

# Secretarial Notes

## DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting

**Date:** Thursday, May 8, 2025  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m.  
**Place:** ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

### DMATS Technical Advisory Board Members Present:

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

### Others Present: Hector Torres-Cacho

#### Staff Present

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chandra Ravada</b> *Non-Voting Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dan Fox</b> **Voting member by Proxy	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sarah Berning</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Jack Studier</b> *** Attendance by phone
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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, May 8, 2025, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting**

Motion by Bonz, second by Wernimont to approve the revised agenda for the Thursday, May 8, 2025, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion by Wernimont, second by Bonz to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, March 13, 2025, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review/Recommend Final Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 DMATS Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)**

Ravada stated that staff received input from the DOT on the formatting of the budget for the TPWP. No other changes were made to the TPWP. Ravada stated the new changes will be made prior to staff submittal to IA DOT.

Motion by Bonz, second by McPherson to recommend to the DMATS Policy Board approval of the Final Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 DMATS Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review/Recommend Fiscal Year 2026 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP)**

Studier stated the PTP is the MPO planning document that covers transit and other forms of passenger transportation. The PTP is a joint document between Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA) and DMATS. Fox stated the PTP covers four counties; Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson and Clinton. It also covers four transit systems; RTA, The Jule, Riverbend Transit and Clinton MTA. The primary purpose of the PTP is to cover needs based justifications for transit systems. PTP is required to be updated every five years.

Motion by Wernimont, second by Bonz to recommend to the DMATS Policy Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP). The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review/Recommend resolution to support the designation of the Mississippi River Trail within the limits of DMATS**

Schelfhout stated Wisconsin DOT is looking to get this trail designated as an approved bike trail and in order to do so they need resolutions from all areas within the limits of the trail. Having the route designated will allow the WISDOT to map and sign the trail, promoting bicycle tourism in the area. The trail is located primarily on the Wisconsin All-American Great River Road National Scenic Byway (WIS 35) between Prescott and Illinois State Line, but also routed on other state and county highways, local roads or alternative routes.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Bonz, second by Wernimont to recommend to the DMATS Policy Board approval of the resolution to support the designation of the Mississippi River Trail within the limits of DMATS. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Update on Safe Routes and Streets for All Plan**

Fox informed the board that currently the consultant is working on data analysis and working on locations where safety projects are needed and project recommendations and project cost needed at those locations. Once that information is shared with staff, staff will share it with the board, public and stakeholders for input. Fox went through some of the data received and stated eventually a final draft will be compiled for the plan.

Discussion followed.

Fox stated at this point the work that has been completed by the consultant is to review and revise and staff are requesting feedback from the public, stakeholders and the board.

Discussion followed.

## **Update on Transportation Alternative application**

Fox stated the applications were released March 21<sup>st</sup> and stayed open until April 25<sup>th</sup>. Fox stated there is \$500,000 for TAP projects. Fox stated staff received no applications for this round of TAP projects.

Ravada stated he is aware of some projects, but those projects need more than \$250,000, which is the cap awarded per project. Ravada asked the board if they would like to remove that cap for this round, so applicants can apply for the funding. Staff advised the board not to keep TAP funds, but to spend them.

Discussion followed.

### **Date and Time for DMATS Goal Setting**

Save the date for DMATS Goal Setting meeting on June 25, 2025. More information to follow.

### **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.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Wernimont, second by Bonz to adjourn the Thursday, May 8, 2025, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada  
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning