

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
POLICY BOARD AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020

1:00 PM

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

AGENDA

1. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the June 18, 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. 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan update
 - a. Draft Chapter 2 – Region Profile
 - b. Draft Chapter 4 – Transit
4. Federal legislative update
5. Project status report.
6. General discussion.
7. Adjournment.

*http://inrcog.org/pdf/RTA_TIP_FY_21-24_Final.pdf

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The members of the Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority 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 Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority 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

Chair Gissel called the meeting of the Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Policy Board and Technical Committee to order at 1:01 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:	Cathy Nicholas	Black Hawk County
	Landon Moore	Bremer County
	Dewey Hildebrandt	Bremer County Supervisors
	Brian Keierleber	Buchanan County
	Gary Gissel	Buchanan County Supervisors (Chair)
	Dusten Rolando	Chickasaw County
	Steve Geerts	Chickasaw County Supervisors (Vice-Chair)
	Al Roder	City of Independence
	Mike Cherry	City of Waverly
	Krista Billhorn	Iowa DOT
	Kyle Durant	INRCOG
	Codie Leseman	INRCOG

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the June 18, 2020 Policy Board and Technical Committee meeting. It was moved by Nicholas, seconded by Hildebrandt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was to hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of the final FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Chair Gissel declared the Public Hearing open at 1:02 p.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 minor comments have been addressed in the final document. Proof of publication is on file, and no comments have been received by the public. There being no further discussion, it was moved by Geerts, seconded by Nicholas to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. The Public Hearing was closed at 1:05 p.m. It was then moved by Keierleber, seconded by Moore to approve the final FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was a 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan update. Durant briefly presented draft Chapter 2 – Region Profile and Chapter 4 – Transit. The full document is due by December 2020. Over the coming months, additional draft chapters will be presented to the group. Hildebrandt said that Sumner has a grocery store, and Durant said Map 2.8 will be updated to reflect such.

Next 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. Nicholas noted that INVEST would not allow federal aid swapping, and the bill includes Buy America provisions. The National Association of County Engineers has voiced concerns to legislators.

Next was a project status report:

Buchanan County

Keierleber said the D16 concrete overlay project is in progress. The D22 pavement rehab and shoulder paving project is in Tuesday's letting.

Iowa DOT

Billhorn said work has started on US Hwy 20 near Independence. Paved shoulders are being added on US Hwy 63 between Tama County and Black Hawk County. Reconstruction has started on northbound I-380 south of the US Hwy 20 interchange. Work on US Hwy 218 near the Waterloo Regional Airport is progressing. For IA Hwy 57 in Cedar Falls, the contractor is working on sidewalks, driveways, retaining walls, and mainline paving.

Bremer County

Moore said the preconstruction meeting has held last week for the V21/V5C project, and paving may start the middle of next week. The swap bridge project is open, and the County is working on project closeout. A local paving project has been let and is expected to start next month.

Waverly

Cherry said the Business US Hwy 218 project was awarded and should be under construction in August. The City Council unanimously approved to permanently remove the 3rd St SE Bridge.

Black Hawk County

Nicholas said the contractor is working on the second to last pier on the Cedar Wapsi Rd Bridge Replacement project over the Cedar River. Half of the bridge deck is poured. The 90-foot-long slab bridge swap project is finishing up. Asphalt paving projects have not started as the contractor is busy with other projects.

Chickasaw County

Rolando said the 190th St Bridge project is complete and open. The contractor is working on the substructure for the Alta Vista bridge replacement project. The piers have been driven and encasements are finished. The contractor has started working on the west abutment. The County is continuing design for two bridges next year.

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Durant said staff submitted two State Recreational Trails grant applications to the Iowa DOT. One project is to pave 0.5-miles of the Rolling Prairie Trail in Waverly, and the other project is to rehabilitate Bridge C1 on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail in Black Hawk County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Codie Leseman
Acting Secretary