

Secretarial Notes

DMATS Policy Board meeting

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024
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 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"/> Vacant **
<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 Vacant)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
<i>Grant County Representative</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harley Pothoff**
<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: Ed Raber, Bob Schiesl, Jason Duba, Ernie Bolibaugh

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 8, 2024, DMATS Policy Board meeting

Motion by Jones, second by Zillig to approve the agenda for the Thursday, February 8, 2024, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday January 11, 2023, meeting

Motion by Jones, second by Roussell to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, January 11, 2024, DMATS Policy 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 Policy Board are Brad Cavanagh as Chair and Ann McDonough as Vice-Chair. Ravada stated the chair is always the Mayor of the City of Dubuque, so that will remain Cavanagh. Ravada opened it up for the Board to discuss who would be DMATS Policy Board next vice chair or if they wanted to keep the same.

Motion by Wernimont, second by Zillig to nominate Cavanaugh as chair of the DMATS Policy Board and McDonough as Vice-Chair of the Policy Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve 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.

Motion by Jones, second by McDonough to approve the STBG funding to B2E2 and NW Arterial/US20 Intersection. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve Amendments to Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024-2027 DMATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Motion by Roussell, second by Resnick to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was opened at 12:11 p.m.

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 Wernimont, second by Resnick to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 12:13 p.m.

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

Review/Approve 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. Ravada asked if there were any questions.

Motion by Jones, second by Zillig to approve the letter to U.S. Department of Transportation supporting the City of Dubuque RAISE Grant Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve 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 stated the Tech Board appointed Schiesl as SUDAS representative and asked the Board if they would like to continue with Schiesl as the representative or appoint a new representative.

Motion by Jones, second by Wernimont to approve 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 2025 TPWP. Staff will be working on the planning process, the STREETS phase two, the SS4A grant, and miscellaneous projects for cities.

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.

Adjournment

Motion by Wernimont, second by Scott to adjourn the Thursday, February 8, 2024, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Policy Board meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning