

DATS POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 10, 2015

A meeting of the Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) Policy Committee was held on Thursday, September 10, 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
Proxy, Ryan Anderson
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
Logan Cronk, Vermilion Advantage
Tom Caldwell, IDOT OP&P

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Mayor Weese and seconded by Craig Emberton.

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

III. Approval of Minutes from Technical Committee Meeting of July 16, 2015 made by Craig Emberton and seconded by Ryan Anderson.

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. Wayfinding and Signage RFP- As a recommendation of the East Main Street Corridor Plan, the MPO has published an RFP to have a comprehensive Wayfinding and Signage Study completed. This will address movement throughout our community, especially first time users of our system, and hopefully result in greater ease with travel and a better experience for the users of our transportation system.
- iii. 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 partnered with the Danville Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Cycle's Plus, Vermilion County Conservation District, and the Vermilion County Health Department.
 3. Application was submitted August 1, 2015.
- iv. County GIS Mapping- Liila is currently working with Bruce Harris, the County's GIS Consultant, to update maps for the County Highway Department. The County has been missing a GIS Specialist for a while, and their maps are in need up updating.
- v. IDOT TIP Administrative Modification- An administrative modification was made to the Transportation Improvement Program by MPO Staff, include the IDOT I-74 project submission. This project was to microsurface I-74 between Champaign and the Indiana State Line.

b. Discussion and Vote

i. TIP Amendment- VCCD-16-01 Kickapoo Rail Trail

1. This TIP Amendment added the construction of the Kickapoo Rail Trail project. This includes construction between the Vermilion County Fair Grounds and Oakwood Avenue, in Oakwood, IL.
2. The intent is to have this project out for bid in late 2015 or early 2016. Champaign County's portion of construction would run from Urbana, IL to St. Joseph, IL.
3. A motion was made by Ryan Anderson to approve the Vermilion County Conservation District TIP Amendment, seconded by Mayor Weese and approved by all.

Yea 4 No 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0

VI. Old Business

a. Agency Reports

i. Vermilion County

1. It has been a light construction year for the county due to unforeseen environmental issues, meaning next year construction season will be heavy for the county.

ii. IDOT

1. The state's budget situation is still uncertain. US 150 is now open and complete. IDOT is also doing shoulder work on I-74.

iii. Westville

1. The Village is finally recovering from the Labor Day parade accident. Gaming funding has stopped flowing in through the State. The Tar & Chip projects are finished for the year.

iv. City of Danville

1. Mayor Eisenhauer spoke about the lack of a State budget, and the promise for the City to keep the employees of the MPO on and operating as long as possible.
2. The South Griffin St. bridge construction is moving along.
3. DMT transfer zone project is currently on hold.
4. Bowman Avenue reconstruction is finished except for a few punch list items.

VII. Adjournment

a. Motion to adjourn made by Ryan Anderson and Seconded by Craig Emberton

- b. Logan Cronk introduced himself to the Policy Committee, he is working for Vermilion Advantage as the Rural Development Coordinator.

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