

Minutes

DMATS Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 11, 2010
Time: 10:30 am.
Place: ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

DMATS Technical Advisory Board Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Carstens
<i>City of Dubuque</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Bonz
<i>City of Asbury</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Albert Griffiths
<i>City of East Dubuque</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anna O'Shea
<i>Dubuque County</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gus Psihoyos
<i>Engineer,
City of DBQ
(proxy Bob Schiesl)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Felderman
<i>Engineer,
DBQ County</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Keeffer
<i>Engineer,
Jo Daviess County, IL</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Lambert
<i>Engineer
Grant County, WI</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jon Rodocker
<i>Keyline Transit</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Munson
<i>Regional Transit
Authority (RTA)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Seeboth
<i>SWWPRC</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Kelley Deutmeyer
<i>ECIA</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kris Tobin
<i>Illinois DOT
(proxy Dan Long)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bobbi Retzlaff
<i>Wisconsin DOT
(proxy Franco Marcos)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Shea*
<i>Iowa DOT
(non-voting member)</i> | |

Others Present: No others present.

Staff Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chandra Ravada | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Kuhle | <input type="checkbox"/> Jake Ironside |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridget Bartlett | | |

*Non Voting Member

**Voting member by Proxy

***Attendance by phone

A quorum was present

Call to Order

The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m. by Chair, Laura Carstens. Introductions were made at this time.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Seeboth, second by O'Shea to approve the agenda for the February 11, 2010 DMATS Technical Advisory Board agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Review and approve the minutes from the January 14, 2010 DMATS Technical Advisory Committee

Motion by Marcos, second by Felderman to approve the minutes for the January 14, 2010 DMATS Technical Advisory Committee meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and approve amendments to the Final FY 2010-2013 DMATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ravada referred to the FY 2010-2013 Transit TIP to review the Transit amendments. He stated that at the request of Keyline Transit the following Stimulus I (ARRA) projects were added:

- Line item #23- Mobile Data Terminals
- Line item # 24-138" light duty buses
- Line item #25-(7) MD electric hybrid buses
- Line item #26-(2) 30" HD Trolley Replica buses

Ravada continued with reviewing the following amendments to the FY 2010-2013 Road Element TIP:

- Line item #6-SW Arterial received \$389,000 through the Omnibus Bill, with the funding being added to FY2012. Ravada stated that at the pervious meeting the City was waiting for clarification from the IADOT whether the funding required a match. The DOT indicated that it did not require a match therefore the funding was moved FY2010.
- Line item #7-English Mill Road–Ravada stated that the DOT recommended to added English Mill Rd. as an earmark project and to add North Cascade Rd. as the Stimulus I (ARRA) project.
- Line item #22-North Cascade Road-Ravada stated that at the discretion of the IA DOT the North Cascade Road project-at the intersection of the proposed SW Arterial was added as a Stimulus I (ARRA) project. The total cost of the project will be \$3.3 million dollars with \$2.9 million funded through Stimulus I funds, \$320,000 funded through earmarks and \$80,000 funded through local match.

Ravada stated that if any City or County is applying from earmark funding to please notify staff of those projects so that they may be placed on the TIP and in the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Bonz stated that the County and City columns for line item #23 and line item #24 needed to be reversed. It was also noted that line item #60 and #61 of the last column should read 04 & 74.

Shea noted that the Stimulus II job title needed to remove (ARRA) and be replaced with JOBS Bill.

Marcos had some questions regarding projects in the Wisconsin FY2014 TIP and the funding amounts. He stated that the WI. TIP shows the Mississippi Bridge project-line item #33 for FY2014, whereas the DMATS TIP shows the Mississippi Bridge project, line item #33 for FY2013. Ravada stated that future year projects can be moved ahead, therefore at the next TIP process staff will place the Mississippi Bridge project in the FY2014-2019 TIP with an explanation of why the project was moved.

Felderman stated that the County would like to ask for an earmark for the bridge replacement on Herber Road. Ravada said to email him the project information and he will get that project placed on the TIP and in the LRTP.

Ravada explained that with each of the three states Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin, having different requirements for their TIP, such as funding sources, that in the future staff will be providing a separate TIP sheet for each state.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Felderman, second by Marcos to recommend approval of the amendments to the Final FY 2010-2013 DMATS Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to the DMATS Policy Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and approve Complete Streets Policy resolution

Carstens stated that at the January 14, 2010 DMATS Tech meeting discussion was held regarding the development of a Complete Streets policy and resolution. She stated that Chandra and she reviewed the suggestions of the Technical Committee and the general public to form the DMATS Resolution adopting a Complete Streets Policy. She stated the Policy was developed to be a general policy, thus allowing Cities/Counties to develop a more detailed policy.

Carstens referred to Enclosure 7-A to review the following input/concerns presented at the January 14, 2010 DMATS meeting regarding the Complete Streets Policy:

- Safety concerns with bicycles mixing with high-speed vehicle traffic.
- Context sensitive design us very important.
- Biker riders have different skills.

- Hold a Complete Streets charette with the National complete Streets Coalition and invites all levels of bike riders, transit users and other stakeholders.
- Complete Streets is a concept, not a template, so exemptions are important.
- More specifics on exemptions and have the exemptions documented and made public.

Carstens continued the discussion by referring to Enclosure 7-B to review the following revisions made to the Complete Streets Policy presented at the January 14th meeting:

- On page one, modify paragraph four to add with safety in equal measure for each mode of travel
- One page two, Context-Sensitive Design is referenced in Section One, items 1 and 3.
- One page 2, under Section 1, discussed safety when designing facilities.
- One page 2, under Section 1, item #3, address the issue of different levels of bicyclists by referencing best current available standards and guideline for Complete Street and Context-Sensitive Design and provided a list of standards and guidelines.
- One page 3, Section 2, the description of the process for the DMATS Policy Committee to approve exemptions to include documentation and public meeting. Also expanded the descriptions and rational for exemptions in Section 3, in items 1, 2 and 3.
- The idea of holding a Complete Street charette was discussed but the general consensus was that the charette was not necessary.

Discussion followed.

Shea explained that not every road project will be able to implement the Complete Streets Policy but every project must consider the Complete Streets Policy and document the reasons when the Policy is not applicable to the road/street project.

Discussion followed.

Motion by O'Shea, second by Bonz to recommend to the DMATS Policy Board approval of the Complete Streets Policy resolution as written. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

There were no comments made.

Other Business

Passenger Rail

Ravada informed the Board that Governor Quinn from Illinois announced that there will \$60 million in the Capital Bill for the passenger rail service from Dubuque to Chicago. Governor Quinn indicated that the funds will be obtained through the sell of exception bonds. Ravada stated that it has not been clarified on the actual start date for the when the upgrades to the track for passenger rail service will begin. He stated that after the upgrades are completed the

traveling speed should be approximately 79 mph with an estimated one-way trip taking approximately three hours and fifteen minutes.

IA DOT Commissioners Tour

Shea indicated that the IA DOT Commissioners will be on their Annual Commissioner Tour in October and they will be in Dubuque on October 11 and 12, 2010. The will tour and workshop will be held on October 11, with the public meeting on October 12.

Adjournment

Motion by Munson, second by Marcos to adjourn the DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning