

Secretarial Notes
DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Place: ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

DMATS Technical Advisory Board Members Present:

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

Others Present: Jason Duba, Bob Schiesl, Doug DeLille

Staff Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chandra Ravada | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Fox | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Berning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Studier |
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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, February 8, 2024, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting

Motion by Bonz, second by Wernimont to approve the agenda for the Thursday, February 8, 2024, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday January 11, 2024 meeting

Motion by Wernimont, second by Bonz, to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, January 11, 2024, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve Election of Officers

Ravada stated that each year election of officers should be held. Ravada noted the current chairs of the DMATS Technical Advisory Board are Gus Psihoyos as Chair and Russell Weber as Vice-Chair. Ravada opened it up for the Board to discuss who would be DMATS Tech Board next chair and vice chair or if they wanted to keep the same.

Motion by Bonz, second by Wernimont to nominate Psihoyos as chair of the DMATS Technical Advisory Board and Weber as Vice-Chair of the Technical Advisory Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend STBG funding to B2E2 and NW Arterial/US 20 Intersection

Ravada referred to the memo in the board packet. Ravada stated DMATS strongly endorses the initiative to construct the Building Bridges to Employment and Equity (B2E2) project. DMATS has programmed \$11.24 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds for the construction of the B2E2 project in FFY 2027 and 2028. Ravada stated the City of Dubuque is seeking a DOT RAISE grant for this project.

Ravada acknowledged the East-West Corridor and Cedar Cross Road are important to the DMATS area. Due to the train volume the City of Dubuque is now seeing, the B2E2 project has become a priority. Ravada stated the MPO staff are recommending the following changes within

the MPO budget to help the B2E2 project. Recommending that \$6.27 million from the East-West Corridor project and \$3.82 million from Cedar Cross Road project and \$1.5 million from FY'28 to the B2E2 14th Street overpass project. Ravada also recommended for FY'29 that all members allocate their funds received in FY'29 to the NW Arterial and Hwy 20 intersection. Discussion followed.

Motion by Wernimont, second by Bonz, to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board STBG funding to B2E2 and NW Arterial/US 20 Intersection. 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,

- In the City of Dubuque, construction on 14th Street, 16th Street and Elm Street Corridor; pcc pavement, new pcc pavement, replace.
- Remove pavement and rehab of University Ave from Pennsylvania Ave to Loras Blvd.
- Remove pcc pavement replacement on Cedar Cross Rd from Starlight Dr to N Cascade Rd.

Motion by Bonz, second by Wernimont 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 letter to U.S. Department of Transportation supporting the City of Dubuque RAISE Grant Project

Ravada referred to the letter in the board packets. Ravada acknowledged the letter states that DMATS is programming \$11.24 million for the B2E2 project for FY '24-28. Specific requests from the City of Dubuque to DMATS are as follows:

- Reprogram \$6.37 million from the East-West Corridor Improvements to the RAISE grant project.
- Program \$3.28 million from the Cedar Cross Road project to the RAISE grant project.
- Program \$1.59 million of Fiscal Year 2028 DMATS STBG funding to the RAISE grant project.
- Program \$2.4 million of Fiscal Year 2029 DMATS STBG funding to the Northwest Arterial and U.S. Highway 20 Intersection project.

Motion by Wernimont, second by Bonz to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the letter to U.S. Department of Transportation supporting the City of Dubuque RAISE Grant Project. 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 Bonz, second by Wernimont to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the representative to SUDAS Board of Directors remain Bob Schiesl. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss planning tasks for FY 2025 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Ravada asked the Board if there were any other tasks they would like staff to address in the FY 2024 TPWP. Staff will be working on the planning process, the STREETS phase two, the SS4A grant, and miscellaneous projects for cities.

Duba requested staff look at the Safe Routes to School plan and update the plan.

Ravada stated the draft of the TPWP will be completed and presented to the Board in March 2024 and the final will be completed in May 2024.

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

No comments were made by the public.

Other Business

Interim Executive Director

Ravada informed the board he has taken the Interim Executive Director position within ECIA. Therefore, Dan Fox will be stepping up into the Interim Transportation/Transit Director position.

SS4A Grant

Fox informed the board that they will be receiving surveys within a weeks’ time and hopefully they can spread those throughout the community and have them fill them out and return.

Adjournment

Motion by Raber, second by Wernimont to adjourn the Thursday, February 8, 2024, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning