

Secretarial Notes

DMATS Policy Board meeting

Date: Thursday July 8, 2021
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Place: ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

DMATS Policy Board Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Roy Buol (chair)
<i>Mayor, City of DBQ</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Laura Roussell
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Danny Sprank
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Faber
<i>DBQ City Council</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ric Jones
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Resnick
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Cavanagh
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Klostermann
<i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Van Milligen
<i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gus Psihoyos
<i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Teri Goodman
<i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Marie Ware
<i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wally Wernimont
<i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Adams
<i>Mayor, City of Asbury (proxy John Richey)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk VanOstrand
<i>Mayor, City of East DBQ (proxy Loras Herrig)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Troy Maggied
<i>SWWRPC City Council</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Wickham
<i>Transit Rep. (RTA) (proxy Tricia Wagner)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Francis Schelfhout
<i>Wisconsin DOT (proxy Stephen Flottmeyer)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug DeLille
<i>Illinois DOT (proxy Rob Bates)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann McDonough
<i>DBQ County Supervisor (proxy Harley Pothoff)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Merten
<i>Small Cities Rep. City of Peosta (Proxy Wayne Kenniker)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Zillig
<i>Jo Daviess County</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Esser**
<i>Jule Transit Rep. (proxy Vacant)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Bonz
<i>ECIA (proxy Kelley Deutmeyer)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
<i>Grant County Representative</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Shea*
<i>Iowa DOT (non-voting member)</i> | | |

Others Present: Betsy Tracy, DOT; Ryan Sempf, Dubuque Chamber; Ed Raber, Dubuque County; Dan McDonald, GDDC; Darla Hugaboom, Federal Highway; Ernie Bolibaugh, Dubuque Schools

Staff Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chandra Ravada
*Non-Voting Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Fox
**Voting member by Proxy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Berning
***Attendance by phone |
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A quorum was present for DMATS Policy Board

Call to Order

The DMATS Policy Board meeting was called to order by DMATS Policy Board Vice-Chair, Ann McDonough. Introductions were made at this time.

Review/Approve the revised Agenda for the Thursday, July 8, 2021 DMATS Policy Board meeting

Motion by Wickham, second by Resnick to approve the revised agenda for the Thursday, July 8, 2021, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday May 13, 2021 meeting

Motion by Resnick, second by Zillig to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday May 13, 2021 DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve John F. Kennedy Safe Routes to School TAP application

Ravada informed the board that they City of Dubuque approached the DMATS staff requesting approval of their TAP application for the John F. Kennedy Safe Routes to School project. The City of Dubuque received calls from Eisenhower school and parents requesting the sidewalks be improved for kids to walk to school safely. Due to these phone calls, City of Dubuque felt this project was an emergency project and contacted the IADOT and the DOT suggested to contact the MPO. DMATS staff felt this was a unique project and accepted the application. Ravada stated the City of Dubuque is requesting \$190,000 for this project from the MPO.

Psihoyos informed the Board that this project is from Asbury Road to the Northwest Arterial to add sidewalks in places where there is none and improve existing sidewalks.

Motion by Jones, second by Resnick to approve the John F. Kennedy Safe Routes to School TAP application. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve projects for DMATS Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2026

Ravada informed the Board that staff received an application for TAP funds from Dubuque County Conservation, requesting funds to pave Heritage Trail. Dubuque County Conservation requested \$500,000 in TAP funds and are also seeking funds from the State of Iowa COVID trail funds. These funds will help pave Heritage trail from Iowa 3 to the west of the City of Asbury.

Resnick requested a timeline for this project.

Ravada stated if approved the project will go into design phase summer of 2022, due to the DOT funding not being available until July 2022.

Motion by Wickham, second by Jones to approve the projects for DMATS Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve final DMATS Federal Fiscal year 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Motion by Wickham, second by Jones to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was opened at 12:16 p.m.

Ravada referred to the TIP stating the two TAP applications have been added to the TIP. The recent INFA grant from the City of Dubuque has not been added to the TIP due to needing to view the scope of services from the IADOT before moving forward. Ravada informed the board when this is received staff will bring the TIP back to the board for an amendment.

Motion by Jones, second by Resnick to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 12:06 p.m.

Motion by Jones, second by Cavanagh to approve the final DMATS Federal Fiscal year 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Letter of Support for the City of Dubuque's RAISE grant

Ravada informed the board that the City of Dubuque approached DMATS staff requesting a letter of support for a RAISE grant to make improvements to 16th street, bridge over 14th Street, and Elm Street. Total cost of the project is 3 million dollars, City of Dubuque is putting in 1.4 million, requesting 1.6 million from IADOT. Ravada requested the board to approve so staff could send letter of support to DOT.

Update on Freights planning and improvements in DMATS area

Ravada stated in 2017 an eight-county freight study was started and included Dubuque MPO and RPA8 area, Bi-State Regional Commission, Rockford MPO, and Blackhawk Hills Regional Council. Which include the following counties: Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson, Clinton, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll and Whiteside. This study is funded through IADOT, ILDOT, MPO and RPA 8 funds. Projects that came from the study are, US 20 Improvements, Port Expansion, US 30 Improvements, Reduce delay within the MPO and changes to regulations.

Ravada stated all the project recommendations made from the eight-county freight study are being addressed, except for the Port Expansion project. Therefore, the MPO took it upon themselves to do a port expansion study, which was completed in July of 2020.

Ravada stated all improvements that came from the freight study took about 5 years to complete. Ravada informed the board from the Port Expansion study the City of Dubuque was awarded a 5 million dollar INFRA grant to make port improvements to Gavilon. Ravada thanked the board for allowing staff to expand with the completion of the port expansion study.

Comments from public on an item that did not appear on the agenda

No comments were made by the public.

Other Business

No other business.

Adjournment

Motion by Wickham, second by Jones to adjourn the Thursday, July 8, 2021 DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Policy Board meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning