

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

1:00 PM

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

AGENDA

1. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the August 20, 2020 Policy Board and Technical Committee meeting.
2. 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan update
 - a. *Draft Chapter 1 – Overview
 - b. *Draft Chapter 3 – Roads and Bridges
 - c. *Draft Chapter 9 – Financial Analysis
 - d. Public input survey
3. Project status report.
4. General discussion.
5. Adjournment.

*Draft chapters are available at www.inrcog.org/trans.htm

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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 1:00 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)
	John Riherd	Butler County
	Greg Barnett	Butler County Supervisors
	Dusten Rolando	Chickasaw County
	Gary Mauer	Grundy County
	Daniel Loftus	City of Dunkerton
	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 August 20, 2020 Policy Board and Technical Committee meeting. It was moved by Nicholas, seconded by Riherd to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously

Next on the agenda was an update on the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Durant presented draft Chapter 1 – Overview. New to the LRTP are goals, objectives, performance measurements, and baseline conditions. Performance measurements are not required for Regional Planning Affiliations, but they are helpful to inform future regional planning efforts. Nicholas asked if there will be processes to help meet these goals. Durant said the region can help meet these goals and objectives through the annual programming process. To gauge the progress toward achieving the goals, the performance measures can be reviewed periodically. Durant presented draft Chapter 3 – Roads and Bridges. From 2012 to 2018, roads in the region with a Pavement Condition Index rating of “good” increased by almost 10 percent. From 2012 to 2018, the number of structurally deficient bridges has decreased, though some counties show an increase. Durant presented draft Chapter 9 – Financial Analysis. A funding deficiencies analysis was conducted, and Table 9.6 shows a total projected funding deficiency for roads and bridges of approximately \$26 million. Additional draft chapters and materials will be brought to the group for review and comment at the October meeting.

Next was a project status report:

Buchanan County

Keierleber said the project on D16 is pretty much done except for adjusting a barrier rail height and adding reflectors on slopes. A preconstruction meeting was held on Monday for the D22 pavement rehab and shoulder paving project. The contractor cannot get the precast culvert boxes, so the project may or may not start this fall.

Bremer County

Moore said work on V21 and V5C has been completed. Two bridge projects have been completed, and design is underway for the Competitive Highway Bridge Program project. Letting is anticipated this fall or winter. A local grading project is underway.

Chickasaw County

Rolando said all structure work has been completed on the bridge replacement project in Alta Vista. The contractor needs to complete grading, rip rap, bridge approaches, and guardrail. The project should be completed in a month. Pavement markings on a farm to market project will be completed today. The County will be submitting final plans next week for two bridge projects in Fredericksburg. Both projects are scheduled for letting this January. The white topping project on V56 should be in the January letting as well.

Iowa DOT

Billhorn said final design is underway for the interchange project on US 218 and 260th St. The Iowa DOT has been meeting with property owners individually to begin the process of property acquisition. A final design meeting is planned for next June. The design will include paved shoulders on Maple St extension from Janesville north to 260th St.

Waverly

Cherry said the Business US 218 project has been completed. Design for 1st St NW is underway, and the project is scheduled for a February letting. Design for the Rolling Prairie Trail Extension project on 10th Ave SW will start next week. This project will effectively complete the Rolling Prairie Trail from Readlyn to Bristow.

Black Hawk County

Nicholas said the contractor is continuing work on the Cedar Wapsi Rd Bridge Replacement project over the Cedar River. The contractor will be pouring the deck next week. The goal is to open the bridge to traffic in October. The contractor will likely spend the winter removing the old bridge. The asphalt interlayer project on Elk Run Rd has been completed.

In general discussion, Durant said the two applications submitted for State Recreational Trails funding were not recommended for funding. Leseman said he has been working on a Physical Activity Access report using National Household Travel Survey Add-on data purchased by the MPO. One notable finding in the data is that an estimated 9,167 people in the MPO have ridden a bike in the last seven days. This is an average of all 12 months, so at times it is likely that over 10 percent of the MPO population has ridden a bike in the past week. Leseman encouraged everyone to consider this information as we think about project development and traffic safety in the region.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Codie Leseman
Acting Secretary