

Secretarial Notes

DMATS Policy Board meeting

Date: Thursday, January 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Faber
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Teri Goodman**
<i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Marie Ware**
<i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i> |
| <input checked="" 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 Loras Herrig)</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 checked="" 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: Bob Schiesl, Jason Duba, Ernie Bolibaugh, David Overby, Doug Spyrison, Barb Hocker, Hendrica Regez, Paul Uzel, Ryan Sempf, Dan McDonald

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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Wesseln
*** Attendance by phone |
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A quorum was present for DMATS Policy and Technical Advisory 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, January 12, 2023 DMATS Policy Board meeting

Motion by Resnick, second by Jones to approve the agenda for the Thursday, January 12, 2023, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, December 8, 2022 meeting

Motion by Resnick, second by Jones to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, December 8, 2022, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve amendment to FFY 2023-2026 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 12:03 p.m.

Ravada referred to the TIP handout stating the amendment is the addition of an IADOT project on US20, Cox Springs Rd Intersection 1 mile East of Co Rd Y21. It is a grade and pave project and letting will be in the spring of 2023.

Motion by Resnick, second by Wethal to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 12:04 p.m.

Motion by Jones, second by Resnick to approve the amendment to FFY 2023-2026 DMATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve resolutions for adopting Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) Program targets for the FHWA pavement and bridge (“PM2”) and systems performance and freight (“PM3”) performance targets for Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS)

Ravada referred to the resolution stating MPO staff recommend following the WIS DOT safety targets. Ravada explained that every two years the DOT performs the same test which our baseline is very close to the DOTs baseline, therefore MPO staff suggest we adopt the DOTs targets.

Motion by Resnick, second by Wethal to approve the resolutions for adopting Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) Program targets for the FHWA pavement and bridge (“PM2”) and systems performance and freight (“PM3”) performance targets for Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve applying for Service Development Plan through Corridor Identification and Development Program for Rockford to Dubuque Passenger Rail service

Ravada stated a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released for the corridor identification and development program, therefore staff could apply. Ravada stated since the NOFO came out staff have been in contact with FRA to see if the feasibility study will be taken into consideration. If the FRA takes the feasibility study into consideration that will push the corridor project into scope and program initiation stage. Ravada stated staff are waiting for FRA to respond. Ravada informed the board the technical board recommended to gather commitment letters from cities and counties along the corridor for the 10% match that is required in step two of the project.

Discussion followed.

Ravada stated the application is due in March. Ravada stated ILDOT and IADOT stated they support the project, but no financial commitment from either DOT. Ravada stated the board will have to decide if they want to move forward and apply for funds or just due initial steps with a letter of support.

Discussion followed.

Spyrison stated the Ride the Rail group’s biggest concern is receiving a letter of support from members along the corridor along with letters from ILDOT and IADOT.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Resnick, second by McDonough to approve staff to write a letter of support and draft a corridor proposal to be submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the letter will be presented to the DMATS Policy Board at the next meeting for approval prior to submission to the FRA. The motion passed, Zillig opposed.

Review/Approve using Carbon Reduction program funding to implement Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

Ravada explained to the board as part of the new transportation bill the MPO will be receiving \$200,000.00 annually to be used towards the carbon reduction program. Ravada informed the board that a carbon reduction program is to reduce carbon emissions. Therefore, any project that reduces carbon emissions is eligible to utilize this funding. Ravada stated this funding follows the STBG process.

Discussion followed.

Ravada asked the board if they would like to use this new funding of \$20,000.00 towards only electric vehicle infrastructures or let the funds be used on any reduces carbon emissions projects. Ravada stated the technical board tabled this agenda item until more information was received.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Jones, second by Resnick to approve to table using Carbon Reduction program funding to implement Electric Vehicle Infrastructure. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss planning tasks for FY 2024 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Ravada asked the Board if there were any other tasks, they would like staff to address in FY 2024 TPWP. Ravada stated staff will be working on the Dubuque BUILD grant, STREETS project and Electric Vehicle program. Ravada stated the board has 30 days to send staff any suggestions of projects they would like to see in the TPWP.

Ravada stated the draft of the TPWP will be completed and presented to the Board in March 2023 and the final will be completed in May 2023.

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, January 12, 2023, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning