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Stuart Anderson
Director of Planning, Programming and Modal
Division
Iowa Department of Transportation

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS) had a discussion on input requested by Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT) on Federal Aid Swap. Please see below for our response to the questions.

- Should projects still be limited to the federal-aid system?
DMATS Tech and Policy Boards concluded all road projects should be included, including roads on the federal-aid system and farm to market system, should be eligible for swap funding. Also recommending all previously eligible projects still be eligible.
- Should there be funding match requirements?
DMATS Tech and Policy Board members recommended no match requirements with 100% funding.
- How are construction funds disbursed/reimbursed for individual projects?
DMATS Tech and Policy Boards agreed the funds be disbursed into members' accounts rather than receiving reimbursement and also would like to have a local letting.
- How are existing balances of STBG funds going to be handled?
DMATS Tech and Policy Boards agreed for all balances to remain and swap project by project.
- Should the use of a federal-aid swap be required statewide or implemented on a project-by-project or RPA/MPO basis?
DMATS Tech and Policy Board members' suggested IA DOT determine how to utilize the federal-aid swap funding.

DMATS supports IADOT's consideration of involving MPOs/RPAs in the discussion and appreciates the flexibility provided to MPOs/RPAs on using swapping funds.

Sincerely,

Roy D. Buol, Mayor, City of Dubuque
Chair Person
DMATS Policy Board