

Secretarial Notes

DMATS Policy Board meeting

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2026
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Place: ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

DMATS Policy Board Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brad Cavanagh (chair)
<i>Mayor, City of DBQ</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Roussel
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Danny Sprank
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katy Wethal
<i>DBQ City Council</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tyson Leyendecker
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Resnick
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Staver
<i>DBQ City Council</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Troy Maggied
<i>SWWRPC City Council</i> |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hector Torres-Cacho*
<i>Iowa DOT
(non-voting member)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Bonz
<i>ECIA
(proxy Mae Hingtgen)</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"/> John Digman
<i>Mayor, City of East DBQ
(proxy Bob Seitz)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Lucey
<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 Justin Johnson)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug DeLille
<i>Illinois DOT
(proxy Katie Smith)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann McDonough (VC)
<i>DBQ County Supervisor
(proxy Wayne Kenniker)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Russ Pfab**
<i>Small Cities Rep.
City of Peosta
(Proxy Vacant)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Heitkamp
<i>Jo Daviess County</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Daughters**
<i>Jule Transit Rep.
(proxy Ryan Knuckey)</i> | |

Others Present: Paul Uzel, Bob Schiesl, Jason Duba, Faith Duncan, Robert Kinney

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 Vice-Chair Ann McDonough. Introductions were made at this time.

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

Motion by Resnick, second by Wernimont to approve the agenda for the Thursday, May 14, 2026, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion by Roussell, second by Resnick to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Thursday, February 12, 2026, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion by Resnick, second by Roussell to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was opened at 12:02 p.m.

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 Resnick to approve the DMATS Metropolitan Planning Organization Self-Certification for the Illinois Department of Transportation (ILDOT). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve 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 Wethal, second by Resnick to approve the Final Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 DMATS Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve 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 Wethal, second by Resnick 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/Approve 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.

Motion by Resnick, second by Wethal to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 12:11 p.m.

Motion by Roussell, second by Resnick to approve the draft to DMATS Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve 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 Wethal, second by Resnick to approve the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve 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.

Motion by Resnick, second by Wethal to approve 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/Approve 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 Wethal, second by Resnick to approve the DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Model and Future Year Forecast Chapter. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve 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 Resnick, second by Wethal to recommend to approve the DMATS LRTP 2055 Draft Freight Chapter. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve 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.

Motion by Roussell, second by Wethal to approve 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

Uzel updated the board members on what's happening in the world of rail.

Other Business

No other business at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Bonz, second by Resnick to adjourn the Thursday, May 14, 2026, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Policy Board meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning