

Secretarial Notes
DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Place: ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

DMATS Technical Advisory Board Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Carstens (chair) <i>City of Dubuque</i> (proxy Guy Hemenway) (proxy Wally Wernimont) | <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"/> vacant <i>Dubuque County</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gus Psihoyos (vice-chair) <i>Engineer,</i> <i>City of DBQ</i> (proxy Bob Schiesl) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Bardgett <i>Engineer,</i> <i>DBQ County</i> (proxy Russell Weber) | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Keeffer <i>Engineer,</i> <i>Jo Daviess County, IL</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Lambert <i>Engineer</i> <i>Grant County, WI</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renee Tyler <i>Jule Transit</i> (proxy Jason Duba) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori McKinley <i>Regional Transit</i> <i>Authority (RTA)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troy Maggied <i>SWWPRC</i> (proxy Kristina Tranel) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelley Deutmeyer** <i>ECIA</i> (Lori McKinley) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kris Tobin** <i>Illinois DOT</i> (proxy Rob Bates) (proxy Doug DeLille) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Flottmeyer** <i>Wisconsin DOT</i> (proxy Francis Schelfhout) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Shea* <i>Iowa DOT</i> (non-voting member) | |

Others Present: Doug DeLille, IL DOT; Wally Wernimont, City of Dubuque; Bob Schiesl, 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 Technical Advisory Board

Call to Order

The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting was called to order by DMATS Technical Advisory Board Chair, Laura Carstens. Introductions were made at this time.

Review/Approve the Agenda for the Thursday, May 9, 2019 DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting

Motion by Bardgett, second by McKinley to approve the agenda for the Thursday, May 9, 2019, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Review/Recommend Final Fiscal Year 2020 DMATS Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Ravada referred to handout stating there were a couple of budget changes in regards to the STREETS project and the Port Expansion project.

DeLille noted the IDOT total amounts were not the same on page 16 of the TPWP.

Ravada stated it was an error and he will make changes, for both totals to read \$3037.00.

Motion by Bardgett, second by McKinley to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board for the Final Fiscal Year 2020 DMATS Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend Amendment to DMATS FFY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ravada referred to the TIP handout stating the amendment was to the Peosta project for the flashing beacon and radar signs. The project location was incorrect, therefore the location was corrected and now reads, between Kalb Ridge Street and Cox Springs Road.

Motion by Maggied, second by Psihoyos to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board of the Amendment to DMATS FFY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend Consultant for Port Expansion Study

Ravada stated he has been asked by a few members of how the port expansion study came about and where it is heading. The reasons for the freight study; increase in freight traffic due to improvement to the Panama Canal, impact of new intermodal facility in the region, retain existing businesses that highly rely on freight and attract new businesses and to look at how transportation costs can be reduced for businesses within the region. The outcome of the freight study were; safety and congestion improvements, policy projects and supply chain IEI barge terminal. Projects that came from the freight study are; US 20 improvements from Dubuque to Freeport, US 20 improvements within the MPO area, port expansion, US 30 improvements from Dewitt to Cedar Rapids, reduce delays within the MPO area and changes to regulations. Ravada stated the freight study showed that not all businesses within the area are utilizing the ports as they should be used, this is the major reason the port expansion study came about.

Recommendations for the port expansion study is to improve Marine Terminal capacity in the Dubuque area to accommodate a broad range of higher-value ro-ro, break-bulk and project cargo; containers, liquid bulk or dry bulk. The Port Expansion study is designed to address the following; potential market demands, sustainable operations versus existing capabilities, long term sustainability, market analysis and infrastructure needs.

Ravada stated the companies requested to work directly with the consultants so they can have a more specific/detailed reports to utilize for the betterment of their company and what the companies share with the public will be limited details.

Schiesl asked if these companies will be paying the consultants directly.

Ravada stated the MPO received funding through IA and IL DOT's.

Shea questioned how you can utilize federal aid funding for a project where part of the data is treated confidential. Shea suggested staff to contact the Iowa Economic Development to see what process they went through with projects they completed where the outcome was similar; where businesses who provided confidential information who wanted to keep portions of their information of the project private.

Ravada stated the two consultants who were interviewed for the Port Expansion study were, WSP and Quet•ica. The consultant who was chosen by the committee was WSP from Chicago, IL. Ravada stated WSP cost for the project is \$150,000.00 and DMATS budgeted \$210,000.00 for the project. Ravada asked Board to approve to move forward with hiring WSP as consultants.

Motion by Bardgett, second by Maggied to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board of the consultant for Port Expansion Study. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Safety Improvements on John Deere Rd from Peru Rd to Herber Rd

Ravada stated John Deere is looking to make safety improvements on John Deere Road, Peru Road and Herber Road. The major issues John Deere is facing currently are; site capacity, existing truck traffic, shift change, lot expansion, curve at John Deere and D10 and trucks turning onto John Deere Road from Peru Road. Ravada stated there was a safety audit conducted. The recommendations that came from the safety audit were; widen the radius for trucks turning onto John Deere Road from Peru Road, create a slow lane on south John Deere Road and a possible signal for traffic entering/exiting south lot.

Ravada stated the recommendations from IIW in regards to the signalized intersection were; realign D10 and John Deere Road intersection, have the intersection signalized or have the south parking lot connect to the intersection. IIW recommendations for improvements to Peru Road are; a right turn lane from S John Deere Road to Peru Road, a right turn lane from Peru Road to S John Deere Road and to have John Deere recommend to trucks to use D10/John Deere intersection on to US 52.

Ravada stated John Deere has agreed to pay for all utility cost on their property and also relocate their south lot exit driveway to meet D10 intersection. Ravada informed the Board the rest of the construction will be on public ground. Ravada stated the next steps will be to talk with county engineers and IA DOT District 6 office, conduct meetings amongst the County, City and John Deere to discuss possible funding and then apply for grants. Ravada stated the grants to apply for are TSIP and ICAAP funds.

Discussion followed.

Carstens asked if John Deere was interested in doing transit services again, so employee's park and are bused to John Deere.

Ravada stated this hasn't been discussed but Ravada will address this possibility with John Deere.

Discussion followed.

Ravada asked the Board how they would like staff to proceed, talk with IA DOT staff and start applying for TSIP and ICAAP applications.

Discussion followed.

Ravada stated he will move forward exploring grant options with the IA DOT.

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

No comments were made by the public.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Motion by Schiesl, second by Psihoyos to adjourn the Thursday, May 9, 2019 DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning