# Iowa Transportation Coordination Council

**September 9, 2026, Meeting**
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
**Online Only**
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## Notes

**Attendance:**
**Emma Simmons,** ITCC Chair, Iowa DOT Public Transit
**Eugenia Kendall,** Aging
**Becki Wedemeier,** Iowa Medicaid
**Carlos Vela,** Vocational Rehab
**Danelle Bruce,** WISC Disability Access Points
**Carl Lingen,** Iowa Public Transit Association
**Brooke Lovelace,** Developmental Disabilities Services
**Spencer Grimm,** Iowa DOT Systems Planning
**Hugh Lively,** Region 3 RIDES
**Roxanne Cogil,** Iowa Epilepsy Foundation
**Justin Berger,** MTM, Inc.
**Stacy Cervenka,** Iowa Department of the Blind
**Kelly Schneider,** Johnson County, Mobility Coordinator

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

II. **Introductions**

III. **Review of July 8, 2026, Meeting Notes**
   a. https://iowadot.gov/modes-travel/transit/councils/iowa-transportation-coordination-council

IV. **Review transportation item of Iowa SAIL group**
   a. **Discuss ITCC's role in Iowa SAIL**
   b. **Strategies**
      i. Strengthen referral pathways
         1. Proposed tactic: collaborate with ITCC and develop cross-sector approach to meet transportation needs of older adults
         2. Coordinate efforts with ITCC, regional and local providers to identify and address unmet transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities
      ii. Discussion

1. One pager on individual funding sources for transit riders and eligibility for those sources; Personalized transportation webpage
2. Look more into the volunteer transportation services
3. RSVP Program?
4. Focus more on action over resource guides
5. If resource guides are available, make sure they can be accessed by blind or low vision population
6. GoGoStart, help the aging population book rideshares
7. Uber Health, used more in the urban/metro area
8. Some uber locations have booking option for extra assistance (uber assist)
9. More conversation on rideshare companies with fluctuating pricing
10. Public transit agencies potentially partnering with private transportation companies

**V. Coordination Report Update**

**a.** Due December 15

**b.** Include information on the Johnson County English Language program

**c.** Include Healthcare Transportation webinar with HIRTA's Health Connector hosted by DD Council

VI. **2027 Passenger Transportation Summit –** Send out poll for May dates

**a. Ideas for Keynote Speaker**

i. Todd O'Neil – Mobility Navigator, Southern Oklahoma Development Association

ii. Bennett Powell – Transportation Planner, KFH Group

**b. Venue Options**

i. Harkin Institute https://harkininstitute.drake.edu/tom-and-ruth-harkin-center/; mindy.jones@drake.edu

ii. FFA Enrichment Center https://www.ffaenrichmentcenter.com/ ; jennifer@ffaenrichmentcenter.com

1. Office: (515) 965-7372
2. Cell: (515) 442-6131

iii. Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge https://www.wdm.iowa.gov/government/parks-recreation/raccoon-river-park/nature-lodge; pam.miksell@wdm.iowa.gov

iv. Stacy brought up the idea of hosting at the Department of the Blind

**c. Catering Options**

i. Look into Triple B Catering, they catered the Hear Us Roar event with the Arc of Iowa

**d. Other Agenda Items for the Summit**

i. Small Group Activity
ii. Grant programs for individuals needing financial assistance for transportation
iii. Keynote – focus the keynote on other topics presented at summit
iv. Social Isolation and transportation
v. Automated Transportation
    1. Look into MAASTO working group
vi. Rural Health Transformation Grant information from Iowa PCA and HHS
vii. Explore the idea of doing an overall theme for the Summit

## VII. ITCC Member Roundtable – All

**a.** Emma Simmons

i. Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Grant Application: Burling Urban Service for a mobility management platform that includes advanced dispatch and scheduling software upgrades
ii. Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Application: Applied for $2.1 million (9 agencies included for a total replacement federal cost of around $11 million)
iii. Iowa DOT Director and various DOT staff met with the Department of the Blind in Iowa to discuss strengthening our agency partnership

**b.** Spencer Grimm

i. Currently working on the Iowa DOT State Long Range Transportation Plan
ii. Kicking off the restructuring of Passenger Transportation Plans

**c.** Kelly Schneider

i. Aging resource fair and resource fair for veterans coming up
ii. Welcome week which is an effort to make immigrants and refugees in Johnson county area feel welcome
iii. Taking out a group of seniors to attend a coffee group at the Coralville Public Library and then riding the bus with them to the county building to vote

**d.** Hugh Lively

i. Preparing for their compliance review that happens every three years

**e.** Danelle Bruce

i. The disability access point group in districts one and four have been trying to attend transit advisory group meetings
ii. Most staff are disability services navigators that are working with individuals with any disability of any age in the community and transportation comes up often

**f.** Brooke Lovelace

i. Make Your Mark Conference held on September 16 and 17

## VIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date and Location:

**ITCC**
**November TBD, 2026**
**Microsoft Teams**