

**Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study  
Policy Board Proceedings  
Thursday June 25, 2025  
11:00 a.m.**

ECIA  
7600 Commerce Park, Dubuque IA 52002

Present: Cavanagh, Van Milligen\*, Resnick, Wernimont\*, Torres-Cacho, Psihoyos\*, Bonz, Farber, DeLille, Knuckey\*, Jones, Ware\*

Upon motion approved the agenda for the Thursday, June 25, 2025, DMATS Policy Board meeting, (Unanimous).

Upon motion adjourned meeting 12:57 p.m. (Unanimous).

\*serving as proxy

Detailed secretarial notes are available by completing a public information request to ECIA.

Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS) Work Session Notes

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Jule Transportation Center and via Zoom

**Attendance via Zoom:**

Wayne Kenniker	Dubuque County Supervisor
Laura Carstens	ECIA
Gail Kuhle	RTA

**Attendance in-person:**

Beth Bonz	City of Asbury
Jason Duba	City of Dubuque Staff
Mike Van Milligen	City of Dubuque Staff
Dave Ness	City of Dubuque Staff
Gus Psihoyos	City of Dubuque Staff
Bob Schiesl	City of Dubuque Staff
Marie Ware	City of Dubuque Staff
Wally Wernimont	City of Dubuque Staff
Brad Cavanaugh	Dubuque City Council
Susan Farber	Dubuque City Council
Ric Jones	Dubuque City Council
David Resnick	Dubuque City Council
Ed Raber	Dubuque County
Russell Weber	Dubuque County
Mae Hintgen	ECIA
Jennifer Walker	ECIA
Dan Fox	ECIA
Jack Studier	ECIA
Chandra Ravada	ECIA
Doug Delille	Illinois DOT
Hector Torres-Cacho	Iowa DOT
Jodi Johnson	Jule Transit
Ryan Knuckey	Jule Transit

**Member of the Public:**

Paul Uzel	Ride the Rail.
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**1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 11:04 am by Brad Cavanaugh, Chair, DMATS Policy Board.

**2. Review/Approve the agenda for Thursday, June 25, 2025, DMATS meeting (Action Item) (See Enc.1-Agenda):** Motion by Jones, second by Resnick, to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

**3. Introduction:** Chandra Ravada provided an overview of the long-range transportation process, the changes at the federal level, and the roles of ECIA staff at this meeting. Chandra asked the Board to consider the physical infrastructure as well as technological aspects of the region's transportation network.

**4. Presentation on DMATS Long Range Plan survey (See Enc.2- Survey Results Report):**

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Jack Studier presented the survey results report, review background on the survey, respondent locations, and other demographic information. He reviewed responses to Question 1 and ratings for statements. He reviewed responses to Question 2 and category rankings and ratings. He reviewed responses to Question 3 and priority rankings and ratings. He then reviewed the open-ended responses and emerging themes.

Discussion followed that air service is not listed in question 3.

Discussion followed that ratings of transportation system seem to be lower than anticipated and what are respondents' motivations. Jack noted that motivations were not included as a survey question, but open-ended responses can give some information.

Discussion followed as to whether this survey should be a primary, secondary, or ancillary resource for setting goals. Jack noted that the low number of responses is due to the survey just being released, and the survey will be open throughout the planning process.

The demographics reflect a small segment of the regional population.

Jack and Chandra reviewed the extent of survey distribution to media and stakeholders. Discussion followed on planned and recommended public outreach opportunities, venues such as public libraries, and other methods and tools in addition to the survey

**5. Work Session on Vision, Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures for DMATS LRTP 2055 (See Enc.3- DMATS existing LRTP Vision, Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures):** Dan Fox gave an overview of the long-range transportation process, planning area, planning framework, and required FHWA and FTA performance measures. He reviewed notes and suggestions for commercial air service, not applicable performance measures, planning framework organization to deal with objectives that fit with multiple goals, and staff-suggested changes shown in green font.

Discussion followed on the meaning of commercial air service: passenger primarily, more than freight and how to incorporate this transportation mode.

- A. Review of DMATS Vision Statement:** Jennfer Walker facilitated the following discussion. General reaction was the vision is comprehensive and well written. Discussion followed on what kind of technology, current energy sources and future fuel sources, and integration of technology. Consensus was to update 2050 to 2055 and moving from the vision to the title, and to replace "citizens" with "residents."
- B. Review of Goals:** Jennfer facilitated the following discussion.
- Equity: Agreed to rename to Access to Opportunity.
  - Economic Development: No changes.
  - Public Health: No changes.
  - Mode Choice: No changes.
  - System Maintenance: No changes.

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- Environment: Agreed with total change since it reflects federal highway language.
- Safety: No changes.
- Efficiency: Add performance after system and cross out the rest; plan to revisit.
- Technology: Cross out closely and change technologies to solutions

**A. Review of Objectives and Performance Measures (PM):** Jennfer facilitated the following discussion.

- Access to Opportunity: Discussion of relationship of housing affordability to transportation.
- Economic Development: For objective “Connect people to jobs with transit” — add PM for % of population within ¼ mile of a transit stop. Add new objective – Commercial air service with PM – passenger enplanements.
- Public Health: Add objective — Trail system connectivity. Research potential connectivity PM. Look into complete streets, protected trails, and types of on-street facilities.
- Mode Choice: Change objective to “Increase...” to match the performance measures. Separate the walking and biking PMs.
- System Maintenance: No changes, all federal PMs.
- Environment: Replace “vehicle emissions” with “number of vehicle hours traveled” to reflect federal highway language. Discussion of alternative fuels. Discussion of work from home.
- Safety: No changes, all federal PMs.
- Efficiency: No changes, all federal PMs.
- Technology: Goal reworded as shown above. Add objective – Decrease travel delay through the transportation network, with PM – total delay throughout the system. Add objective – consider emerging air taxi technology. Position our area as a leader.

**6. Comments from the public on an item that did not appear on the agenda.**

Paul Uzel discussed Passenger Rail Association initiatives and relationship to regional bus service and air service, and expressed desire to see these modes addressed in the plan.

**7. Other Business**

Dan summarized the next steps in the process.

**8. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm.