

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

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023, 10:00 AM

AGENDA

Actionable Items

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the October 12, 2023 meeting.
3. Hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of the final 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan www.bhcmpo.org/lrtp.
4. Hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of amendments to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) regarding the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) projects on Ansborough Ave and Broadway St in Waterloo.
5. Review and consider approval of the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Project Selection & Programming Guidelines for the MPO.

Discussion Items

1. Revisit the Iowa Pavement Management Program off-cycle collection.
2. Project updates.
 - a. City and county project updates (TA Set-Aside and STBG)
 - b. MET Transit Study
 - c. SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, Downtown Waterloo
 - d. NEIA NEPA Study
3. General discussion.
4. Adjournment.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

MINUTES

Chair Kobliska called the meeting of the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board to order at 10:03 AM.

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
Rob Green	Mayor	City of Cedar Falls	Policy Board Member (Vice-Chair)
Gil Schultz	Councilperson	City of Cedar Falls	Policy Board 1 st Alternate
DeAnne Kobliska	Mayor	City of Evansdale	Policy Board Member (Chair)
Lisa Smock	Mayor	City of Elk Run Heights	Policy Board Member
Gail Bunz	Councilperson	City of Hudson	Policy Board 1 st Alternate
Aric Schroeder	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2 nd Alternate
Rosalyn Middleton	Board Member	MET Transit Board	Policy Board Member
Ben Claypool	Engineer	City of Cedar Falls	TTC Member 1 st Alternate
Rob Werner	Public Works Director	City of Gilbertville	TTC Member
David Sturch	General Manager	MET Transit	TTC Member
Doug Schindel	Engineer	AECOM	Attendee
Michelle Sweeney	Engineer	AECOM	Attendee
Krista Billhorn	District Transportation Planner	Iowa DOT	Attendee (Online)
Aldina Dautović	Transportation Planner	INRCOG	MPO Staff (MPO Secretary)
Kyle Durant	Transportation Planner	INRCOG	MPO Staff
Nick Fratzke	Transportation Director	INRCOG	MPO Staff

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

Next was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the October 12, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Green, seconded by Smock to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was to hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of the final 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Kobliska declared the Public Hearing open at 10:04 AM. Durant said the LRTP was open for public comment for two months and proof of publication is on file. Minor comments were received regarding updating the MPO Bikeway Plan and can be found on page 333 of the document. All individual chapters and the full document are available on the Black Hawk County MPO website. There being no further discussion, Kobliska declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:13 AM. It was moved by Green, seconded by Middleton to approve the final 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was to hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of amendments to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) regarding the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) projects on Ansborough Ave and Broadway St in Waterloo. Kobliska declared the Public Hearing open at 10:14 AM. Durant said the amendment is to add two existing projects into the TIP from the previous year. The projects are both within the City of Waterloo and have already received funding from ICAAP. Proof of publication is on file, and no public comments were received. There being no further discussion, Kobliska declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:15 AM. It was moved by Smock, seconded by Green to approve the amendments to the FY 2024-2027 TIP as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was to review and consider approval of the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA SA) Project Selection & Programming Guidelines for the MPO. Durant said the draft TA SA Guidelines were presented at last month's meeting.

No additional comments were received. The programming session is planned for April 10th, 2024. It was moved by Middleton, seconded by Green to approve the TA SA Project Selection and Programming Guidelines for the MPO as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was Discussion Items:

1. Revisit the Iowa Pavement management Program off-cycle collection.

Durant said the Iowa Pavement Collection operates on a 4-year cycle. The most recent data was collected in 2022, and the next collection period will take place in 2026. The MPO has the option to opt in for a 2024 data collection cycle for an additional cost using STBG funds. The cost is about \$84,000. At the January 2023 meeting, there was no major push to opt in, but it was decided to revisit the topic at a future meeting. The group decided not to opt in for 2024.

2. Project Updates

- a. City and county project updates (TAP & STBG)

Cedar Falls

Claypool said Main Street work is wrapping up at Seerley Blvd for the end of the construction season, and the project is approaching an opening for 6th to 11th St and 18th to 22nd St. The project will be laying pavement soon.

Waterloo

Schindel said Park Ave and 11th St bridges are progressing forward with utility work and substructures. Park Ave is anticipated to have a late spring or early summer opening. Construction for Phase I of La Porte Road from Shaulis Rd to Bopp St is expected to take place next year.

DOT

Schindel said the alternatives for the IA 58 interchange at Greenhill Road are under review. Reconstruction for the IA 58 and US 20 interchange is moving forward and will go into next year. Construction between US 218 and IA 58 is moving along, and the ramp is now open.

- b. MET Transit Study

Sturch said the consultant is reviewing and finalizing the route restructuring. No major changes are anticipated from what has been presented. Additional open houses are planned to be held later this year. Sturch said the consultant is also developing a public survey to request feedback for a potential route from Waterloo to Elk Run Heights and Evansdale.

- c. SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, Downtown Waterloo

Dautović said staff is waiting to hear back about how to proceed with an updated Request for Proposal and updated timeline.

- d. NEIA NEPA Study

Durant said staff has received interest from consultants. The RFP has a due date of December, and staff anticipates having work underway this coming February.

In general discussion, Green said Cedar Falls had to turn down a \$10 million dollar RAISE grant due to project letting technicalities. Fratzke said the passenger rail Letter of Support encouraging Iowa to rejoin as a member of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission (MITPRC) has been approved by both the MPO and RTA Policy Boards. A Cognito form requesting signatures is ready to go and will be distributed in the coming week. MPO staff is

requesting all to distribute the letter as they see fit. Durant said that staff will print a copy of the Long-Range Transportation Plan for each Policy Board member.

There being no further business, it was moved by Green, seconded by Smock to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aldina Dautović
Secretary