

Secretarial Notes

DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Place: ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

DMATS Technical Advisory Board Members Present:

☒ **Wally Wernimont****
City of Dubuque
(proxy Jason Duba)

☒ **Beth Bonz**
City of Asbury

☐ **Bob Seitz**
City of East Dubuque

☐ **Ed Raber**
Dubuque County

☒ **Gus Psihoyos (chair)**
Engineer,
City of DBQ
(proxy Bob Schiesl)

☒ **Russell Weber (VC)**
Engineer,
DBQ County
(proxy Wyatt Anderson)

☐ **Steve Keeffer**
Engineer,
Jo Daviess County, IL

☐ **Dave Lambert**
Engineer
Grant County, WI

☒ **Ryan Knuckey**
Jule Transit
(proxy Jodi Johnson)

☒ **Stacie Scott**
Regional Transit
Authority (RTA)
(proxy Gail Kuhle)

☐ **Troy Maggied**
SWWPRC

☒ **Mae Hingtgen**
ECIA
(proxy Holly McPherson)

☒ **Faith Duncan***
(proxy Katie Smith)
(proxy Doug DeLille)

☒ **Justin Johnson**
Wisconsin DOT
(proxy Francis Schelfhout)

☐ **Hector Torres-Cacho ***
Iowa DOT
(non-voting member)

Others Present:

Staff Present

☒ **Chandra Ravada**
*Non-Voting Member

☒ **Dan Fox**
**Voting member by Proxy

☒ **Sarah Berning**

☒ **Jack Studier**
*** 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 revised Agenda for the Thursday, September 11, 2025, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting

Motion by Bonz, second by Scott to approve the revised agenda for Thursday, September 11, 2025, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, July 10, 2025, meeting

Motion by Bonz, second by Scott to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from Thursday, July 10, 2025, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend resolution for adopting Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT) Highway Safety Improvement Program Performance Measure targets for Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS)

Ravada referred to the resolution stating MPO staff are recommending following the IA DOT safety targets for 2025. Ravada stated if the Board would prefer DMATS could establish their own safety targets. Although staff suggest the Board adopts the IA DOT safety targets.

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

Review/Recommend DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Introduction Chapter 1

Fox presented the DMATS LRTP Chapter 1 Introduction for review and comments. Fox continued with reviewing the vision, goals, objectives, and performance measures. Fox stated the planning process within the LRTP will be changing due to some federal transportation legislation that has passed. The plan will follow a more performance-based planning, emphasizing measuring and managing the systems performance.

Fox said that taking into consideration of the federal requirements outlines in the FAST ACT, the feedback for the public and Board members, the following guiding principles were identified.

- Access to Opportunity
- Economic Development
- Public Health
- Mode Choice
- System Maintenance
- Environment
- Safety
- Efficiency
- Technology

Fox stated the ideal is, each goal has an objective, a performance measure and a target or desire direction that DMATS hopes to achieve.

Fox stated that Board members have one month to review and provide comments.

Motion by Bonz, second by Wernimont to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board of the DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Introduction Chapter 1. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Passenger Transportation Chapter 5

Studier presented the DMATS LRTP 2055 Chapter 5 Passenger Transportation. Studier explained chapter 5 will cover the following things: the study of the transportation network in the DMATS area, provide a general overview of existing conditions for all modes of transportation, highways and roads, transit, bicycle and pedestrian, freight and air travel and highlight ongoing special initiatives and future projects related to passenger transportation system of the area. Studier noted that the Board members have one month to review Chapter 5 and provide comments and changes to staff.

Motion by Wernimont, second by Bonz to recommend to the DMATS Policy Board approval of the DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Passenger Transportation Chapter 5. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Finance Chapter 10

Ravada began his review of the DMATS LRTP Chapter 10, Finance, by noting the DMATS MPO's transportation system improvements are funded through a combination of federal, state and local funds. Ravada stated the process is a four-step process including data collection, data analysis, future projections, and future improvements. Ravada continued with reviewing the following funding sources current and future projected funding status.

Ravada then reviewed where the Cities/Counties derive their local funding revenues from and what their expenditures are for. Ravada noted that cities/counties use the funds to support work for road maintenance, construction and reconstruction, administration, equipment and street debt.

Ravada moved to review the Transit funding projections, noting that the Transit system (The Jule and RTA) do not received large amounts of funding to support their system; therefore, Transit utilizes grants to support operations and maintenance of the system.

Ravada reiterated that the DMATS Board members have one month to review and provide comments to staff, however he asked the Board for approval to submit the draft chapters to the IA, FHWA and FTA for comment and approval.

Motion by Bonz, second by Wernimont to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board of the DMATS LRTP 2050 Draft Finance Chapter 10. 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 every year the Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin DOT's performs 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 if the MPO would perform the same test our baseline would be very close to the DOT's, therefore MPO staff suggest we adopt the DOT's targets.

Motion by Wernimont, second by Weber to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board of 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

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

No comments were made by the public.

Other Business

IADOT meeting

Ravada informed the board that on October 14th the IADOT meeting will be in Clinton at Eagle Point Lodge.

Adjournment

Motion by Wernimont, second by Weber to adjourn the Thursday, September 11, 2025, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning