

## Secretarial Notes DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting

**Date:** Thursday, January 12, 2023  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Place:** ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

### DMATS Technical Advisory Board Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Wally Wernimont</b><br><i>City of Dubuque</i><br>(proxy Jason Duba)                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Beth Bonz</b><br><i>City of Asbury</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Loras Herrig</b><br><i>City of East Dubuque</i>                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tammy Henry</b><br><i>Dubuque County</i>                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Gus Psihoyos (chair)</b><br><i>Engineer,</i><br><i>City of DBQ</i><br>(proxy Bob Schiesl) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Russell Weber</b><br><i>Engineer,</i><br><i>DBQ County</i><br>(proxy Wyatt Anderson) | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Steve Keeffer</b><br><i>Engineer,</i><br><i>Jo Daviess County, IL</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dave Lambert</b><br><i>Engineer</i><br><i>Grant County, WI</i>              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ryan Knuckey</b><br><i>Jule Transit</i><br>(proxy Jake Ironside)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Stacie Scott</b><br><i>Regional Transit</i><br><i>Authority (RTA)</i><br>(proxy Gail Kuhle)     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Troy Maggied</b><br><i>SWWPRC</i>                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Kelley Deutmeyer**</b><br><i>ECIA</i><br>(proxy Holly McPherson) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Kris Tobin**</b><br><i>Illinois DOT</i><br>(proxy Rob Bates)<br>(proxy Doug DeLille)      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Stephen Flottmeyer**</b><br><i>Wisconsin DOT</i><br>(proxy Francis Schelfhout)       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sam Shea*</b><br><i>Iowa DOT</i><br>(non-voting member)    |   |

**Others Present:** Jason Duba

### Staff Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chandra Ravada</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dan Fox</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sarah Berning</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chris Wesseln</b> |
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\*Non-Voting Member

\*\*Voting member by Proxy

\*\*\*Attendance by phone

**A quorum was present for DMATS Technical Advisory Board**

## **Call to Order**

The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting was called to order by DMATS Technical Advisory Board Chair, Gus Psihoyos.

## **Review/Approve the Agenda for the Thursday, January 12, 2023, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting**

Motion by McPherson, second by Wernimont to approve the agenda for the Thursday, January 12, 2023, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday December 8, 2022 meeting**

Motion by Wernimont, second by Bonz to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday December 8, 2022, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review/Recommend amendment to FFY 2023-2026 DMATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Ravada referred to the TIP handout stating the amendment is the addition of an IADOT project on US20, Cox Springs Rd Intersection 1 mile East of Co Rd Y21. It is a grade and pave project and letting will be in the spring of 2023.

Motion by Wernimont, second by Weber to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the amendment to FFY 2023-2026 DMATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review/Recommend resolutions for adopting Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) Program targets for the FHWA pavement and bridge (“PM2”) and systems performance and freight (“PM3”) performance targets for Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS)**

Ravada referred to the resolution stating MPO staff recommend following the WIS DOT safety targets. Ravada explained that every two years the DOT performs the same test which our baseline is very close to the DOTs baseline, therefore MPO staff suggest we adopt the DOTs targets.

Motion by Wernimont, second by McPherson to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the resolutions for adopting Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) Program targets for the FHWA pavement and bridge (“PM2”) and systems performance and freight

(“PM3”) performance targets for Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS). The motion passed unanimously.

**Review/Recommend applying for Service Development Plan through Corridor Identification and Development Program for Rockford to Dubuque Passenger Rail service**

Ravada reminded the board that at the last meeting it was discussed to draft a letter of support, although since then a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released, therefore a letter of support is not needed. Ravada stated since the NOFO came out staff have been in contact with FRA to see if the feasibility study will be taken into consideration. If the FRA takes the feasibility study into consideration that will push the corridor project into scope and program initiation stage. Ravada stated the first step of the project has no planning dollars attached to it, but step two has a 10% match.

Discussion followed.

Ravada stated if the board decides to apply for the corridor project staff feel board should gather commitment letters from all parties along the corridor to commit to match dollars once the project gets into the service development planning stage. Ravada asked the board for their opinions on this matter.

Discussion followed.

Ravada stated the application is due in March. Ravada recommended to the board that staff gather commitment letters so the project will be seen all the way through.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Schiesl, second by McPherson to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board for staff to gather commitment letters from all cities and counties along the corridor with commitment of step two match dollars based on per capita. The motion passed unanimously.

**Review/Recommend using Carbon Reduction program funding to implement Electric Vehicle Infrastructure**

Ravada explained to the board as part of the new transportation bill the MPO will be receiving \$200,000.00 annually to be used towards the carbon reduction program. Ravada informed the board that a carbon reduction program is to reduce carbon emissions. Therefore, any project that reduces carbon emissions is eligible to utilize this funding. Ravada stated this funding follows the STBG process.

Ravada stated staff is suggesting to put this new funding towards electric vehicle infrastructure and not other projects. Staff will complete the plan for electric vehicles.

Discussion followed.

Ravada asked the board to make a recommendation to the Policy board if they would like to use this new funding of \$20,000.00 towards only electric vehicle infrastructures or let the funds be used on any reduces carbon emissions projects.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Wernimont, second by McPherson to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board to table using Carbon Reduction program funding to implement Electric Vehicle Infrastructure. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss planning tasks for FY 2024 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)**

Ravada asked the Board if there were any other tasks, they would like staff to address in FY 2024 TPWP. Ravada stated the board has 30 days to send staff any suggestions of projects they would like to see in the TPWP.

Ravada stated the draft of the TPWP will be completed and presented to the Board in March 2023 and the final will be completed in May 2023.

**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 at this time.

**Adjournment**

Motion by McPherson, second by Wernimont to adjourn the Thursday, January 12, 2023, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada  
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning