

DATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 10, 2015

A meeting of the Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) Technical Committee was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at Danville City Hall, 17 W. Main St., Danville, IL.

DATS Technical Committee Chairman Doug Staske called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

I. Roll Call:

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Doug Staske, Vermilion County Highway
Robert Nelson, IDOT District 5
David Schnelle, City of Danville
Lisa Beith, DMT
Amy Marchant, CRIS
Proxy- Les Woodrum

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Janet Payonk, Vermilion County Highway
Jim Wilson, Newell Township
Vermilion Regional Airport Representative
Villages Representative

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jaclyn Marganski, DATS Director
Scott Lackey, IDOT District 5
Liila Bagby, DATS Planner I
Tom Caldwell, IDOT
Bill Pickett, Media

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by David Schnelle and seconded by Bob Nelson.

a. Voice vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 4 Abstain 0

III. Approval of Minutes from Technical Committee Meeting of December 4, 2014.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes made by Bob Nelson and seconded by Lisa Beith.

a. Voice vote: Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 4 Abstain 0

IV. Public Comment Period

a. No Public Comments.

V. New Business

a. Items of Information:

i. Federal Review

1. The MPO's federal review is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8 – Thursday, April 9. The review will take place at the City of Danville Public Works Facility (1155 E. Voorhees Street, Danville, IL).
2. All members of the MPO Technical Committee are welcome to attend and participate. Representation of DMT has been specifically requested.

ii. 2040 Long Range Transportation Study – Update

1. The Technical Committee reviewed the long range population and employment projections put together by the consultant Lochmueller Group. Questions have been raised regarding the increase in employment projects with a simultaneous decrease in population.
2. Bob Nelson brought up the inconsistencies between the long-term percentages of population to employment. The MPO will provide more details moving forward.
3. Chairman Staske noted this is why we hire consultants for our LRTP, because demographics are specialized and forecasting demographic trends is cumbersome.
4. Moving forward, the Lochmueller Group will prioritize future projects, based on a list developed by the Technical Committee during the March meetings. We need to provide the list of suggested projects, so the consultants know which to consider in greater detail. If you have a project submission, please notify the MPO prior to the March meeting.

iii. 2015 Regional Bicycle Plan- Update

1. The Bike/Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee met in mid-November with the kickoff meeting's objective as the future of biking in the region. The visual and graphic mapping system and online interactive mapping tool collected over 200 responses from local transportation users.
2. We collected 218 responses from the survey- 198 online responses and 20 paper surveys.
3. The survey demonstrated the need for better bicycle education, better bicycle network maps, and an improvement for bicycle awareness.
4. The next BAC meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at the City of Danville Public Works Facility (1155 E. Voorhees Street). All DATS participants are welcome to attend.

iv. FY16 UPWP Call for Projects

1. This is a continuation of the call for projects for any transportation related studies for FY 16.
2. Our current fiscal year's projects include a Regional Bike/Pedestrian Plan, East Main Street Corridor Study and updating the Long Range Transportation Plan.
3. Projects that have been suggested for FY 16 projects include a Downtown Parking Study, Off-street River Trail, with past projects including a Bus Stop Amenities Study. A final list of projects needs to be submitted by the March meeting
4. MPO Staff will send out a reminder to all MPO participants to submit project submission sheet.

v. FY 16-19 TIP Call for Projects

1. A continuation of the call for projects for the Transportation Improvement Plan for prioritizing projects for the next three FYs. The TIP is a product of the on-going transportation planning process for the Danville Area Transportation Study.

2. The purpose of the TIP is the documentation of proposed projects spanning a period of four fiscal years in order to secure funding. Any local project that solicits federal or state monies must be included in the annual TIP in order to be eligible for such funding.
3. All TIP projects need to be submitted to the MPO by March. The projects currently in FY15 TIP can be moved to FY16 if money has not been obligated yet.
4. This document will be out for public review in April, to be consistent with the June final timeline.
5. We need to adhere to a formal Selection Process for STU funding. No STU Projects were submitted for FY16. Moving forward, the Technical Committee will work on refining the STU Selection Process.

b. Discussion & Vote

- i. No Voting Items

VI. Old Business

a. Agency Reports

- i. Danville Mass Transit
 1. Plans for the Transfer Zone are with IDOT, waiting approval.
 2. Lisa Beith is the new DMT Director. Congratulations Lisa!
- ii. City of Danville
 1. All projects are shut down for the season.
 2. Working with Scott Lackey to finalize Stoney Creek Bridge project (April letting)
 3. FY17- Jackson and English Shared-Use path project scheduled for Fall letting
- iii. Vermilion County
 1. All bridge and road projects are on hold until the spring.
- iv. Townships (Danville, Newell, Georgetown, Catlin)
 1. No Report.
- v. Towns (Tilton, Georgetown, Westville, Catlin, Belgium)
 1. No Report.
- vi. CRIS
 1. Working on reorganizing the Corn Cruiser routes and possibly reducing some rural stops, due to a lack of JARC funding.
- vii. IDOT
 1. No update in construction projects, shut down for the winter.
 2. The roadway inventory for Vermilion County is complete. GIS files and data will be ready for download in April.
- viii. FHWA
 1. No Report.
- ix. Airport
 1. No Report. The MPO will try to encourage participation moving forward.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Doug Staske and seconded by David Schnelle.
- b. Meeting adjourned by DATS Technical Committee Chairman Doug Staske at 11:35 am.