



Iowa Transportation Coordination Council

July 8, 2026, Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Online Only

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Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Emma Simmons (ITCC Chair), Iowa DOT – Public Transit
Eugenia Kendall, Aging and Disability Services
Kyra Hawley, Aging and Disability Services
Brooke Lovelace, Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council
Carlos Vela, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Kelly Schneider, Johnson County
Hugh Lively, Region 3 RIDES
Spencer Thompson, Iowa DOT – Systems Planning

I. Call to Order: 10:03 AM

II. Introductions

III. Review of March 11, 2026, Meeting Notes – See Previous Meeting Notes

IV. Disability Access Points – Kyra Hawley, Disability Services Program Manager, Division of Aging and Disability Services – Iowa Department of Health and Human Services

a. <https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/16306/download?inline>

b. Key Transition Areas of Focus

- i. Warm hand-offs for Service Coordination of LTSS
- ii. Provider communication and Training
- iii. Engagement and outreach to community and stakeholders about existing and transitioning network
- iv. Establishing Disability Service District Advisory Councils

c. Navigation: No-wrong door

- i. Reliable and Trusted Information and Referral
- ii. Connection to Services and Resources
- iii. Person-centered Decision-making support

d. Short-term Services and Supports

- i. Individual assessment and evaluation
- ii. Transportation
- iii. Respite



- iv. Peer and parent support
- v. Time-limited rental assistance
- vi. Home and vehicle modifications
- vii. Adaptive equipment
- viii. Other basic needs
- e. Non-medicaid long-term services and support
 - i. Supported community living
 - ii. Day Habilitation
 - iii. Facility-based residential programs
 - iv. Medical services and supplies
 - v. Personal emergency response systems
 - vi. Supported employment
 - vii. Respite
 - viii. Prevocational services

V. 2026 Iowa Passenger Transportation Summit Summary – Emma Simmons, ITCC Chair

- 2026 Comments and Notes for 2027 Summit – potential topics

- o Interest in having a keynote speaker
- o Jeopardy
 - Focus on morning sessions
 - Throwback Driver's education questions
- o Activity
 - Move activity to morning so there are more participants (some attendees have to leave during the afternoon for other work commitments)
 - There was plenty of time for the activity planning portion
 - Need more time for the presentations; felt rushed at the end
- o Location
 - Map location of venue to help with navigation

- Potential Date: May 11, 2027

VI. ITCC Member Roundtable – All

a. Emma Simmons

- i. Healthy Hometowns Training
 - 1. Communities of Care – Co-Location
 - 2. More information on trainings:
<https://www.iowapca.org/communitiesofcare>
- ii. Biennial Coordination Report Due December 15
- iii. Hear Us Roar Event, August 4 at the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines, Iowa
- iv. Interview coming up about Iowa SAIL work

b. Eugenia Kendall

- i. Iowa SAIL focus on transportation (in the beginning stages of discussion)
 - 1. Noted policy changes are needed
 - 2. Funding challenges, start looking into collaborative funding



- ii. If you want to participate in the Iowa SAIL discussion around transportation, reach out to Eugenia for more information
- iii. Larger partnership meeting held on July 15
- iv. Shared data on Medicaid Consumer Transportation Need
 - 1. <https://app.powerbigov.us/view?r=eyJrIjoizThmZTc5NTctNmU3ZC00YzIzLWE5MTUtYzEyM2RjMjhiZGRjIiwidCI6IjhhkMmM3YjRkLTA4NWetNDYxNy04NTM2LTM4YTc2ZDE5YjBkYSJ9>
 - 2. 2025 – 9,279 #3
 - a. do not have a personal vehicle - 3,584,
 - b. car broke down - 1,504,
 - c. costs too much - 1,026,
 - d. person who usually takes me is unavailable – 923,
 - e. Transit system is not available - 380

c. Hugh Lively

- i. End of the fiscal year, so working on getting their ridership statistics from last year sorted
- ii. Attended Iowa Public Transit Association Annual Meeting a few weeks ago at Prairie Meadows
 - 1. MTM update at the conference was good and informative
- iii. Discussed the challenges of Medicaid funding potentially drying up and how that would affect the transit systems

d. Brooke Lovelace

- i. Make Your Mark Conference, September 16-17 at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames, Iowa
 - 1. Registration:
<https://mym2026.eventify.io/t2/tickets/45F758,0932D7,91BCBD,E7843B>

VII. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date and Location:

**ITCC
September 9, 2026
TBD**