

## DATS POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 16, 2015

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

DATS Policy Committee Chairman Eisenhower called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM

I. Roll Call:

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jadyn Marganski, DATS Director  
Lilla Bagby, DATS Planner  
Doug Staske, Vermilion County Highway Department  
Christina Foster, Public

II. Approval of Agenda

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

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

III. Approval of Minutes from Technical Committee Meeting of June 11, 2015 made by Mayor Weese and seconded by Craig Emberton.

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

IV. Public Comment Period

a. No public comments.

V. New Business

a. Items of information:

- i. Downtown Danville Parking Study- During the EPA Infill Development workshop in downtown Danville, parking emerged as an important issue which needs to be addressed. The MPO has created a mobile application which will allow staff to build a base field inventory of the existing parking in downtown Danville. This RFP will solicit proposals from consultants to address existing and anticipated future parking issues in Downtown Danville. This study will consider parking and mobility between modes- vehicles, pedestrians, transit, and bicycle.
  1. Areas to address: Fischer Theatre, Federal Courthouse, Bresee, and existing City parking garage.
  2. The consultant will lead the planning process, including public participation and community outreach.
- ii. National Park Service Grant Submission- MPO Staff have been working on developing a grant application to the National Park Service Rivers, Trails & Conservation Program. This grant is a technical assistance grant in which a NPS employee will lead the planning process, including exploring preferred alternatives and soliciting public input on providing a trail head in the City of Danville, to the Kickapoo Rail Trail.
  1. The MPO sees a huge need for the City of Danville to provide a connection to the Kickapoo Rail Trail. This connection will help enhance health and wellness opportunities, tourism, and the bicycle culture in Vermilion County.
  2. The MPO has requested letters of support from the Danville Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Cycle's Plus, Vermilion County Conservation District, and the Vermilion County Health Department.
  3. Applications are due August 1, 2015.

b. Discussion and Vote

i. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan- Final Document Approval

1. After the June DATS Technical Committee meeting, MPO staff sat down with IDOT and FHWA to review the 2040 LRTP document and discuss desired updates and changes. The bulk of the changes made to the document are on pages 46 & 47, regarding the goals and performance measures. Performance measures are a component of MAP-21, and although there hasn't been any federal rulemaking established yet, the incorporation of performance measures in the planning process will definitely be an integral component.
2. The MPO's performance measures focus around the 7 national priorities.
3. Once federal rulemaking has been established, the MPO will have 120 days to bring their documents into compliance.
4. This document was on 30-day public review at local public libraries in Danville, Catlin, Georgetown and Westville.
5. A motion was made by Mike Marron to approve the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan document, seconded by Mayor Weese and approved by all.  
Yea 4      No 0      Absent 0      Abstain 0

VI. Old Business

a. Agency Reports

i. Vermillion County

1. Still dealing with drainage issues. The county is currently working on finding flood mitigation grants and exploring new creative avenues to improve the storm water issues that have been plaguing the county.

ii. IDOT

1. The state's budget situation is still uncertain. That being said, contracts are still going forward, as well as they can due to the weather situation we've encountered this summer.

iii. Westville

1. The water tower is up and running. The village hasn't had any other water issues, yet, thankfully.

iv. City of Danville

1. The city is working with an engineering firm on creating a storm water master plan to help alleviate all of the flooding issues we've had as a result of our wet summer months. This plan has an 8-12 month planning timeline. It is currently estimated that approximately \$2.2-\$3 million worth of damages has resulted from the storm.

VII. Adjournment

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

DATS Policy Committee Chairman Mayor Eisenhauer adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.