

Secretarial Notes

DMATS Policy and Technical Advisory Board Joint meeting

Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Roussell
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Danny Sprank
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Lynch
<i>DBQ City Council</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ric Jones
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> David Resnick
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input 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"/> Vacant
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Adams
<i>Mayor, City of Asbury (proxy John Richey)</i> | <input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Vacant
<i>Small Cities Rep. City of Peosta (Proxy Vacant)</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> | | |

DMATS Technical Advisory Board Members Present:

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

Others Present: Dave Solberg; Whitney Baethke; Ernie Bolibaugh; Aaron Moniza; Ryan Sempf; Kyle Durant; Brian Preston; Ed Raper; Betsy Tracey; Julie Neebel

Staff Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chandra Ravada
<i>*Non-Voting Member</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Fox
<i>**Voting member by Proxy</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Berning |
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*** Attendance by phone

A quorum was present for DMATS Policy and Technical Advisory Board

Call to Order

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

The DMATS Policy Board meeting was called to order by DMATS Policy Board Chair Roy Buol. Introductions were made at this time.

Review/Approve the Agenda for the Thursday, February 11, 2021 DMATS Joint Technical Advisory and Policy Board meeting

Motion by Wernimont, second by Bardgett to approve the agenda for the Thursday, February 11, 2021 DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Wickham, second by Jones to approve the agenda for the Thursday, February 11, 2021 DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, January 14, 2021 meeting

Motion by Bates, second by Bardgett to approve the amended minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, January 14, 2021 DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by McDonough, second by Roussell to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, January 14, 2021 DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Dubuque County's BUILD grant project

Moniza with Foth gave an update on the John Deere Road Corridor Project. He stated the preliminary plans have been submitted and cleared by the IADOT, environmental is getting finished up, and the ROW acquisition and utility coordination efforts are in progress. Moniza stated currently the project is under budget. Moniza went on to let the board know Foth has a public outreach meeting at the end of February. Foth plans to have final plans into the DOT by mid-April and letting by July 2021.

Wickham suggested looking at having a crossing from the Proving Grounds to the north side of John Deere Road trail.

Discussion followed.

Connecting John Deere Rd BUILD grant trail with Heritage Trail

Preston from Dubuque County Conservation Department gave a presentation on the importance of connecting the trail which stops near west John Deere Road. Preston requested \$500,000.00 to connect the trail from W. John Deere Rd across HWY 3 to the Heritage Trail.

Deutmeyer requested Ravada to explain where funds for this project will come from.

Ravada stated the Dubuque County Conservation Board will apply for TAP funds.

Review/Approve contract for Passenger Rail Feasibility Study between Rockford, IL and Dubuque, IA with Quandel Consultants, Inc

Ravada stated contract negotiations have been completed with Quandel and scope of services met requirements within the RFP. Quandel came in with a budget of \$245,650.00. Ravada stated the initial estimated budget was \$300,000. Ravada requested the Board to approve contract with Quandel.

Motion by Bonz, second by Wernimont to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the contract for Passenger Rail Feasibility Study between Rockford, IL and Dubuque, IA with Quandel Consultants, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jones, second by Lynch to approve the contract for Passenger Rail Feasibility Study between Rockford, IL and Dubuque, IA with Quandel Consultants, Inc. The motion passed; Zillig opposed.

Review/Approve DMATS LRTP 2050 Draft Introduction Chapter 1

Motion by Wickham, second by Lynch to open public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing opened at 12:30 p.m.

Fox presented the DMATS LRTP Chapter 1-Introduction for review and comments. Fox continued with reviewing the vision, goals, objectives, and performance measures. Fox stated the planning process within the LRTP will be changing due to some federal transportation legislation that has passed. The plan will follow a more performance-based planning, emphasizing measuring and managing the systems performance.

Fox said that taking into consideration of the federal requirements outlines in the FAST ACT, the feedback for the public and Board members, the following guiding principles were identified.

- Equity
- Economic Development
- Public Health
- Mode Choice
- System Maintenance
- Environment

- Safety
- Efficiency
- Technology

Fox stated the ideal is, each goal has an objective, a performance measure and a target or desire direction that DMATS hopes to achieve.

Fox stated that Board members have one month to review and provide comments.

Motion by Bonz, second by Bardgett to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board of the DMATS LRTP 2050 Draft Introduction Chapter 1. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by McDonough, second by Wickham to approve the DMATS LRTP 2050 Draft Introduction Chapter 1. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve DMATS LRTP 2050 Draft Finance Chapter 10

Ravada began his review of the DMATS LRTP-Chapter 10, Finance by noting the DMATS MPO's transportation system improvements are funded through a combination of federal, state and local funds. Ravada stated the process is a four-step process including data collection, data analysis, future projections, and future improvements. Ravada continued with reviewing the following funding sources current and future projected funding status. Ravada noted that grants funds were not included in the analysis of projected funding status.

- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)-average annual \$1,581,000
- STP Highway Bridge Program (STP-HBP)-average annual \$580,000
- Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)-average annual \$138,000

Ravada then reviewed where the Cities/Counties derive their local funding revenues from and what their expenditures are for. Ravada noted that cities/counties use the funds to support work for road maintenance, construction and reconstruction, administration, equipment and street debt.

Ravada moved to review the Transit funding projections, noting that the Transit system (The Jule and RTA) do not received large amounts of funding to support their system; therefore, Transit utilizes grants to support operations and maintenance of the system.

Ravada reiterated that the DMATS Board members have one month to review and provide comments to staff, however he asked the Board for approval to submit the draft chapters to the IA, FHWA and FTA for comment and approval.

Motion by Bonz, second by Wernimont to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board of the DMATS LRTP 2050 Draft Finance Chapter 10. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Roussell, second by McDonough to approve the DMATS LRTP 2050 Draft Finance Chapter 10. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by McDonough, second by Jones to close public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing closed at 12:55 p.m.

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

No comments were made by the public.

Other Business

COVID Relief Bill

Shea informed the Board the COVID relief bill was passed in December. The federal government is funneling more money into the states to back fill decline and gas taxes due to COVID. Shea stated the IA DOT will be receiving around \$120 million dollars and plan on utilizing that money for road use tax funds for states and cities. The IADOT is seeking stakeholder input until February 26, 2020.

Adjournment

Motion by Bardgett, second by Bonz to adjourn the Thursday, February 11, 2021 DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Motion by Jones, second by Roussell to adjourn the Thursday, February 11, 2021 DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Policy Board meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning