

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

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024, 10:00 AM**

**AGENDA**

**Actionable Items**

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the May 9, 2024 meeting.

**Discussion Items**

1. Review the draft FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and discuss the upcoming public input meetings.  
[https://bhcmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/mpo\\_tip\\_fy\\_25-28\\_draft.pdf](https://bhcmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/mpo_tip_fy_25-28_draft.pdf)
2. Project updates.
  - a. City and county project updates
  - b. MET Transit Study
  - c. NEIA NEPA Study
  - d. SS4A Comprehensive Action Plan
3. General discussion.
4. Adjournment.

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# BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 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
Noel Anderson	Com. Planning & Dev. Director	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate
Rosalyn Middleton	Board Member	MET Transit	Policy Board Member
Steven Kjergaard	Director of Aviation	Waterloo Reg. Airport	Policy Board 1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate (Online)
David Wicke	City Engineer	City of Cedar Falls	TTC Member
Chrissi Wiersma	City Clerk	City of Hudson	TTC Member (Online)
David Sturch	General Manager	MET Transit	TTC Member
Krista Billhorn	District Transportation Planner	Iowa DOT	Attendee (Online)
Kyle Durant	Transportation Planner	INRCOG	MPO Staff (MPO Secretary)
Nick Fratzke	Director of Transportation	INRCOG	MPO Staff
Brenda Vavroch	Safe Routes to School Coordinator	INRCOG	MPO Staff

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

Next was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the May 9, 2024 meeting. It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Becker to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was Discussion Items:

1. Review the draft FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and discuss the upcoming public input meetings.

Durant said the draft document was submitted to the Iowa DOT, FHWA, and FTA for comments. The document has also been published on the MPO website [www.bhcmmpo.org](http://www.bhcmmpo.org). Each jurisdiction is strongly encouraged to review their projects for accuracy. Public input meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 25 from 12:00-1:00 PM at INRCOG, and Thursday, June 27 from 4:00-5:00 PM virtually. The final document will be brought to the Policy Board for consideration of approval at the July meeting.

2. Project Updates

- a. City and county project updates

### **Cedar Falls**

Wicke said the contractor is looking to start paving Main Street at Waterloo Road. Utility work continues north of 12<sup>th</sup> Street, and the roundabout at Seerley Blvd is closed to build the watchtower and landscape. Mainline paving on IA 58 north of Ridgeway Avenue is moving forward.

**Waterloo**

Anderson said the Park Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Street bridges are scheduled to open on time in July or August. The La Porte Road RAISE project will be let July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Evansdale**

Kobliska said the Lafayette Road project will be going to bid in August.

**DOT**

Billhorn said the Iowa Transportation Commission meeting and tour will be in Decorah on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**b. MET Transit Study**

Sturch said the consultant is currently focused on the technology phase of the study. This includes analyzing fare options, 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.

**c. NEIA NEPA Study**

Durant said AECOM has started collecting information and data for the study. The first kickoff meeting is anticipated to take place in the coming months.

**d. SS4A Comprehensive Action Plan**

Durant said the kickoff meeting was held three weeks ago and was well attended. The project has a six-month timeframe for completion.

In general discussion, Durant said that he attended the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) 2024 Planning Tools & Training Symposium in Albuquerque at the beginning of May. The conference offered valuable insights and opportunities for exchanging information with peer agencies across the U.S. One notable vendor presentation was on 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. Since then, MPO staff have engaged with GM contacts to secure free trials for Waterloo, Cedar Falls, and MPO staff. The group inquired if GM could provide the number of vehicles capable of sending data in Black Hawk County and requested a list of similarly sized jurisdictions using the product. Durant will follow up with GM and share their response as soon as possible.

Durant reported that an application for TAP funds was received this week, after the March deadline. Since no applications were submitted before the deadline, an unprogrammed balance of approximately \$970,000 remains. Durant asked the group how to proceed. The group agreed that the late application should not be considered for funding this year.

There being no further business, it was moved by Becker, seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Durant  
Secretary