

## Secretarial Notes DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting

**Date:** Thursday, October 12, 2023  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Place:** ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

### DMATS Technical Advisory Board Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wally Wernimont</b><br><i>City of Dubuque</i><br>(proxy Jason Duba)                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Beth Bonz</b><br><i>City of Asbury</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vacant</b><br><i>City of East Dubuque</i>                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ed Raber</b><br><i>Dubuque County</i>                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Gus Psihoyos (chair)</b><br><i>Engineer,</i><br><i>City of DBQ</i><br>(proxy Bob Schiesl) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Russell Weber**</b><br><i>Engineer,</i><br><i>DBQ County</i><br>(proxy Wyatt Anderson)      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Steve Keeffer</b><br><i>Engineer,</i><br><i>Jo Daviess County, IL</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dave Lambert</b><br><i>Engineer</i><br><i>Grant County, WI</i>              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ryan Knuckey</b><br><i>Jule Transit</i><br>(proxy Jodi Johnson)                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Stacie Scott</b><br><i>Regional Transit</i><br><i>Authority (RTA)</i><br>(proxy Gail Kuhle) | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Troy Maggied</b><br><i>SWWPRC</i>                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Kelley Deutmeyer**</b><br><i>ECIA</i><br>(proxy Holly McPherson) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Kris Tobin**</b><br><i>Illinois DOT</i><br>(proxy Rob Bates)<br>(proxy Doug DeLille)      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Stephen Flottmeyer**</b><br><i>Wisconsin DOT</i><br>(proxy Francis Schelfhout)              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sam Shea*</b><br><i>Iowa DOT</i><br>(non-voting member)    |   |

**Others Present:** Bob Schiesl, Laura Carstens

### Staff Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chandra Ravada</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dan Fox</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sarah Berning</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jack Studier</b> |
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\*Non-Voting Member

\*\*Voting member by Proxy

\*\*\*Attendance by phone

**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, Gus Psihoyos.

## **Review/Approve the Agenda for the Thursday, October 12, 2023, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting**

Motion by McPherson, second by Scott to approve the agenda for the Thursday, October 12, 2023, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday September 14, 2023 meeting**

Motion by McPherson, second by Scott, to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, September 14, 2023, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review/Recommend resolutions for adopting Illinois Department of Transportation (ILDOT) Highway Safety Improvement Program Performance Measure targets for Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS)**

Ravada referred to the resolution stating MPO staff recommend following the IL DOT safety targets. Ravada explained that every year the DOTs perform a crash analysis test based on the rate of 100 million vehicle miles traveled, where they come up with the baseline for the next five years. Ravada stated that if the MPO performed the same test, our baseline would be very close to the DOTs. Therefore, MPO staff suggested adopting DOTs targets.

Motion by Weber, second by Scott to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the resolution for adopting Illinois Department of Transportation (ILDOT) Highway Safety Improvement Program Performance Measure targets for Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS). The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review/Recommend change in termini for the Heritage Trail paving project**

Ravada stated in FY 2020 the board approved half a million dollars for the Heritage Trail paving project from John Deere improvements to Heritage Trail. Ravada stated the Dubuque Conservation Board approached the MPO stating they are not able to do the project due to easement issues. The conservation board requested they move the project and start the paving project in Dyersville and go 2 miles east. Ravada stated the request to the board is to change the termini from Dubuque to Dyersville.

Motion by Raber, second by Weber, to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the change in termini for the Heritage Trail paving project. The motion passed unanimously.

**Review/Recommend Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds for Smart Traffic Routing with Efficient and Effective Traffic System (STREETS) phase II project**

Ravada stated the City of Dubuque recently applied for funds through the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program with the total cost of the project is 2.3 million, in which the city is requesting 1.1 million in ICAAP funding. The city also received \$592,000.00 in carbon reduction funds. Ravada stated the City of Dubuque approached the MPO to see if the city could receive \$166,800.00 in STP funds for their project. Ravada stated the MPO has enough funds in the STP funds to give these funds to the City of Dubuque.

Motion by Raber, second by Weber to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds for Smart Traffic Routing with Efficient and Effective Traffic System (STREETS) phase II project. The motion passed unanimously.

**Review/Recommend Amendments to Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024-2027 DMATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Ravada stated the amendments to the 2024-2027 TIP for approval,

- On Old Highway Rd from Y21 E 4.9 mi to Cousins Road & on Y21 from Old Highway Rd south 1.1 mi, resurfacing
- City of Dubuque, study and implement traffic management systems, ITS equipment, ITS infrastructure and ITS integration
- On Heritage trail 2.5 miles East of Beltline Rd, paving

Motion by Raber, second by Weber to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the Amendments to Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024-2027 DMATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

**Review/Recommend release of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024-2027 DMATS Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) applications**

Ravada informed the board that the MPO is following the IADOT guidelines and using the IADOT application. Ravada informed the board that there are two differences between IADOT application and the MPO's application. If members are applying for funds to help with safe routes to school they must apply with the state, they are not eligible to apply through the MPO. Also, the other change is non-profits now can apply for TAP funds. The cap for projects is \$250,000.00 per project. Ravada requested the Board to approve the opening of the TAP application process for FFY 2024-2027, so the staff can start receiving applications for TAP funds.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Raber, second by McPherson to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the release of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024-2027 DMATS Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) applications. The motion passed unanimously.

**Topics to discuss with Stu Anderson from the Iowa Department of Transportation at the transportation annual meeting**

Ravada asked the board what topics they would like to hear Stu Anderson speak about at the annual transportation meeting. The board suggested Stu address, the impact of changes to local option sales tax on the transportation system and update on any major projects within Iowa.

**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 Raber, second by Weber to adjourn the Thursday, October 12, 2023, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada  
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning