

DATS POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 16, 2015

A meeting of the Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) Policy Committee was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at Danville City Hall, 17 W. Main St., Danville, IL.

DATS Technical Committee Chairman Mayor Scott Eisenhauer called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM

I. Roll Call:

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, City of Danville
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
Doug Staske, Vermilion County Highway
David Schnelle, City of Danville
Liila Bagby, DATS Planner I
Bill Pickett, Neuhoff Communications

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Mike Marron and seconded by Mayor Mike Weese.

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

III. Approval of Minutes from Technical Committee Meeting of March 12, 2015 made by Craig Emberton 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 was Wednesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 9. Director Marganski read an email from Betsy Tracy "The review went very well and a brief presentation of the findings will be made at an upcoming Policy Committee meeting. A written report will outline recommendations and commendations of best practices of the MPO. There were no corrective actions identified.
- ii. Another message from Betsy Tracy "Please let the members know about the 7th round of TIGER grants. \$500 million is available nationwide. Pre-applications are required for this round of funding and are due May 4th. Final applications must be submitted by June 5th. For information about the TIGER program, visit the website www.dot.gov/TIGER".

b. Discussion and Vote

- i. FY15-19 TIP Amendment: IDOT Amendment

1. This IDOT TIP Amendment is to add two projects related to milled rumble strips. One on Henning Road north of Hilleary to Kennekuk County Park, the other on State Route 1 from Route 119 to West Newell Road.
2. Craig Emberton noted that a report which detailed high runoff the road areas helps justify these improvements. The rumble strips will be bicycle friendly, in that they have gaps to allow bicycle traffic to move in and out.
3. Doug Staske mentioned an intent to participate with the rumble strip milling between US 150 and where the state would begin milling. The partnership details will be discussed between Vermilion County highway department and IDOT District 5.
4. A motion was made by Mike Marron to approve the IDOT FY 15-19 TIP Amendment and seconded by Craig Emberton
Voice vote: Yea 4 Nay 0 Absent 1 Abstain 0

ii. FY16 UPWP Draft to be Set on 30-Day Public Review:

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 Mayor Mike Weese to place the FY16 UPWP on public review, seconded by Mike Marron and approved by all.

iii. FY16-19 TIP Draft

1. Changes from the April DATS Technical Committee meeting were made and presented to the Policy Committee. The DMT Mass Transit Transfer Zone is not included in this document because the money has been encumbered for FY15.
2. A motion was made to place this document on 30-day public review by Mike Marron, seconded by Craig Emberton and approved by all.

iv. 2040 LRTP Draft

1. The 2040 LRTP is the largest planning effort required of the Danville Area Transportation Study. The plan fulfills federal requirements and serves as the region's transportation vision moving forward. It seeks to characterize current and future transportation needs, outline the region's long-range transportation vision, document multi-modal strategies, and identify long-term opportunities beyond the current ability to fund projects.
2. This document will have two sections coming forward as amendments- one area focusing on complying with MAP-21 federal regulations regarding

performance measures, and the second area providing a detailed list of four (4) future transportation projects to consider.

3. A motion was made by Mayor Mike Weese to place this document on 30-day public review, seconded by Craig Emberton and approved by all.

v. 2015 Regional Bicycle Plan Update

1. This plan is an update to the existing regional bicycle plan, with a focus on improving connections within the planning area. As part of the plan's action items, a new regional bicycle map will be created to detail the bicycling infrastructure of our area.
2. A large focus of this planning effort revolved around involving the public-through a survey and interactive mapping tool.
3. It is important that the City of Danville works with the MPO on highlighting a connection to the Kickapoo Rail Trail from a tourism and community amenity perspective.
4. The City of Danville and Danville Area Transportation Study are working together to host a small Bike Week event during National Bike Week (May 11-15, 2015). Advertising, organizing and marketing will be conducted by the MPO.
5. A motion was made by Mike Marron to place this document on public review, seconded by Craig Emberton and approved by all.

VI. Old Business

a. Agency Reports

i. Vermilion County

1. Currently moving forward with the Fairmount/Sidell roadway improvement.

ii. IDOT

1. Project work will begin soon.

iii. Westville

1. The Village roads were hit hard by this winter's weather, they are unsure of the reasons, but attribute it to a mixed freeze/thaw pattern.

iv. City of Danville

1. The Danville Mass Transit Zone is now out to bid. On May 20th, the City will send their recommendation to IDOT.

v. Danville Township

1. Absent

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Mike Weese and Seconded by Craig Emberton.

DATS Technical Committee Chairman Mayor Scott Eisenhauer adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.