

Secretarial Notes

DMATS Policy Board meeting

Date: Thursday, October 12, 2023
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Place: ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

DMATS Policy Board Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Cavanagh (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"/> Katy Wethal <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"/> Susan Faber <i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Klosterman** <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teri Goodman** <i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Marie Ware** <i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wally Wernimont** <i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Adams <i>Mayor, City of Asbury (proxy John Richey)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Melvin Degenhardt** <i>Mayor, City of East DBQ (proxy Vacant)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant <i>Grant County Representative</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacant** <i>Transit Rep. (RTA) (proxy Stacie Scott)</i> | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Troy Maggied <i>SWWRPC City Council</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Russ Pfab <i>Small Cities Rep. City of Peosta (Proxy Vacant)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Don Zillig <i>Jo Daviess County</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Daughters** <i>Jule Transit Rep. (proxy Ryan Knuckey)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann McDonough (VC) <i>DBQ County Supervisor (proxy Wayne Kenniker)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Shea* <i>Iowa DOT (non-voting member)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Bonz <i>ECIA (proxy Kelley Deutmeyer)</i> | | |

Others Present: Ed Raber

Staff Present

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chandra Ravada *Non-Voting Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Fox **Voting member by Proxy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Berning | <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Studier *** Attendance by phone |
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A quorum was present for DMATS Policy Board

Call to Order

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

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

Motion by Jones, second by Resnick to approve the agenda for the Thursday, October 12, 2023, DMATS Policy 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 Jones, second by Resnick to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, September 14, 2023, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve 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 Resnick, second by Jones to approve 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/Approve 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 today to change the termini from Dubuque to Dyersville

Discussion followed.

Motion by Van Milligen, second by McDonough to approve the change in termini for the Heritage Trail paving project. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve 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 McDonough, second by Resnick to approve 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/Approve Amendments to Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024-2027 DMATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Motion by Jones, second by Resnick to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was opened at 12:08 p.m.

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 Wethal, second by Jones to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 12:10 p.m.

Motion by Jones, second by Wethal to approve the Amendments to Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024-2027 DMATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve 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 Wethal, second by Resnick to approve 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 informed the board of the topics the technical board suggested 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. Ravada asked the policy board if they had any other topics they would like Stu to address. Policy board members suggested Stu discuss electric vehicles registration cost and gas tax with more electric vehicles being driven. Also, what the states stance on electric vehicles charging stations within the state.

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 Wethal, second by Resnick to adjourn the Thursday, October 12, 2023, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Policy Board meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning