

# Minutes

## DMATS Policy Committee

**Date:** Friday, December 9, 2011  
**Time:** 11:30 am  
**Place:** ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

### DMATS Policy Board Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Roy Buol</b><br><i>Mayor, City of DBQ</i>                        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Karla Braig</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Joyce Connors</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Kevin Lynch</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ric Jones</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>David Resnick</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lynn Sutton</b><br><i>DBQ City Council</i>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jim Adams</b><br><i>Mayor, City of Asbury</i>                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mike Van Milligen</b><br><i>(proxy for DBQ)<br/>City Council</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dave Heiar**</b><br><i>(proxy-DBQ<br/>City Council)</i>                            | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>George Young**</b><br><i>Mayor, City of East DBQ<br/>(proxy Geoff Barklow)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Faber Runde</b><br><i>Jamestown Township<br/>(proxy Amy Seeboth)</i>          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dick Avenarius</b><br><i>Small Cities Rep.</i>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Coletta Wegmann</b><br><i>SWWRPC</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Joel Lightcap</b><br><i>Jule Transit</i>                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Eric Manternach</b><br><i>Regional Transit<br/>Authority (RTA)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Donald Splinter</b><br><i>Grant County Supervisor</i>                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Steve Rutz</b><br><i>Jo Daviess County Supervisor</i>                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Daryl Klein</b><br><i>DBQ County Supervisor</i>                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Milt Kramer**</b><br><i>ECIA<br/>(proxy Kelley Deutmeyer)</i>      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sam Shea*</b><br><i>Iowa DOT<br/>(non-voting member)</i>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Tom Kelso**</b><br><i>Illinois DOT<br/>(proxy Kris Tobin)<br/>(proxy Dan Long)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Jeff Gust**</b><br><i>Wisconsin DOT<br/>(proxy Franco Marcos)</i>   |   |

**Others Present:** Anna O'Shea, *Dubuque County*; David Johnson, *City of Dubuque*; Bret Wilkinson, *Dubuque County*; Barbara Morck, *Jule Transit*; Bob Schiesl, *City of Dubuque*;

### Staff Present:

- Chandra Ravada       Gail Kuhle       Jake Ironside       Dan Fox       Candace Eudaley

\*Non Voting Member

\*\*Voting member by Proxy

\*\*\*Attendance by phone

**A quorum was present for DMATS Policy Committee**

## **Call to Order**

The DMATS Policy Board meeting was called to order by DMATS Policy Board Chair, Roy Buol at 11:30 a.m. Introductions were made at this time.

## **Review and approve the Agenda for the Friday, December 9, 2011 DMATS Policy Board meeting**

Motion by Klein, second by R. Jones to approve the agenda for the Friday, December 9, 2011, DMATS Policy Board. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review and approve the Minutes from the Thursday, November 10, 2011 DMATS Policy Board meeting**

Motion by Lynch, second by R. Jones to approve the minutes of the Thursday, November 10, 2011 DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review/Approve the amendments to the DMATS final FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Motion by R. Jones, second by Connors to open the public hearing. The public hearing was opened at 11:35 a.m. Kuhle noted that no public comments were received.

Ravada stated that the following three projects were added to the TIP:

- **Intermodal Facility**-The City received \$8 million dollars for the construction of Phase I of the Intermodal Facility.
- **Catfish Creek Bridge Project**-North Cascade Road Bridge over the south fork of the Catfish Creek, total cost of the project is \$179,000, with \$143,000 in federal aid.
- **Loras College Parkway**-total cost of the project is \$612,000.

Motion by R. Jones, second by Avenarius to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing closed at 11:37 a.m.

Motion by Avenarius, second by R. Jones to approve of the amendments to the DMATS Final FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with the suggested changes. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review and approve DMATS Resolution-#2011-12 as local input to Federal Transportation Reauthorization Legislation**

Ravada stated that recently the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP 21) bill has been introduced to the Senate for the reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Act. He stated that under the Bill the MPO's will be tiered based on their population but MPO's with populations of 200,000 or less have the potential of being dismantled over the next 4-5 years. He

noted that the Bill does offer the possibility of DMATS working with the Governor's office to be designated as a Tier II, therefore remaining a functioning MPO.

Ravada then referred to DMATS Resolution-#2011-12, which states that DMATS supports retaining current MPOS as part of the federal transportation reauthorization and the continuation of a funding set-a side for planning but if in the event the proposals in the Bill are adopted, that DMATS seeks Tier II Designation and to continue its role in regional transportation planning.

Motion by R. Jones, second by Connors to approve a DMATS Resolution-#2011-12. The motion passed unanimously.

**Review and approve a Letter of Support to the Senators and Congressmen regarding MAP 21**

Ravada requested that DMATS provide a Letter of Support to the Senators and Congressmen, opposing the provisions in MAP 21 legislation that potentially dissolve existing, small Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) with a population below 200,000 and provide language which grandfather's small existing MPO's into the new legislation to keep the local planning process intact.

Motion by Rutz, second by Klein to approve a Letter of Support to the Senators and Congressmen regarding MAP 21. 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**

There was no other business.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Lynch, second by Manternach to adjourn the Friday, December 9, 2011 DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Policy Board meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada  
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning