

Secretarial Notes

DMATS Policy Board meeting

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

DMATS Policy Board Members Present:

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| <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Robert Daughters**
<i>Jule Transit Rep.
(proxy Ryan Knuckey)</i> | |

Others Present: Paul Uzel, Bob Schiesl, Jason Duba, Matt O'Brian, Faith Duncan, Charlei Chesner

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 Chair Brad Cavanagh. Introductions were made at this time.

Review/Approve the Agenda for the Thursday, March 12, 2026, DMATS Policy Board meeting

Motion by Resnick, second by Roussell to approve the agenda for the Thursday, March 12, 2025, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion by Resnick, second by McDonough 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 LRTP 2055 project list and project ranking criteria

Ravada referred to the handout explaining the ranking criteria used to rank the projects. Ravada stated there have been a few minor changes to the ranking criteria. Ravada asked the members to review the list of projects and inform staff of any changes or additions that need to be made to the list. Ravada stated the board has 30 days to review and make any changes to the project list.

Motion by Resnick, second by McDonough to approve the DMATS Policy Board the DMATS LRTP 2055 project list and project ranking criteria. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve DMATS Travel Demand Forecast Model Calibration results for DMATS LRTP 2055

Ravada began first by stating the model area and the data received from parcels. Ravada went on explaining the trip generation, trip distribution, mode choices, and trip assignment. Ravada explained by using parcel data staff will get more accurate data for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Ravada informed the Board once model is approved staff will start using it within the LRTP.

Motion by Resnick, second by Wethal to approve the DMATS Travel Demand Forecast Model Calibration results for DMATS LRTP 2055. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 DMATS Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Ravada stated the work staff will be in maintenance mode for the long range transportation plan and be focusing on the short range transportation plans, and STREETS project phase II. Ravada stated the Board has a month to review and recommend any changes.

Motion by Resnick, second by Roussell to approve the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 DMATS Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). The motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion by Resnick, second by Wethal to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was opened at 12:23 p.m.

Ravada stated the amendments to the 2026-2029 TIP for approval,

- In the City of Dubuque, Jule Transit, FTA formula funding added funds to FY26
- In the City of Dubuque, Jule Transit; purchased a new bus and added to the list
- Wisconsin DOT, Dubuque to Dickeyville, pavement replacement

Motion by Resnick, second by Wethal to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 12:25 p.m.

Motion by Resnick, second by Heitkamp to approve the Amendments to Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2029 DMATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ravada stated last year the board decided the Northwest Arterial and US 20 intersection should be top priority within the MPO area. Therefore, in order to meet the six million dollars that the MPO committed towards the project, the FY30 funds need to be allocated to this project. Due to allocating the FY30 funds, the STBG application process will not open.

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

Ravada informed the board that the Technical Board decided to table this item due to staff needing to inform agencies of funding and see if they have any use for the funding for this year.

Motion by Resnick, second by McDonough to postpone the opening of the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) applications for DMATS Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). 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 Wethal, second by Resnick to adjourn the Thursday, March 12, 2026, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Policy Board meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning