

Secretarial Notes

DMATS Policy and Technical Advisory Board Joint meeting

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2019
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"/> Luis Del Toro
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input checked="" 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"/> Jake Rios
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Adams**
<i>Mayor, City of Asbury (proxy Larry Nagle)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Robey**
<i>Mayor, City of East DBQ (proxy Loras Herrig)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troy Maggied**
<i>SWWRPC City Council (proxy Kristina Tranel)</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 Anthony Bardgett)</i> |
| <input 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)</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"/> Laura Carstens (chair)
<i>City of Dubuque (proxy Guy Hemenway) (proxy Wally Wernimont)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Bonz
<i>City of Asbury</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loras Herrig
<i>City of East Dubuque</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant
<i>Dubuque County</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gus Psihoyos (vice-chair)**
<i>Engineer, City of DBQ (proxy Bob Schiesl)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Bardgett
<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 type="checkbox"/> Renee Tyler
<i>Jule Transit (proxy Vacant)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Tricia Wagner
<i>Regional Transit Authority (RTA)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troy Maggied**
<i>SWWPRC (proxy Kristina Tranel)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelley Deutmeyer
<i>ECIA (proxy vacant)</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, Ride the Rail; Mike Shimkus, WHKS; Delbert Uhlik, Gaviion Grain; Robert Sinkler; Wally Wernimont, City of Dubuque; Chuck Isenhart; Whitney Baethke, City of Peosta

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 |
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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, Laura Carstens.

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, September 12, 2019 DMATS Joint Technical Advisory and Policy Board meeting

Motion by Bonz, second by Bardgett to approve the agenda for the Thursday, September 12, 2019 DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jones, second by McDonough to approve the agenda for the Thursday, September 12, 2019, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, July 11, 2019 meeting

Motion by Bardgett, second by Bonz to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, July 11, 2019 DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Herrig, second by Resnick to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, July 11, 2019 DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve amendments to DMATS FFY 2020 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Motion by Wickham, second by Jones to open public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing opened at 12:07 p.m.

Ravada referred to the TPWP handout stating the amendment to the TPWP is due to receiving the final funding amounts from the IA DOT. The Ports Study Project total funding went from \$84,000 to \$80,000. The STREETS project received \$5,070 more in funding.

Motion by Bardgett, second by Schiesl to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board of the amendments to DMATS FFY 2020 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Resnick, second by Wickham to approve the amendments to DMATS FFY 2020 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by McDonough, second by Resnick to close public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing closed at 12:09 p.m.

Review/Approve resolutions for adopting Highway Safety Improvement Program Performance Measure targets for Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS)

Ravada referred to the resolution stating MPO staff are recommending to follow the IA DOT safety targets for 2020. Ravada stated if the Board would prefer DMATS could establish their own safety targets. Although staff suggest the Board adopts the IA DOT safety targets.

Motion by Bonz, second by Schiesl to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board of the resolutions for adopting Highway Safety Improvement Program Performance Measure targets for Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS).

Motion by Resnick, second by McDonough to approve the resolutions for adopting Highway Safety Improvement Program Performance Measure targets for Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS).

Discussion of Proposed Association of Ports of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois (PEIWI)

Robert Sinkler gave a presentation on a concept he has been working on to help get federal recognition for the ports of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. These ports consist of existing ports and terminal infrastructure along the Mississippi River between Keokuk and Dubuque. Sinkler stated the reason why he feels it's important for a federally recognize port is; to market transportation capabilities to ensure full utilization, to ensure reliable access to the region's exports, to promote environmentally sustainable water infrastructure development and to support Mississippi River recreation, tourism, flood risk reduction, hydropower, water supply, water quality and natural infrastructure improvements.

Sinkler stated the next steps to move this concept forward are; to create a letter of intent, receive letter of supports, finalize implementation plan, brief counties on the concept, recognize PEIWI during the 2020 Legislative sessions, submit port packet to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for approval, PEIWI become federally recognized and collect and manage statistical data for PEIWI.

Discussion followed.

Deutmeyer suggested for the future meetings to return with more information of how this concept will benefit agencies along the Mississippi who have ports established and informing those agencies of what grants and resources are available for them to apply for, to help fund this concept. Deutmeyer stated this information will help DMATS support giving a letter of support for this project.

Discussion followed.

Ravada stated at the next DMATS meeting more information will be presented on this concept and the benefits and the disadvantages on how it will affect organizations and agencies within the area. Ravada informed the Board that Sinkler will also be presenting to the Port Study group and the RPA Board.

Update on Passenger Rail meeting with the Secretary of Transportation from Illinois Department of Transportation

Ravada stated the Chicago to Rockford passenger rail service received \$275 million to re-establish the passenger rail service. The Passenger Rail Coalition is planning on meeting with the Secretary of Transportation on the 26th of September to discuss the route between Rockford to Dubuque to discuss what it will take to update the existing feasibility study which was done in 2007, to bring this study up-to-date.

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 Bonz, second by Bardgett to adjourn the Thursday, September 12, 2019 DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Motion by Herrig, second by Resnick to adjourn the Thursday, September 12, 2019 DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Policy Board meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning