

Secretarial Notes

DMATS Policy Board meeting

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2026
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 Roussel
<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 type="checkbox"/> Tyson Leyendecker
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Resnick
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Staver
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Troy Maggied
<i>SWWRPC City Council</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Van Milligen**
<i>(proxy for DBQ)
City Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Gus Psihoyos**
<i>(proxy for DBQ)
City Council</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hector Torres-Cacho*
<i>Iowa DOT
(non-voting member)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Bonz
<i>ECIA
(proxy Mae Hingtgen)</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"/> John Digman
<i>Mayor, City of East DBQ
(proxy Bob Seitz)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Lucey
<i>Grant County Representative</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harley Pothoff**
<i>Transit Rep. (RTA)
(proxy Stacie Scott)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Francis Schelfhout**
<i>Wisconsin DOT
(proxy Justin Johnson)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug DeLille
<i>Illinois DOT
(proxy Katie Smith)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann McDonough (VC)
<i>DBQ County Supervisor
(proxy Wayne Kenniker)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Russ Pfab**
<i>Small Cities Rep.
City of Peosta
(Proxy Vacant)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Heitkamp
<i>Jo Daviess County</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Daughters**
<i>Jule Transit Rep.
(proxy Ryan Knuckey)</i> | |

Others Present: Paul Uzel, Bob Schiesl, Kim Reem, Jason Duba

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"/> 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, February 12, 2026, DMATS Policy Board meeting

Motion by McDonough, second by Resnick to approve the revised agenda for the Thursday, February 12, 2025, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

Ravada stated that each year elections of officers should be held. Ravada noted the current chairs of the DMATS Policy Board are Brad Cavanagh as Chair and Ann McDonough as Vice-Chair. Ravada noted as mayor of Dubuque Cavanagh is automatically the chair. Ravada opened it up for the Board to discuss the vice-chair position.

Motion by Resnick, second by Wethal to nominate McDonough as Vice-Chair of the Policy Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, November 13, 2025 meeting

Motion by Resnick, second by McDonough to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, November 13, 2025, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Safety Chapter 9

Fox reviewed the DMATS LRTP Safety chapter stating the outline for this chapter involves comprehensive safety action plans; safety planning framework; safety analysis on area-wide crashes and safety action plan analysis on specific locations; DMATS transportation safety efforts with MDST group, STREETS project and roundabouts; and safety projects, strategies and policies.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Wethal, second by Resnick to approve the DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Safety Chapter 9. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Roads and Bridges Chapter 7

Studier went over the DMATS LRTP Roads and Bridges chapter touching on these key topics, federal functional classifications; traffic volume; pavement conditions; international roughness index; bridges; ITS infrastructure; and the STREETS project.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Resnick, second by Wethal to approve DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Roads and Bridges chapter 7. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion by Resnick, second by Wethal to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was opened at 12:37 p.m.

Ravada stated the amendments to the 2026-2029 TIP for approval,

- In the City of Asbury, Asbury West Trail, from Wedgewood Pond SE to Asbury Rd/Seippel Rd; alternate paved sidewalk/trail types
- In the City of Dubuque, from the E 12th Street solar field along Pine Street, through 9th Street and 11th Street; alternate paved sidewalk/trail types

Motion by McDonough, second by Wethal to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 12:39 p.m.

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

Review/Approve resolution for adopting Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) Highway Safety Improvement Program (PMI) Performance Measure targets for Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS)

Ravada referred to the resolution stating MPO staff are recommending following the WI DOT highway safety improvement program performance measures. Ravada stated if the Board would prefer DMATS could establish their own safety targets. Although staff suggest the Board adopts WI DOT measures.

Motion by Wethal, second by Resnick to approve the resolution for adopting Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) Highway Safety Improvement Program (PMI) Performance Measure targets for Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend DMATS representative to SUDAS Board of Directors

Ravada explained annually MPO's appoint a representative to the SUDAS Board and in the past years the Dubuque MPO's representative has been Bob Schiesl. Ravada asked the Board if they would like to continue with Schiesl as the representative or appoint a new representative.

Motion by Resnick, second by Wethal to approve the representative to SUDAS Board of Directors remain Bob Schiesl. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss planning tasks for FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Ravada asked the Board if there were any other tasks they would like staff to address in the FY 2027 TPWP. Staff will be working on the STREETS phase two, the SS4A grant, and miscellaneous projects for WI and IL DOT projects.

Ravada stated the draft of the TPWP will be completed and presented to the Board in March 2026 and the final will be completed in May 2026.

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

Uzel updated the board members on what's happening in the world of rail.

Other Business

RFP

Torres-Cacho informed the board that the RFP for US 20 improvement study will be out in the spring around April.

Adjournment

Motion by Wethal, second by Resnick to adjourn the Thursday, February 12, 2026, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Policy Board meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning