



## **Iowa Transportation Coordination Council**

**March 11, 2026, Meeting**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Online Only**

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### **Notes:**

Attendance:

Emma Simmons, ITCC Chair

Kristin Haar, Iowa DOT Public Transit

Spencer Thompson, Iowa DOT Systems Planning

Vienna Hoang, Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Brooke Lovelace, Developmental Disabilities Council

Kelly Schneider, Johnson County Mobility Coordinator

Justin Berger, MTM Inc.

Donnell Anderson, Iowa Medicaid

#### **I. Call to Order: 10:02 AM**

#### **II. Introductions**

- a. Justin Berger is the newest member of ITCC. He is replacing Seth Johnson as the MTM Inc. representative. He has been with MTM for 12 years.

#### **III. 2026 Iowa Passenger Transportation Summit – Emma Simmons, ITCC Chair**

**Date: Tuesday, May 19**

**Location: Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge**

- **Discuss Proposed Agenda and Review Group Activity Item**
- **Catering: Bfabulous**
- **Registration: <https://forms.gle/6d3wVTcQfPuhNKVF7>**

Notes:

- Draft agenda topics: Rider Experiences/advocacy, IPTA Economic Impact report, Passenger Transportation Jeopardy, Iowa DOT Transit Updates, Group Activity: Coordinated Transportation Problem Solving
- Group Activity Scenario List
  - o Addressing Financial Shortfalls (How would you solve not having enough resources to provide the current level of service that you provide)
  - o Partnering Opportunities (If a major employer in your area contacted you, how could you work with them to set up a form of service to get as many riders as possible?)



- Partnering Opportunities (Could or would you consider reaching out to your communities' major employers to set up commuter alternatives?)
- Support (If you could make a "how to transit" pamphlet, what topics would you want to include?)
- Support (If you could make a "transit for dummies", what topics would you want to include?)
- Wishes (If you could snap your fingers and make something just \*happen\* for your agency (transportation related), what would it be?)
- Addressing Unreliability (How do you assist someone who has inconsistent and unreliable transportation from providers?)

#### **IV. ITCC Member Roundtable – All**

##### **a. Spencer Thompson**

- i. Public Transit Long Range Plan going to public comment on March 20<sup>th</sup>
- ii. 30 day public input period

##### **b. Kristin Haar**

- i. Invited to participate in a Healthy Iowan's connection building call
- ii. Kristin was a part of the access group
- iii. Reminder on keeping transportation on people's radar when talking to new groups or people in meetings

##### **c. Kelly Schneider**

- i. Rural Health Transformation Grants
  - 1. Big emphasis on cancer care

##### **d. Vienna Hoang**

- i. Health and Human Services employment governance group, hosts employment townhall every other month
- ii. Rebekah.Traver@hhs.iowa.gov and mindy.williams@hhs.iowa.gov are the contacts for the HHS State Governance Group that meet every other month (1st Weds at 1pm-2pm) with next meeting being 5/6/26. They also do an Employment Townhall meeting every other month from the month that the governance group meets (last Weds at 2:30pm-3:30pm) with next meeting being 4/29/26. You do have to register.

##### **e. Brooke Lovelace**

- i. Scheduling a webinar with HIRTA to talk about the HIRTA Health Connector project

##### **f. Emma Simmons**

- i. Healthy Hometowns stakeholder group
- ii. CTAA/IPTA Legislative Fly-In in Washington D.C.

#### **V. Web Content Accessibility – Emma Simmons, ITCC Chair**

##### **i. Available Resources:**

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1oC4nud\\_NqNnF4oCMFengm3MB03L0DvBS?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1oC4nud_NqNnF4oCMFengm3MB03L0DvBS?usp=sharing)

#### **VI. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date and Location:**



ITCC  
No May Meeting  
Iowa Passenger Transportation Summit  
May 19, 2026