

# Secretarial Notes

## DMATS Policy and Technical Advisory Board Joint meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, June 23, 2026  
**Time:** 12:00 p.m.  
**Place:** ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

### DMATS Policy Board Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Brad Cavanagh (chair)</b><br><i>Mayor, City of DBQ</i>                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Laura Roussell</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>                               | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Danny Sprank</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Katy Wethal</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tyson Leyendecker</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>David Resnick</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chris Staver</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Troy Maggied</b><br><i>SWWRPC City Council</i>                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mike Van Milligen**</b><br><i>(proxy for DBQ)<br/>City Council</i>                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Gus Psihoyos**</b><br><i>(proxy for DBQ<br/>City Council)</i>               | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hector Torres-Cacho*</b><br><i>Iowa DOT<br/>(non-voting member)</i>                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Beth Bonz</b><br><i>ECIA<br/>(proxy Mae Hingtgen)</i>                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wally Wernimont**</b><br><i>(proxy for DBQ<br/>(City Council)</i>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jim Adams</b><br><i>Mayor, City of Asbury<br/>(proxy John Richey)</i>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>John Digman</b><br><i>Mayor, City of East DBQ<br/>(proxy Bob Seitz)</i>                | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Brian Lucey</b><br><i>Grant County Representative</i>                                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Harley Pothoff**</b><br><i>Transit Rep. (RTA)<br/>(proxy Gail Kuhle)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Francis Schelfhout**</b><br><i>Wisconsin DOT<br/>(proxy Justin Johnson)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Doug DeLille**</b><br><i>Illinois DOT<br/>(proxy Katie Smith)</i>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ann McDonough (VC)</b><br><i>DBQ County Supervisor<br/>(proxy Wayne Kenniker)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Russ Pfab**</b><br><i>Small Cities Rep.<br/>City of Peosta<br/>(Proxy Vacant)</i>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Joe Heitkamp</b><br><i>Jo Daviess County</i>                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Robert Daughters**</b><br><i>Jule Transit Rep.<br/>(proxy Ryan Knuckey)</i> |                                                                                                                          |

### DMATS Technical Advisory Board Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Wally Wernimont**</b><br><i>City of Dubuque<br/>(proxy Jason Duba)</i>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Beth Bonz</b><br><i>City of Asbury</i>                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bob Seitz</b><br><i>City of East Dubuque</i>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ed Raber</b><br><i>Dubuque County</i>                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Gus Psihoyos (chair)</b><br><i>Engineer,<br/>City of DBQ<br/>(proxy Bob Schiesl)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Todd Kinney</b><br><i>Engineer,<br/>DBQ County<br/>(proxy Wyatt Anderson)</i>            | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Steve Keeffer</b><br><i>Engineer,<br/>Jo Daviess County, IL</i>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dave Lambert</b><br><i>Engineer<br/>Grant County, WI</i>               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ryan Knuckey</b><br><i>Jule Transit<br/>(proxy Jodi Johnson)</i>                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Stacie Scott**</b><br><i>Regional Transit<br/>Authority (RTA)<br/>(proxy Gail Kuhle)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Troy Maggied</b><br><i>SWWRPC</i>                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mae Hingtgen</b><br><i>ECIA<br/>(proxy Holly McPherson)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>IL DOT District 2**</b><br><i>(proxy Katie Smith)<br/>(proxy Doug DeLille)</i>       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Justin Johnson</b><br><i>Wisconsin DOT<br/>(proxy Francis Schelfhout)</i>                | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hector Torres-Cacho *</b><br><i>Iowa DOT<br/>(non-voting member)</i> |                                                                                                    |

**Others Present:** Paul Uzell

### Staff Present

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chandra Ravada</b><br>*Non-Voting Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dan Fox</b><br>**Voting member by Proxy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sarah Berning</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Jack Studier</b><br>*** Attendance by phone |
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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 Vice-Chair Ann McDonough. Introductions were made at this time.

## **Review/Approve the Agenda for Tuesday, June 23, 2026, DMATS Joint Technical Advisory and Policy Board meeting**

Motion by Bonz, second by Duba to approve the agenda for Tuesday, June 23, 2026, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Heitkamp, second by Rousell to approve the agenda for Tuesday, June 23, 2026, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, May 14, 2026, meeting**

Motion by Duba, second by Knuckey to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from Thursday, May 14, 2026 DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Heitkamp, second by Roussell to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from Thursday, May 14, 2026, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review/Approve Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) projects for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Ravada stated the MPO received only one application from Dubuque County, therefore no ranking process was needed. Ravada stated the application from Dubuque County was for \$800k. Ravada requested the board approve the project so staff could program in the TIP.

Motion by Duba, second by Knuckey to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) projects for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Heitkamp, second by Roussell to approve the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) projects for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

**Review/Recommend Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) projects for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Fox stated the MPO received only one application from City of Dubuque, therefore no ranking process was needed. Fox reminded the board that at the last meeting the board removed the cap for funding for TAP projects. Fox stated the City of Dubuque requested \$905k in TAP funds. Fox requested the board approve the project so staff could program in the TIP.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Hingtgen, second by Knuckey to recommend to the DMATS Policy Board the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) projects for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Heitkamp, second by Roussell to approve the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) projects for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

**Review/Recommend Amendments to DMATS Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Motion by Heitkamp, second by Roussell to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was opened at 12:09 p.m.

Ravada referred to the TIP handout stating the amendment for the IADOT US 61 Mississippi River in Dubuque, bridge rehabilitation. Ravada stated the total cost for this project has increased. No other changes were made.

Motion by Duba, second by Bonz to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the Amendment to DMATS Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Heitkamp, second by Roussell to approve the Amendment to DMATS Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

**Review/Approve Final DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Ravada stated no major changes. Ravada stated one of the comments the IADOT had that staff will work on implementing, is to tie performance measures to the goals of the LRTP. The other changes were minor.

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

Motion by Bonz, second by Duba to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the Final DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Heitkamp second by Roussell to approve the Final DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

### **Review/Recommend DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Community and Stakeholder Engagement Chapter**

Fox went over the timeline staff kept for the LRTP planning process. First steps was the kickoff of the LRTP planning process by beginning work on the draft chapters, next was a community survey, then a goal setting session with the DMATS tech and policy boards, followed by public and stakeholder meetings, which leads to presenting the draft chapters to the boards and sharing them with public, state, and federal partners for comments. Staff will then publish the final draft plan and hold a public open house and comment period. Final step is to have the DMATS board approve the final plan. Fox stated that the board has 30 days to review and provide comments.

Motion by Hingtgen second by Duba to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Community and Stakeholder Engagement Chapter. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Heitkamp, second by Roussell to approve the DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Community and Stakeholder Engagement Chapter. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Review/Recommend DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Environmental Chapter**

Studier stated that the purpose of the Environmental chapter is to analyze the projects for any environmental impacts. A preliminary environmental impact screening can identify potentially serious impacts that could delay projects. Early “fatal flaw” analysis helps reduce the risks that are inherent in transportation planning process. Studier stated staff looked at minor, moderate and major impacts of each category; floodplain, environmental sensitive areas, social facilities, household income, and minority population. Studier stated that the board has 30 days to review and provide comments.

Motion by Kuhle, second by Knuckey to recommend to the DMATS Policy Board the DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Environmental Chapter. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Heitkamp, second by Roussell to approve the DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Environmental Chapter. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Uzell gave a passenger rail update to the board.

### **Other Business**

#### **ILDOT Meeting**

Ravada informed the board that on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am there is an ILDOT meeting in East Dubuque.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Kuhle, second by Duba to adjourn the Tuesday, June 23, 2026, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Motion by Heitkamp, second by Roussell to adjourn the Tuesday, June 23, 2026, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Policy Board meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada  
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning