

Secretarial Notes

DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2026
Time: 10:30 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"/> Bob Seitz
<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"/> Todd Kinney
<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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mae Hingtgen**
<i>ECIA</i>
(proxy Holly McPherson) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IL DOT District 2**
(proxy Katie Smith)
(proxy Doug DeLille) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Justin Johnson**
<i>Wisconsin DOT</i>
(proxy Francis Schelfhout) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hector Torres-Cacho *
<i>Iowa DOT</i>
(non-voting member) | |

Others Present:

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 Technical Advisory Board

Call to Order

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

Review/Approve the Agenda for the Thursday, May 14, 2026, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting

Motion by Wernimont, second by Bonz to approve the agenda for the Thursday, May 14, 2026, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting, removing agenda item number seven from the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, March 12, 2026, meeting

Motion by Bonz, second by Wernimont to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, March 12, 2026, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend DMATS Metropolitan Planning Organization Self-Certification for the Illinois Department of Transportation (ILDOT)

Ravada referred to the handout explaining the Illinois DOT requested this self-certification be taken out of the TIP and be a stand-alone item on the agenda. The self-certification states that we as an MPO will meet all the federal requirements in accordance with the CFR 450.336 and follow all the federal guidelines.

Motion by Bonz, second by Wernimont to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the DMATS Metropolitan Planning Organization Self-Certification for the Illinois Department of Transportation (ILDOT). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend Final Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 DMATS Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Ravada referred to the TPWP stating staff received some minor changes to the TPWP from the DOTs. DOT suggested moving the special projects to a separate line item for funding purposes. No other changes were made. Ravada requested the board to approve the final TPWP for submittal to the DOTs and Federal Highway.

Motion by McPherson, second by Wernimont to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the Final Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 DMATS Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ravada referred to the TIP handout stating the amendment is for the WISDOT Dubuque-Dickeyville (Illinois State line to STH 11) pavement replacement project. Ravada stated the total cost for this project has increased. No other changes were made.

Motion by Bonz, second by Raber to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the Amendment to DMATS Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend draft to DMATS Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ravada referred to the TIP highlighting some of the project on page 31-33. Ravada requested the Board to look over the project list and make sure all projects are programmed in the TIP. Ravada stated staff are still waiting on the DOT's projects.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Raber, second by Wernimont to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the draft to DMATS Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ravada stated the MPO received balance sheet from IADOT and received more money than originally programmed. Ravada stated Dubuque County has a project that they would like to apply for those additional funds. Ravada requested the board approve accepting applications for STBG funds.

Motion by Wernimont, second by Raber to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend opening Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) applications for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ravada reminded the board that at the last meeting the board decided to discuss it with member agencies to see if they have any need for the current funding before deciding to open application process. Ravada stated the City of Dubuque has a potential trail project. Ravada also stated that there is a \$250k cap currently on the TAP funds. Ravada asked the board if they are still wanting to keep the cap or remove it, so members can apply for more funds.

Discussion followed.

Motion by McPherson, second by Raber to recommend to the DMATS Policy Board to the opening of the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) applications with no cap for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Model and Future Year Forecast Chapter

Ravada stated the travel demand model included modeling process, methods, inputs and assumptions. The travel demand model applications for future traffic volume and future level of services. Ravada went on explaining the trip distribution, trip distribution and trip assignment. Ravada explained using parcel data staff will get more accurate data for the LRTP. Ravada informed the Board once model is approved staff will start using LRTP.

Motion by Wernimont, second by Knuckey to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Model and Future Year Forecast Chapter. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Freight Chapter

Fox stated the goals of the freight chapter are to provide an assessment of existing and future freight transportation in the region, establish vision, goals, and performance measures for the region's freight system, and recommend future freight activities for the region. Fox stated the information in this chapter has been pulled from the eight-county freight plan and the ECIA port expansion study.

Motion by Bonz, second by Wernimont to recommend to the DMATS Policy Board the DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Freight Chapter. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Recommend DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Projects and Prioritization Ranking Chapter

Ravada explained the process of project prioritization divides the projects into real projects and illustrative projects. All projects are ranked by using the following criteria, safety, economic impact, system preservation, local and regional impact, congestion reduction, complete streets, air quality and freight. Ravada stated that the board has 30 days to review and provide comments.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Bonz, second by Wernimont to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Project Prioritization Ranking Chapter. The motion passed unanimously.

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 Bonz, second by Wernimont to adjourn the Thursday, May 14, 2026, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning