

DATS POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 11, 2014

A meeting of the Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) Policy Committee was held on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at Danville City Hall, 17 W. Main St., Danville, IL.

DATS Technical Committee Chairman Mayor Scott Eisenhauer called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM

I. Roll Call:

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, City of Danville
Gary Weinard, County Board Chairman
Mayor Mike Weese, Village of Westville
Mike West, Danville Township Supervisor
Craig Emberton, IDOT District 5

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jaclyn Marganski, DATS Director
Tom Kelso, IDOT
Betsy Tracy, FHWA
Matt Davidson, ESI Consultants
Ross Hilleary, DATS Planner

II. Approval of Agenda –Motion to approve the agenda made by Gary Weinard and seconded by Craig Emberton.

a. Voice vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0

III. Approval of Minutes from Technical Committee Meeting of July 11, 2014 made by Gary Weinard and seconded by Craig Emberton.

a. Voice vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0

IV. Public Comment Period

- a. Matt Davidson of ESI Consultants added that DOT's TIGER Grant received over 15x of applications then funds available and shows the true need for infrastructure funding.
- b. Chairman Eisenhauer announced to the Committee that the City of Danville did not receive its fourth attempted at a DOT TIGER Grant. Illinois received two TIGER Grants including local Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District.

V. New Business

a. Items of information:

i. ADA Compliance Survey

1. Director Marganski presented the Committee a one page map of the City of Danville and the current state of the ADA Compliance Survey. The map included two categories, orange (unrated) and green/red (rated). Our GIS Coordinator has created an iPad application allowing for more efficient data collection. The intent is to complete the Danville ADA Compliance Survey this fall and continue to other municipalities in the DATS MPA.
2. Chairman Eisenhauer said prioritizing sidewalk improvements in our community is very important.
3. Betsy Tracy, FHWA, said other communities should look at DATS ADA Compliance Survey as a standard.

- ii. LRTP Update – Draft Introduction
 - 1. Director Marganski presented a Draft Introduction of the 2040 LRTP Update.
 - 2. The Introduction includes the MPO Structure and Planning Area, MAP 21 Compliance and Performance Management Process, and the initial LRTP Goals that include: Transportation as a Catalyst, A Connected Community and A Safe and Balanced Transportation System.
 - 3. Every month one chapter of the LRTP Update will be presented to each Committee for a review before the Final Update is due in August 2015.
 - 4. Public Outreach is planned for late September.
- iii. Jackson and Voorhees Survey Summary
 - 1. The Jackson and Voorhees Street Intersection Survey produced by City of Danville and distributed by DATS Staff to help gauge public input for the realignment of the Jackson and Voorhees Street intersection. Over 900 Surveys were collected with over 300 individual comments.
 - 2. The Summary focuses on exposing the citizens’ concerns with the intersection: Property Acquisition, Driver Education, Survey Timing and Pedestrian Safety.
 - 3. The DATS Study recommends collaboration between the City of Danville and DATS to launch an extensive educational campaign to increase driver’s awareness and level of comfort through the changes in infrastructure.
 - 4. Betsy Tracy noted that the FHWA is very supportive of roundabouts and Director Marganski noted that the education pamphlet information was from FHWA information.
 - 5. The Jackson and Voorhees Survey Summary was left out of Policy Committee Packet and will be presented at the next Policy Committee meeting.
- iv. LRTP Consultant Selection
 - 1. Director Marganski announced that Lochmuller Group (Lochgroup) has been chosen as the consultant for the LRTP Update.
 - 2. This consultant will be responsible for technical analyses, 2040 projections and project prioritization. These responsibilities are broken into two phases.
 - 3. Final Reports from the consultant are due no later than May 29, 2015.
 - 4. Lochgroup has extensive experience with (Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization (SIMPO) and was highly recommended from the SIMPO Director.

b. Discussion and Vote:

- i. Letter of Support – Procedural Recommendation
 - 1. Director Marganski presented a spreadsheet that listed the Governance on Letters of Support from six different MPOs, their contacts and their response to the question on how their MPO handles Letters of Support.
 - 2. Letters of Support sometimes have a short turnaround and require fast action from the MPO Director.
 - 3. In Director Marganski tenure she has not had any conflicts with Letters of Support.
 - 4. Motion for approval to give DATS Director the authority to draft a Letter of Support, emailing committee members with any concerns, made by Mayor Mike Weese and seconded by Gary Weinard.
 - 5. Voice Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0
- ii. Adoption of At-Grade Railroad Crossing Study

1. Director Marganski presented the At-Grade Railroad Study and prompted the committee to view the recommendations which are derived from major routes with high ADT's and accident reports.
 2. This report will allow for city prioritization dealing with at-grade safety and other concerns in both Danville and Catlin.
 3. No feedback yet from the Catlin Public Works.
 4. Motion to adopt the At-Grade Railroad Crossing Study Report made by Gary Weinard and seconded by Mike West.
 5. Voice Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0
- iii. Adoption of Quiet Zone Feasibility Study
1. Director Marganski presented the Quiet Zone Feasibility Study and prompted the committee to turn to TAB 4 and TAB 5 which summarizes the report.
 2. The consultant, URS, worked hand-in-hand with DATS and the City of Danville through four rounds of comments.
 3. These studies will allow for potential and reasonable alterations and allow for the opportunity to increase safety at isolated locations with a myriad of options.
 4. Motion to adopt the Quiet Zone Feasibility Study Report made by Mayor Mike Weese and seconded by Gary Weinard.
 5. Voice Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0
- iv. TIP Amendments – IDOT FY15
1. Director Marganski presented the TIP Amendments of A007-W and 2015 ITS1.
 2. A007-W is a resurfacing and guardrail projecting beginning at IL-49 and ended at US-150 west of Danville on I-74.
 3. 2015 ITS-1 is a Changeable Message/Surveillance Signs to be installed at various locations on I-74; these can be used for the local community for special occurrences. Similar Changeable Message/Surveillance Signs are going up in near Champaign and Bloomington.
 4. Craig Emberton, IDOT District 5, said these signs will be controlled from the IDOT offices in Paris, Illinois.
 5. Motion to approve of TIP Amendments A007-W and 2015 ITS-1 was Gary Weinard and seconded by Craig Emberton.
 6. Voice Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0

VI. Old Business

a. Agency Reports

i. Vermilion County

1. Gary Weinard noted that Perrysville Road should soon be finished.
2. The first wind turbine tower is going up in the new wind farm in northern Vermilion County.
3. The County has placed a bid for 650 tons of salt.

ii. IDOT

1. Craig Emberton presented its annual Public Outreach meeting at the County Building on October 16th from 4-7PM.

iii. Westville

1. Westville has installed a \$30,000 Telemetry System at their water plant.

iv. City of Danville

1. No Report

v. Danville Township

1. Danville Township has been patching roads and mowing.

2. Danville Township recently lost some public parking which prompted the conversation that DATS has in its future plans to do a Downtown Parking Study.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Gary Weinard and seconded by Craig Emberton.

DATS Technical Committee Chairman Mayor Scott Eisenhauer adjourned the meeting at 11:16 AM.