FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program.

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**Discussion Items**

1. City of Waterloo's application to the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant.
2. [GM Future Roads Safety View](#).
3. Commute with Enterprise.
4. National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) Grant.
5. Project updates.
  - a. City and county project updates
  - b. MET Transit Study and restructure of fixed routes
  - c. NEIA NEPA Study
  - d. SS4A Comprehensive Action Plan, and Planning and Demonstration Grant application for Supplemental Safety Planning
6. General discussion.
7. Adjournment.

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# BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

## MINUTES

Chair Kobliska called the meeting of the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board to order at 10:00 AM.

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
DeAnne Kobliska	Mayor	City of Evansdale	Policy Board Member (Chair)
Scott Becker	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	City of Gilbertville	Policy Board 1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate
Gail Bunz	Mayor	City of Hudson	Policy Board Member
Aric Schroeder	Com. Planning & Dev. Director	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate
Steven Kjergaard	Director of Aviation	Waterloo Reg. Airport	Policy Board 1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate
David Wicke	City Engineer	City of Cedar Falls	TTC Member
David Sturch	General Manager	MET Transit	TTC Member
Mark Durbahn	Engineer	AECOM	Attendee
Michelle Sweeney	Engineer	AECOM	Attendee
Jacob Mattison	Intern	City of Waterloo	Attendee
Tina Schellhorn	Traffic Operations	City of Waterloo	Attendee
Curtis Young	Chair	Complete Streets	Attendee
Krista Billhorn	District Transportation Planner	Iowa DOT	Attendee (Online)
Travis Halm	Metro-Regional Planning Coordinator	Iowa DOT	Attendee (Online)
Aldina Dautović	Transportation Planner	INRCOG	MPO Staff (MPO Secretary)
Kyle Durant	Transportation Planner	INRCOG	MPO Staff
Nick Fratzke	Director of Transportation	INRCOG	MPO Staff

The first item was approval of the agenda. It was moved by Becker, seconded by Bunz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the June 13, 2024 meeting. It was moved by Becker, seconded by Kjergaard to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was to hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of the final FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. Kobliska declared the Public Hearing open at 10:04 AM. Durant said the draft was presented in June and sent to the Iowa DOT, FHWA, and FTA for comments. Minor comments were received. The draft document has also been made available to the public. A virtual and in-person public input meeting was held with no public comments received. Proof of publication is on file. There being no further discussion, Kobliska declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:07 AM. It was then moved by Kjergaard, seconded by Bunz to approve the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was Discussion Items:

1. City of Waterloo's application to the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant.

Schellhorn said the grant focuses on reducing traffic incidents involving bicyclists, pedestrians, and other vulnerable road users by using LiDAR detection technology in vehicles. Funding will be used to purchase and install the units into vehicles and to use software to collect data about high incident rates. The City has partnered with MET Transit and OnBoard Public Transit to install the technology in

their vehicles as well. If awarded, the data is anticipated to be collected next year.

## 2. GM Future Roads Safety View

Durant said that he attended a conference with a presentation by GM Future Roads Safety View, a cloud-based analytics application that utilizes data from GM connected vehicles, cellular devices, and demographics to identify relative risk on roadways. The Black Hawk County MPO is partaking in a free trial starting Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Staff plan to use the free trial period to aid in the City of Waterloo's SS4A project.

## 3. Commute with Enterprise

Fratzke said the state regional transit agencies went into contract with Enterprise to operate commuter vanpool systems in each region. Enterprise works with agencies to provide carpool, vanpool, and shuttle programs to help fill transportation gaps. Enterprise is nationwide and operates over 10,000 vanpools in 48 states. Programs include vehicle rentals and insurance, with vehicle vanpool programs renewed monthly. Employers can decide whether to cover the remaining costs of the program after subsidies or charge participants.

## 4. National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) Grant

Fratzke said the Black Hawk County metropolitan area was awarded a grant to find solutions for youth transportation barriers. The first round of awards was used to interview individuals experiencing transportation barriers. The recommended solution is to develop a chaperone-guided, fixed route system accompanied by a smart-phone app. The project is eligible for a \$20,000 grant to carry out a test phase before launching a pilot program.

## 5. Project Updates

### a. City and county project updates

#### **Cedar Falls**

Wicke said the Seerley roundabout is now open. Paving for the 12<sup>th</sup> Street intersection, roundabout construction, and work on underground utility will begin soon. In about a month and a half, the 12<sup>th</sup> Street intersection is anticipated to be partially open.

#### **Waterloo**

Sweeney said La Porte construction is anticipated to be let on July 16<sup>th</sup> with final design for phase 2 and 3 starting soon. The Park Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Street bridges are working on grading approaches and getting in subgrades next week. The Park Avenue bridge is anticipated to open in September or October, and the 11<sup>th</sup> Street bridge is anticipated to open later this year or early 2025. The Marina project is undergoing DOT final auditing. The Iowa 58 project will undergo a field review in the coming weeks. AECOM is working with the City of Waterloo to apply for a RAISE grant. Lastly, the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> street conversion project will be applying for funding from the Reconnecting Communities Program in September.

### b. MET Transit Study and restructure of fixed routes

Sturch said the consultant is developing a technical memorandum on zero-emission vehicles and conducting a space planning assessment for the MET Office Building which will cover infrastructure needs for EVs. The restructured routes are set to begin on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

c. NEIA NEPA Study

Durbahn said traffic counts are complete. Staff are currently gathering additional data for the freight analysis piece of the study. The railroad crossing that crosses North Elk Run is blocked three times a day for a total blocked time of 22 minutes. The next step is to have the traffic crew analyze the data to present to jurisdictions.

d. SS4A Comprehensive Action Plan

Dautović said staff is working with the City of Waterloo and a consultant on the SS4A project which is focused on reducing serious injuries and fatalities in the downtown area. A news release was released this week to inform the public about the project. In the coming weeks, INRCOG will launch a public survey and host a virtual and in-person meeting to gather community feedback on traffic safety solutions. Staff plans to pursue supplemental planning funds to support public outreach efforts with the help of an in-kind match from the City. Details about the project can be found at <https://bhcmpo.org/ss4a/>.

There was no general discussion.

There being no further business, it was moved by Becker, seconded by Bunz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aldina Dautović  
Secretary