



Livable Community for Successful Aging Policy Board Meeting Agenda

Meeting date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026; 4pm – 5pm

In-Person- Room 203C -855 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA 52240

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AGENDA

- 1) Welcome & Introductions – Kalohn
- 2) Public Comment – Comments on items not on the agenda
- 3) Passenger Transportation Program- Hannah Neel
- 4) Approval of January 2026 Meeting Minutes
- 5) Update from Aging Specialist – Kellbach
- 6) Finance Updates – Smith
 - a) Endowment
 - b) FY26 Budget
- 7) Special Meeting Agenda and Pre-work
- 8) Older Americans Month Planning
 - a) FilmScene Update
 - b) Riverside Theatre Update
 - c) Proclamations
- 9) Meeting dates for future meetings
 - a) Executive Committee Meeting – TBD, 4:00pm, virtual
 - b) Executive Committee Meeting – February 24, 2025, 4:00pm, virtual
 - c) Policy Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2025, 4:00pm, hybrid
 - d) Executive Committee Meeting – March 24, 2025, 4:00pm, virtual
- 10) Future Meeting Topics
- 11) Announcements
 - a) Senior Center Acknowledgement of receipt of foundation funds
 - b) Facebook Page Link: <https://www.facebook.com/JCSocialServices>
 - c) Latest Newsletter: <https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/livable-community/newsletter>
 - d) Other
- 12) Adjournment

Meeting Packet

PTP Presentation
January 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes
Aging Specialist Report
JCLC Finance Report
Goals and Action Items 2026-02-04

NOTE: ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION AND ACTION. *In order to provide for most efficient use of our limited meeting time, the Exec Committee requests that any “handouts” or written materials other than the financial report should be provided in advance only. Such handouts will be posted on Teams in order that people have an opportunity to read these in advance of the meeting.*

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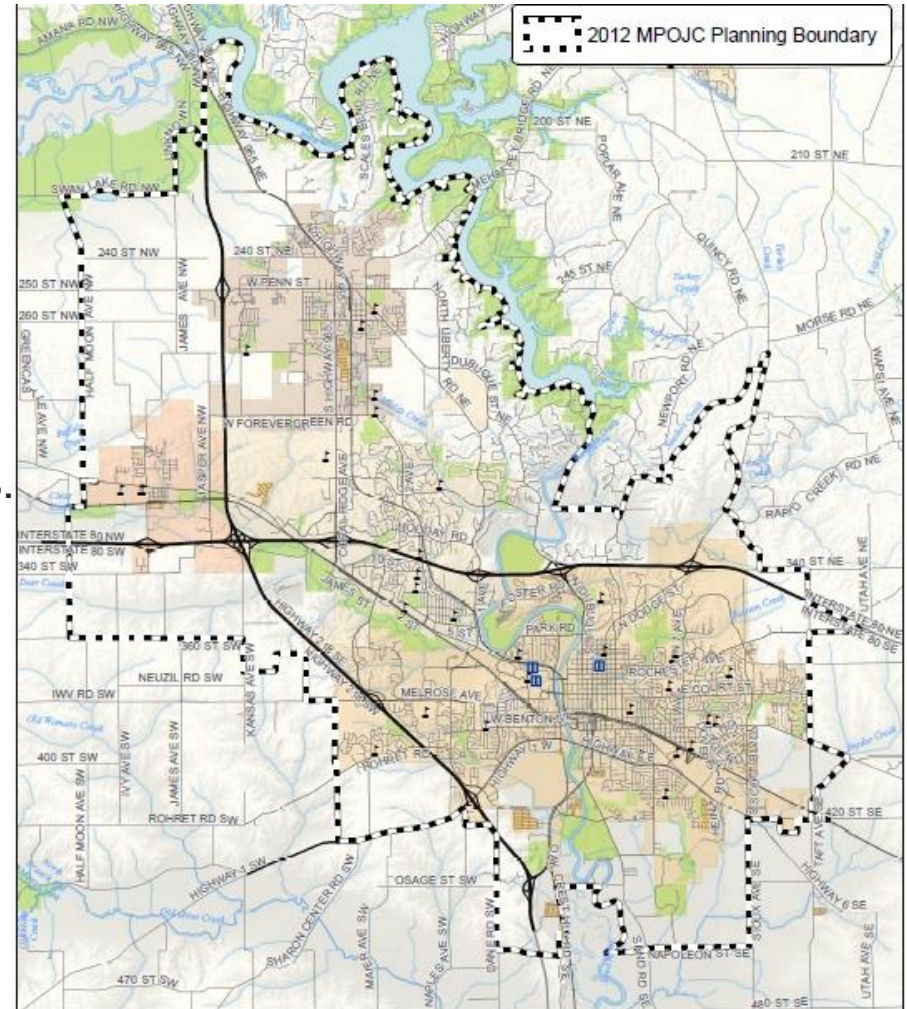
MPOJC Passenger Transportation Plan Update

February 10, 2026



What is the Metropolitan Planning Organization of Johnson County (MPOJC)?

- A federally-mandated transportation programming and policy-making organization.
- Channels federal and state transportation funds to projects and programs through the cooperative planning and decision-making process.
- Specializes in Transportation, Traffic Engineering, Grant Writing, and Land Use Planning.



What is the Passenger Transportation Plan? (PTP)

- Document required by federal law outlining transportation needs for transit projects seeking funding from federal and state assistance programs over five years.
- Serve as a mobility management tool to help meet the specific passenger transportation needs.

Review PTP Coordination Issues

- Service Needs
 - Examples: transit routes, frequency, hours of operation, transit rider training/education, etc.
- Fleet Needs
 - Examples: number or type of transit vehicles, buses, etc.
- Facility Needs
 - Examples: bus stop shelters
- Status of Past Priorities/Strategies

Discuss Priorities and Strategies

- 5-Year Priorities and Strategies

- Examples: continue to update the PTP every 5 years, upgrade and renovate transit facilities, evaluate existing service and coordination of both fixed route and paratransit service, support bus shelter revitalization and replacement, continue to provide education materials and ride training programs through the Mobility Coordinator

- Long Term Priorities and Strategies

- Examples: develop programs for senior riders, continue to evaluate park-and-ride programs in the urbanized area, continue to evaluate bus routes in the urbanized area, look for corporate partners in transportation programs

Past Goals and Objectives

Goal	Objective
Extend off-hour service options including ADA service	Support Iowa City Transit's (ICT) efforts to utilize CARES Act funding on evening service, late night service, and Sunday Service
	Consider recommendations from Iowa City Area Transit Study regarding the need for a lift-equipped vehicle for use during fixed route off-hours, late night, and weekend transit service in the urbanized area
	Ensure that all off-hour programs are seamless between agencies

Past Goals and Objectives

Goal	Objective
Update and expand transit facilities and technology	Continue to pursue funding options for ICT's new transit storage/maintenance facility. A location has been determined. Due to the current condition of ICT's Transit Facility, FTA is encouraging ICT to pursue federal funding
	Support the continued upgrades and expansion of the transit maintenance facility for Cambus
	Consider joint projects for the three fixed route transit operations and ensure that these programs are seamless between transit agencies
	Provide support for the upgrade and expansion of additional enclosed bus stop shelters and include additional signage and bus route information at each stop

Past Goals and Objectives

Goal	Objective
Support the implementation of the recently completed Iowa City Area Transit Study	<p>Since the study included all three area fixed route transit systems, support implementation of the study's recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Increasing frequency on core routes- Simplifying routes- Addressing on-time performance problems- Provide more direct service to popular destinations

Past Goals and Objectives

Goal	Objective
Provide more transportation related training and education programs	Continue to provide education materials and ride training programs through the Mobility Coordinator
	Continue to promote trip-maker programs throughout the urbanized area, including Google Transit and the Transit App to ensure seamless use between transit agencies

Past Goals and Objectives

Goal	Objective
Provide support for regional transit options	Support efforts to continue the 380-Express Bus service after the completion of the I-80/I-380 interchange project is completed

Past Goals and Objectives

Goal	Objective
Continue to provide ADA transportation options during fixed route service hours	Continue to utilize 5310 funds in the funding of the ADA paratransit service contract with Johnson County SEATS for ICT and Coralville Transit and the Bionic Bus program with the University of Iowa

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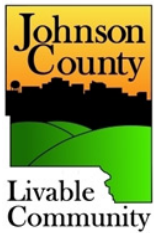
Please share your responses to the postcard questions by
February 26, 2026

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Livable Community for Successful Aging Policy Board Meeting Agenda

Meeting date: Tuesday, January 13, 2026; 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Minutes

- 1) Welcome & Introductions – Kalohn
 - a) Meeting was called to order at 4:06PM. Lisa Parlato was introduced as a new Policy Board Member. Lisa works as a Social Epidemiologist with Johnson County Public Health and has been in this role for 3 years. Violette Bray was also introduced, Violette is the Administrative Services Coordinator for the Optimal Aging Initiative at the Csomay Center for Gerontological Excellence and will be a new Policy Board member.
 - b) Present in-person: John Kalohn, Jeff Kellbach, William Quinn, Lisa Parlato
 - c) Present virtually: Lorraine Bowans, Thomas McDanel, Mandy Remington
 - d) Excused: Hayley Crabb, Lou Tassinary
 - e) Absent: Stacia Rath, Greg Smith
 - f) Online Guest- Violette Bray
- 2) Public Comment – Comments on items not on the agenda
 - a) None
- 3) Approval of December 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - a) Motion to approve the minutes by Quinn, Second by McDanel, all in favor, motion passes.
- 4) Update from Aging Specialist – Kellbach
 - a) Jeff will be giving a presentation on Senior Supports as part of the Community Foundation of Johnson County's Community Conversation series.
 - b) Aging Specialist Statistics- Current Fiscal Year Jeff has worked with 143 clients consisting of 576 documented contacts with these individuals. In the same time period last Fiscal Year Jeff worked with 108 clients with 551 documented contacts with these individuals.
 - c) Aging Specialist/ Navigators combined statistics- Current Fiscal Year the Navigators and Aging Specialist positions have worked with 479 clients consisting of 2,427 documented contacts with these individuals. In the same time period last Fiscal Year the Navigators and Aging Specialist positions have worked with 288 clients with 1,661 documented contacts with these individuals.
- 5) Finance Updates
 - a) Charitable Giving Fund Balance is \$3,600
 - b) FY26 County Funds- \$4,285.68- Expenses thus far include sponsorship of 2025 Caregiver Wellness Day, 2025 membership to Older Iowans Legislature and subscription to Constant Contact for the Newsletter.
- 6) Goals and Action Item Review
 - a) Transportation- Medical Transportation in Johnson County was discussed. Lorraine was asked to draft a goal for medical transportation.
- 7) Durable Medical Equipment Lending Library- Bowans
 - a) Lorraine is looking for space to store used durable medical equipment. She discussed the possibility of doing a Challenge Grant but would need a 501c3 organization to do a grant. She discussed the model

at Grace Episcopal Church in Cedar Rapids where the church provides space for the equipment and the lending library is staffed by volunteers. Liability issues were brought up if this was part of JCLC/ County and would require the Board of Supervisors and County Attorney approval. Discussion of whether there was the possibility of a storage unit donating space as a write off. Lorraine will follow up with Grace Episcopal with what they use to cover liability and send to John.

8) Meeting dates for future meetings

- a) Policy Board Meeting- Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 4:00pm, hybrid
- b) Executive Committee Meeting- January 27th, 2026 4PM, virtual
- c) Policy Board Meeting- Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 4:00pm, hybrid

9) Future Meeting Topics

- a) John and Jeff will send out a poll to schedule a special 3 hour meeting to work on Action Planning.

10) Announcements

- a) Facebook Page Link: <https://www.facebook.com/JCSocialServices>
- b) Latest Newsletter: <https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/livable-community/newsletter>
- c) Lorraine announced that Senior Day at the Capitol will be February 16th and AARP will be at the Capitol on February 27th.

11) Adjournment

- a) Meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM

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Aging Specialist Report- February 2026

a) **Rent Reimbursement Clinics**- Social Services Navigators, Aging Specialist, and a Social Work intern are currently doing Rent Reimbursement Clinics at 13 apartment complexes in Johnson County to assist eligible individuals with receiving funds back from past rent statements. This is a program through the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services.

b) **Senior College Presentation**- Jeff and Daniel Liebrecht will be presenting on the topic "What Makes a Community Livable" on Tuesday, February 17th.

c) **Dementia Friendly Johnson County**- No new updates- group has not met recently.

d) **Communications Committee**- No new updates. The Communications Committee continues to review the Livable Community website and has a schedule of review each month to ensure that content is accurate and up to date. The committee is also meeting monthly to plan out topics for the monthly newsletter.

e) **Johnson County Social Services Client Statistics as of 2/6/2026-**

Aging Specialist

Fiscal Year	# of Clients Served	# of Contacts
FY 26	164	677
FY 25	125	653

Aging Specialist/ Navigators

Fiscal Year	# of Clients Served	# of Contacts
FY 26	557	2756
FY 25	327	1874

JCLC Goals and Action Item Planning

Communication and Information - IMMEDIATE

- **Goal 1:** Increase awareness of JCLC and services/information provided within the county
 - **Possible Action Steps**
 - Shared calendar of aging events
 - Conduct listening post meetings geared toward seniors and rural communities
 - Speakers kit with info on services in the county and communities
 - Target underserved communities
 - Target faith-based organizations
 - Target businesses to distribute information
 - Reach out to County communications team to assist with promotional materials and social media
 - Explore opportunity with Film Scene for a screening of “I like it here” possibly partner with Trail and Senior Center for this event
 - Explore opportunity with Riverside Talk back session for the play Fiancé
 - Older Americans Month proclamations and plan activities
- **Goal 2:** Improve information sharing and collaboration with other organizations that provide services to seniors.
 - **Possible Action Steps**
 - Create regular schedule for senior related organizations to participate in JCLC board meeting for information sharing and collaboration
- **Goal 3:** Conduct outreach to city councils within Johnson County to increase awareness of JCLC and services/information provided within the county
 - **Possible Action Steps**
 - Annual Older American Month Proclamations plus info on survey results
 - Develop regular schedule of communications with city
 - Identify areas of collaboration with Johnson County communities

Health Services and Community Supports - IMMEDIATE

- **Goal 1:** Increase awareness of Community Survey results with the Johnson County medical community
 - **Action steps**
 - Meet with IOWA Health representatives to discuss survey results and areas of concern raised by respondents to the survey.
 - Consider creating a flowchart of preferred steps for individuals seeking health to get the appropriate and timely care.
- **Goal 2:**
 - Action step 1:
 - Action step 2:

Transportation - TBD

- Goal 1: Improve transportation options available to seniors in Johnson County
 - Action step 1: Explore reinitiation/replacement of RSVP program
 - Action step 2:
- Goal 2:
 - Action step 1:
 - Action step 2:

Consider recommendations from Kelly Schneider:

- Implement focus groups or follow-up surveys with 65 and older Seniors gathering input on their plans and desires for transitioning into non-driving life. Questions to ask:
 - What is the plan for self-driving survey participants when time comes, they can no longer safely drive themselves?
 - Do they have a local support system that can help drive them? What is the capacity of this support system?
 - What services would be best for them at this stage in life?
 - Is the existing network of Senior Transportation programs sufficient to meet their needs?
- Collaborate with the Senior Transportation Programs to learn about their perspective on meeting the demand, increasing services, better coordination and awareness of services. How can JCLC support the local Senior Transportation programs on providing solutions to gaps?
- Engage the City of Iowa City to discuss opportunities to support their existing goals:
 - [Iowa City Area Transit Study Final Report](#) – Page 38 of the Outreach Summary reveals Sunday service was the top requested enhancement.
 - [Climate Action Plan](#), page 36 notes: Goals to reduce carbon emissions and increase transit ridership.

Civic Participation and Employment – 5 YEAR

- Goal 1: Work with municipalities across Johnson County in developing resources that coordinate and facilitate connections to local volunteer opportunities
 - Action step 1:
 - Action step 2:
- Goal 2: Increase awareness of and access to educational and training opportunities that facilitate any individuals' return or entry into workforce
 - Action step 1:
 - Action step 2:

Commented [GS1]: Is this a partnership opportunity with the University of Iowa and/or Kirkwood Community College to offer certification opportunities for community members with scholarships subsidized by employers. Perhaps this already exists but could be tailored to older adults. Other ideas include: guest lectures, volunteer mentorship, classroom volunteers, etc.

Social Participation – INCORPORATE INTO COMMUNICATIONS

- Goal 1: Offering of community activities meeting a range of preferences for all **individuals**
 - Action step 1:
 - Action step 2:
- Goal 2: Intergenerational activities
 - Action step 1:
 - Action step 2:

Commented [GS2]: Work with local organizations to develop a list of volunteer opportunities. Create a centralized online portal or integrate with an existing one (like VolunteerMatch, Idealist, etc) that lists opportunities by location, time commitment, skillset, accessibility, etc. Could this be integrated into the JCLC website?

Respect and Inclusion – 2-3 ACTION PLAN

- Goal 1: Promote respect and social inclusion by increasing opportunities for older adults to be visible, valued, and actively engaged in communities across Johnson County.
 - Action step 1:
 - Action step 2:
- Goal 2: Create and provide training opportunities for city/county staff and other community partners on age-friendly and inclusion practices.
 - Action step 1:
 - Action step 2:

Commented [GS3]: Create a free or low-cost pass for older adults that gives access to a variety of activities such as fitness/yoga classes, art/music classes, gardening clubs, walking groups, game nights. This could be hosted by community rec centers, libraries, senior centers, Preucil School, etc.

Commented [GS4]: Suggested goal: Promote respect and social inclusion by increasing opportunities for older adults to be visible, valued, and actively engaged in communities across Johnson County.

Commented [GS5R4]: Create and provide training opportunities for city/county staff and other community partners on age-friendly and inclusion practices.

Housing – NEED INPUT FROM HAC

- Goal 1: Affordable housing for all
 - Action step 1:
 - Action step 2:
- Goal 2: Information and access to services to keep individuals in their homes, including home improvements, modifications, etc.
 - Action step 1:
 - Action step 2:

Commented [GS6]: It's my understanding that TRAIL of Johnson County can assist seniors with light home repairs and maintenance. Additionally, create and share a guide or checklist for home modifications useful to aging in place (grab bars, ramps, stair rails, improved lighting, non-slip floors, etc). Is this also an opportunity to partner with Habitat for Humanity?

Outdoor Spaces and Buildings - TBD

- Goal 1: Improve accessibility and knowledge of aging and common age-related conditions across a variety of organizations in the community, including businesses. Could split up disability and common age-related conditions like dementia into two different goals
 - Action step 1:
 - Action step 2:
- Goal 2: Create a designation for businesses / organizations that meet "age-friendly" criteria.
 - Action step 1:
 - Action step 2:

Commented [JK7R6]: (1) Co-Housing- funding is a limitation for Nesterly
 (2) Snow Removal Assistance for homeowners like Snow Buddies/ Winter Weather Warriors Programs. In North Liberty could we partner with their Neighborhood Ambassador Program.
 (3) Greg- TRAIL of Johnson County can assist seniors with light home repairs and maintenance. Additionally, create and share a guide or checklist for home modifications useful to aging in place (grab bars, ramps, stair rails, improved lighting, non-slip floors, etc). Is this also an opportunity to partner with Habitat for Humanity? Increasing JCLC Awareness.
 (4) Lorraine- Convert the 2 hotels that closed into Affordable Housing.
 (5) Lorraine- AARP Home Fit Program

Disaster Planning - IMMEDIATE

- Goal 1: Increase awareness and provide training related to disaster planning
 - Action step 1:
 - Action step 2:
- Goal 2: Develop and Conduct Emergency preparedness workshops for older adults.

Commented [JK8]: (1) Biking- Cycling Without Age
 (2) Encourage/ Promote Dementia Friendly Restaurants
 (3) Congregate Dining Site?

Commented [JK9]: (1) Look at Partnering with Johnson County Emergency Management, UI Public Health (Disaster Prepwise), AARP Programs.

- Action step 1: Explore existing resources within the county and Ready.gov has developed a guide that can be utilized as a starting point.
- Action step 2: