

Secretarial Notes DMATS Policy Board meeting

Date: Thursday January 9, 2020
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Place: ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

DMATS Policy Board Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roy Buol (chair)
<i>Mayor, City of DBQ</i> | <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Brett Shaw
<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 type="checkbox"/>
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Klostermann
<i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i> |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teri Goodmann
<i>(proxy for DBQ) City Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Marie Ware
<i>(proxy for DBQ) City Council</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Carstens
<i>(proxy for DBQ) City Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Adams**
<i>Mayor, City of Asbury (proxy vacant)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Robey**
<i>Mayor, City of East DBQ (proxy Loras Herrig)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Troy Maggied
<i>SWWRPC City Council (proxy Kristina Tranel)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Wickham**
<i>Transit Rep. (RTA) (proxy Lori McKinley)</i> | <input 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 Anthony Bardgett)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Meescher**
<i>Small Cities Rep. City of Peosta (Proxy Don Recker)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Zillig
<i>Jo Daviess County</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Esser**
<i>Jule Transit Rep. (proxy Renee Tyler)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Bonz
<i>ECIA (proxy Kelley Deutmeyer) (proxy Lori McKinley)</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: Dave Solberg, Ride the Rail; Bob Schiesl, City of Dubuque; Rahim Akrami, City of Dubuque; Rob Bates, ILDOT; Mike Shimkus, WHKS; Chuck Isenhardt, State Representative; Jacob Ironside, City of Dubuque

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 Agenda for the Thursday, January 9, 2020 DMATS Policy Board meeting

Motion by Carstens, second by Bonz to approve the agenda for the Thursday, January 9, 2020, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday October 10, 2019 meeting

Motion by Carstens, second by Goodman to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday October 10, 2019 DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve Election of Officers

Ravada stated that each year election of officers should be held. Ravada noted that the current officers for the DMATS Policy Board are Roy Buol as Chair and Ann McDonough as Vice-Chair. Ravada opened it up for the Board to discuss who would be DMATS Policy Board next vice chair.

Motion by Resnick, second by Carstens to nominate McDonough as Vice-Chair of the Policy Advisory Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve \$500,000 of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG SWAP) funds to Dubuque County for Improving the Northwest Arterial/John Deere Road Corridor for Freight Mobility BUILD Grant program project

Ravada reminded the Board Dubuque County received the BUILD grant for the improvements for the Northwest Arterial/John Deere. Ravada stated the BUILD grant includes the final design, construction and construction engineering piece of the project. The county needs additional funding to go through preliminary design and environmental stages. Ravada informed the Board Dubuque County requested \$500,000 of STBG SWAP funds for the Northwest Arterial/John Deere Road Corridor. Ravada stated the request is being made due to the timeline from Federal Highway has given.

Bardgett stated the Northwest Arterial/John Deere needs to be let by August 2021. In order for that to happen the County needs a consultant on board to meet the timeline set forth. Bardgett

stated the funding being requested is being moved from the Old Hwy project currently programmed. The county has agreed to move the Old Hwy project back to allow the Northwest Arterial/John Deere Road project to be started.

Motion by Carstens, second by Resnick to approve the \$500,000 of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG SWAP) funds to Dubuque County for Improving the Northwest Arterial/John Deere Road Corridor for the Freight Mobility BUILD Grant program project. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve amendment to DMATS FFY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Motion by Carstens, second by Goodmann to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was opened at 12:10 p.m.

Ravada stated the amendment to the TIP is the addition of the county's BUILD grant project for improving the Northwest Arterial/John Deere Road Corridor for freight mobility. The project includes; outside services engineering, ped/bike grade and pave, grade and pave, traffic signals and right of way. The project will include US 20 NW Arterial intersection to Hwy 52 and then Hwy 52 to John Deere Road and then John Deere Road to Peru Road. Ravada stated the total funding for this project is \$11,045,023.

Motion by Carstens, second by Resnick to approve the amendment to DMATS FFY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Goodmann, second by Resnick to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 12:13 p.m.

Approve opening of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) application for FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ravada explained it is time to open the application process for STBG funds. Ravada requested the Board approve the opening of STBG application process for FFY 2021-2024.

Motion by Carstens, second by Resnick to approve the opening of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) application for FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Approve opening of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) application for FFY 2024

Ravada requested the Board to approve the opening of the TAP application process for FFY 2024, so the staff can start receiving applications for TAP funds.

Motion by Resnick, second by Goodmann to approve the opening of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) application for FFY 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss planning tasks for FY 2021 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Ravada asked the Board if there were any other tasks, they would like staff to address in the FY 2021 TPWP. Ravada stated the work on the TPWP will focus mainly on the Long Range Transportation Plan. Staff will also help administer the BUILD grant. Staff will also be working on the ped/pike plan, trail systems, freight, passenger rail and the safety teams.

Discussion followed.

Ravada stated the draft of the TPWP will be completed and presented to the Board in March 2020 and the final will be completed in May 2020.

Discussion followed.

Date for DMATS Long Range Transportation Plan Goal Planning Session

Ravada stated the DMATS Tech Board suggested April 9th as the date for the LRTP goal planning session. Requested to Policy Board to view calendars and verify that date would work for them to join the planning session.

Policy Board members agreed April 9, 2020 will work to schedule the LRTP planning session. Ravada stated the location of this meeting will be determined and sent to the Board at a later date.

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

No comments were made by the public.

Other Business

Water Trail

Fox stated currently he is working on a water trail plan within Jackson County. This brought up discussion about possibly doing a water trail plan within Dubuque County. Fox stated DMATS staff will be drafting a letter of support in favor of completing a water trail plan for Dubuque County, to be submitted to the DNR. Once this letter is completed staff will bring to the DMATS Board for approval.

Discussion followed.

Ride the Rail Group

Resnick asked if there was a rail group in Jo Daviess County, Illinois that Ravada could suggest that Ride the Rail can work with in regards to the Passenger Rail Feasibility Study from Chicago to Dubuque. Ravada stated the feasibility study that DMATS is working on is a partnership with the Blackhawk Group, Rockford MPO and DMATS. The study will be done through the group that is formed by four cities and two counties on the Corridor. DMATS members recommended to include a rail member from Illinois and staff are working with the group in this regard.

Adjournment

Motion by Carstens, second by Resnick to adjourn the Thursday, January 9, 2020 DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Policy Board meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning