

# Secretarial Notes

## DMATS Policy and Technical Advisory Board Joint meeting

**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024  
**Time:** 12:00 p.m.  
**Place:** ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

**DMATS Policy Board Members Present:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Brad Cavanagh (chair)</b><br><i>Mayor, City of DBQ</i>                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Laura Roussell</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>                             | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Danny Sprank</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Katy Wethal</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ric Jones</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>David Resnick</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>                              | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Susan Farber</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vacant</b><br><i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i>  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mike Van Milligen**</b><br><i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i>                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Gus Psihoyos**</b><br><i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i>                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Teri Goodman**</b><br><i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i>               | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Marie Ware**</b><br><i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i>                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Wally Wernimont**</b><br><i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i>                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jim Adams</b><br><i>Mayor, City of Asbury (proxy John Richey)</i>                    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Melvin Degenhardt**</b><br><i>Mayor, City of East DBQ (proxy Vacant)</i>           | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vacant</b><br><i>Grant County Representative</i>   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Harley Pothoff</b><br><i>Transit Rep. (RTA) (proxy Stacie Scott)</i>             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Francis Schelfhout</b><br><i>Wisconsin DOT (proxy Stephen Flottmeyer)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Doug DeLille**</b><br><i>Illinois DOT (proxy Rob Bates)</i>             | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Troy Maggied</b><br><i>SWWRPC City Council</i>   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Russ Pfab**</b><br><i>Small Cities Rep. City of Peosta (Proxy Annette Ernst)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Don Zillig</b><br><i>Jo Daviess County</i>                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Robert Daughters**</b><br><i>Jule Transit Rep. (proxy Ryan Knuckey)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ann McDonough (VC)</b><br><i>DBQ County Supervisor (proxy Wayne Kenniker)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sam Shea*</b><br><i>Iowa DOT (non-voting member)</i>                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Beth Bonz**</b><br><i>ECIA (proxy Vacant)</i>                             |  |  |

**DMATS Technical Advisory Board Members Present:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Wally Wernimont**</b><br><i>City of Dubuque (proxy Jason Duba)</i>             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Beth Bonz</b><br><i>City of Asbury</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vacant</b><br><i>City of East Dubuque</i>                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ed Raber</b><br><i>Dubuque County</i>                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Gus Psihoyos (chair)**</b><br><i>Engineer, City of DBQ (proxy Bob Schiesl)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Russell Weber</b><br><i>Engineer, DBQ County (proxy Wyatt Anderson)</i>        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Steve Keeffer</b><br><i>Engineer, Jo Daviess County, IL</i>     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dave Lambert</b><br><i>Engineer, Grant County, WI</i>          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ryan Knuckey</b><br><i>Jule Transit (proxy Jodi Johnson)</i>                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Stacie Scott</b><br><i>Regional Transit Authority (RTA) (proxy Gail Kuhle)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Troy Maggied</b><br><i>SWWPRC</i>                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Vacant**</b><br><i>ECIA (proxy Holly McPherson)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>IL DOT District 2</b><br><i>(proxy Rob Bates) (proxy Doug DeLille)</i>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Stephen Flottmeyer**</b><br><i>Wisconsin DOT (proxy Francis Schelfhout)</i>    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sam Shea*</b><br><i>Iowa DOT (non-voting member)</i> |  |

**Others Present:** Kim Reem, Dakin Schultz, Ernie Bolinger, Katie Wiedermann

**Staff Present**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chandra Ravada</b><br><i>*Non-Voting Member</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dan Fox</b><br><i>**Voting member by Proxy</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sarah Berning</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Jack Studier</b><br><i>*** Attendance by phone</i> |
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**A quorum was present for DMATS Policy and Technical Advisory Board**

## **Call to Order**

The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting was called to order by DMATS Technical Advisory Board Chair, Gus Psihoyos.

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, April 11, 2024, DMATS Joint Technical Advisory and Policy Board meeting**

Motion by Bonz, second by Bates to approve the amended agenda for the Thursday, April 11, 2024, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Resnick, second by Jones to approve the amended agenda for the Thursday, April 11, 2024, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, March 21, 2024, meeting**

Motion by Bonz, second by Scott to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, March 21, 2024, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jones, second by Wethal to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, March 21, 2024, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review/Approve STBG funding requests for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Ravada referred to the handout stating staff received four applications for STBG funds and all four projects met STBG guidelines. Ravada stated the four projects that were approved are,

- City of Dubuque 14<sup>th</sup> Street Overpass from Elm Street to Sycamore Street
- City of Dubuque US 20/NW Arterial Improvements from Old Highway Road to Crescent Ridge Road
- Dubuque County North Cascade Resurfacing east of Swiss Valley to Edval Lane
- Dubuque County Skyline Road resurfacing from US 151 to US 61

Ravada stated all projects are within the budget for STBG funds. Ravada requested the board to approve projects so staff can program projects within the TIP.

Motion by Weber, second by McPherson to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the STBG funding requests for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Milligen, second by Wethal to approve the STBG funding requests for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion by Resnick, second by Pothoff to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing opened at 12:05 p.m.

Ravada stated the amendment to the TIP is IL DOT reconstruction and resurfacing project amount was increased to \$14.7 million from \$1.2 million.

Motion by Jones, second by Resnick to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing closed at 12:07 p.m.

Motion by Wernimont second by Weber to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board to approve the amendment to DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jones, second by Wethal to approve the amendment to DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion on The Ports of Eastern Iowa**

Ravada stated recently counties received a resolution from Sinkler requesting to form a port authority where the counties would be the members of the board. Ravada stated Sinkler feels by the counties along the Mississippi forming a port authority, it will allow them to lobby in Washington DC. Ravada stated the Corp of Engineers stated even with a port authority there will be no more funding. Ravada informed the board that staff checked with other boards along the Mississippi to get their opinions and what they are doing for their ports and counties are looking into what forming a port authority would look like for them.

Cavanagh stated he would like to know what kind of funding could potentially be available and what are the downsides of forming a port authority.

Resnick asked if the group potentially formed is not an advocacy group to secure funding, then he poses the question of what is the purpose of forming a group.

Discussion followed.

Board members would like more information on forming a port authority and what that would do for the DMATS area.

### **Presentation from United Way about getting involved with Over the Edge program**

Wiedemann addressed the board and gave them information on all the benefits of United Way within the community and how community support helps raise funds for programs within the community. Wiedemann encouraged board members to participate in over the edge program and if not participating to support it monetarily.

### **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 Bonz, second by Wernimont to adjourn the Thursday, April 11, 2024, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Motion by Resnick, second by Jones to adjourn the Thursday, April 11, 2024, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Policy Board meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada  
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning