

## DATS POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 12, 2015

A meeting of the Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) Policy Committee was held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at Danville City Hall, 17 W. Main St., Danville, IL.

DATS Technical Committee Chairman Mayor Scott Eisenhauer's proxy, David Schnelle called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM

### I. Roll Call:

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, City of Danville  
Proxy, David Schnelle  
Mike Marron, County Board Chairman  
Mayor Mike Weese, Village of Westville  
Craig Emberton, IDOT District 5

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Mike West, Danville Township Supervisor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jaclyn Marganski, DATS Director  
Tom Kelso, IDOT  
Betsy Tracy, FHWA  
Doug Staske, Vermilion County Highway  
Liila Bagby, DATS Planner I  
Christina Foster, Citizen

### II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Mike Marron and seconded by Craig Emberton.

a. Voice vote: Yea 4 Nay 0 Absent 1 Abstain 0

### III. Approval of Minutes from Technical Committee Meeting of September 11, 2014 made by Mayor Mike Weese and seconded by Mike Marron.

a. Voice vote: Yea 4 Nay 0 Absent 1 Abstain 0

### IV. Public Comment Period

a. No comment.

### V. New Business

#### a. Items of information:

i. DATS Federal Planning Review will be the afternoon of Wednesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 9. All DATS participants are invited and encouraged to attend.

#### ii. Public Participation Plan- Out for Public Review

1. The DATS Public Participation Plan was placed on public review again. Once it goes through the 45-day public review process, and the appropriate changes and comments have been considered, the document will come before the committee for formal approval and adoption.

#### iii. FY 16-19 TIP Project Submission/Rough Draft

1. The FY16-19 TIP rough draft was reviewed by the group. Entities that have yet to submit their projects were asked to do so. This document will return to

the Policy committee in the next meeting, for committee review and a vote to be placed on public review.

iv. STU Update

1. The STU dollars are the MPO's "construction" dollars, and can be allocated to any project occurring within the planning area on an eligible roadway. Eligible roadways include any route that maintains an IDOT Functional Classification of a minor arterial or greater.
2. The STU Fund Table ties in with the FY 16-19 TIP where the funds are spent.
3. So far, the MPO has received 2 projects for FY17 STU funds: one from Vermilion County and one from the City of Danville.
4. Vermilion County's FY17 STU project is on West Newell Road. The increase in traffic to northern Danville and the surrounding area has added increased stress on West Newell Road, causing pavement problems. This project would include paved shoulders to accommodate bicycle traffic.
5. The City of Danville's FY17 STU project is to provide intersection, roadway and pedestrian improvements along Jackson Street and at the intersection of Jackson and English streets. This project would provide a shared-use path and a roundabout intersection configuration.

v. Bike Plan Update

1. The Bike/Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee has met a number of times to discuss and review the future of biking in the region.
2. In attempt to gather more feedback about the bike system, DATS staff has created Focus Group meetings with key stakeholders including those with a public health focus, law enforcement background, recreational organizations, and those affiliated with our educational system.
3. The Regional Bike Plan update will be moving forward and coming to the group for approval to be placed on public review in the coming months.

b. Discussion and Vote

i. FY16 UPWP Prioritization of Submitted Projects

1. The FY16 UPWP is the work program for DATS Staff during fiscal year 2016. Three projects were submitted to be studied during FY16- Downtown Danville Parking Study, River Trail Study, and a Wayfinding and Signage Study.
2. Downtown Danville Parking Study- was submitted by the City of Danville to determine the appropriate number and location of parking spaces needed and future conditions of the downtown Danville area. This study is to be performed by DATS Staff.
3. River Trail Study-was submitted by the City of Danville to identify issues and opportunities along the Vermilion and North Fork Vermilion Rivers for multi-use path locations and link to current and future surrounding uses. This study will likely be contracted out to a consultant for the specialty of providing continuous links in alternative modes of transportation and the feasibility of creating a river trail path.
4. Wayfinding Signage Study- was submitted by the City of Danville to evaluate the needs and make recommendations for wayfinding signage throughout the city of Danville. This project will be contracted out to a consultant.
5. A motion was made by Mike Marron to approve the list of submitted UPWP projects to be a part of the FY16 UPWP and seconded by Craig Emberton
6. Voice vote: Yea 4                      Nay 0                      Absent 1                      Abstain 0

- ii. LRTP 2040 Project Prioritization- per the scope of work with The Lochmueller Group, four (4) future transportation improvement projects need to be studied in greater detail. This is the transportation “wish list” for the MPO. The Technical Committee suggested the first four projects on the list, which would be: The Beltline (b) Middle South Section, the Beltline (c) Middle North Section, Voorhees Street and Jackson Street Intersection, and Beltline (a) South Section.
- iii. The City of Danville would like to see Bowman Avenue Grade Separation moved to the number one project. There was mention of ensuring that this project list is consistent with I-GOV’s priorities moving forward. MPO Staff will review IGOV’s priority list and make sure they reflect each other.
- iv. This voting item was tabled until the next DATS meetings to ensure we are publishing a document with validity instead of meeting a deadline. This item will return to DATS committee’s in the April meetings.

VI. Old Business

a. Agency Reports

i. Vermilion County

- 1. No report

ii. IDOT

- 1. No projects to report

iii. Westville

- 1. The Village is busy at patching roads. They have a few projects coming up related to sewer and water main replacements.
- 2. The Village is also working with Vermilion Advantage’s new planner, Bob Westover.

iv. City of Danville

- 1. No report

v. Danville Township

- 1. Absent

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Craig Emberton and seconded by Mike Marron.

DATS Technical Committee Vice Chairman Mike Marron adjourned the meeting at 11:07 AM.