

## DATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 5, 2015

A meeting of the Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) Technical Committee was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2015 at Danville City Hall, 17 W. Main St., Danville, IL.

DATS Technical Committee Chairman Doug Staske called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

### **I. Roll Call:**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Doug Staske, Vermilion County Highway  
Janet Payonk, Vermilion County Highway  
Robert Nelson, IDOT District 5  
Jim Wilson, Newell Township  
David Schnelle, City of Danville  
*Proxy- Eric Childers*  
Lisa Beith, DMT  
Amy Marchant, CRIS  
*Proxy- Les Woodrum*

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Vermilion Regional Airport Representative  
Villages Representative

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Jaclyn Marganski, DATS Director  
Liila Bagby, DATS Planner I  
Christina Foster, Public  
Matt Davidson, Public  
Bill Pickett, Media  
Jennifer Bailey, Media

### **II. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Robert Nelson and seconded by Jim Wilson.

a. Voice vote:    Yea 7                      Nay 0            Absent 2            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 Les Woodrum.

a. Voice vote:    Yea 7                      Nay 0            Absent 2            Abstain 0

### **IV. Public Comment Period**

a. Christina Foster noted there is an accumulation of ice in the bus shelters at the transfer zone.

### **V. New Business**

#### **a. Items of Information:**

- i. DATS Public Participation Plan (P3) is out for 45-day public review. This document was left out on previous public review earlier this year due to MPO staff error. To compensate, the document was put out on another 45-day review and will be coming to the committee in the upcoming months for final adoption.
- ii. FY 16-19 TIP Project Submissions/Draft Review

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. Currently, no projects have been submitted for FY19.
  4. This document will be out for public review in April, to be consistent with the June final timeline.
- iii. Future Fiscal Year STU Projects/Process Discussion
1. The MPO did not have any projects to submit in the current STU funding round. Shortly after the state's deadline, two qualified projects were brought to the attention of the MPO staff.
  2. 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 to ensure that the state's timelines are met and all MPO participants have equal opportunity to submit their projects for the STU funding.
  3. Vermilion County's West Newell Project was introduced to the committee and Chairman Staske detailed the project to the group.
  4. The City of Danville's Shared-Use Path Project was introduced to the committee and Eric Childers detailed the project to the group.
  5. Both of the previous projects (VC and COD) submitted a complete STU Funding application.
- iv. 2015 Regional Bicycle Plan- Update
1. The BAC met on Tuesday, February 17 to review the survey responses and delineate illustrative goals for the Bike Plan.
  2. MPO Staff met with a group of Public Health individuals to detail their current objectives, their views of bicycling in Vermilion County, and how we all can work together in the future on things such as Community Bike Days, bicycle education in the schools, and goals moving forward.
  3. A focus group meeting is currently being scheduled with the police and fire departments.

## **b. Discussion & Vote**

- i. FY16 UPWP Call for Projects
  1. 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.
  2. The final list of projects submitted includes a Downtown Parking Study, a River Trail Study, and a Wayfinding Study.
  3. The Downtown Parking Study was submitted by the City of Danville and will be performed by DATS Staff. This study will focus on the City of Danville, but will then be offered as a tool for other MPO participants, particularly those residing along the Route 1 corridor.

4. The River Trail Study will focus on the Vermilion River Riverfront, around Ellsworth Park and providing connection to the Kickapoo Rail Trail around the river. This trail would ideally accommodate all modes of alternative travel- bicycle, walking/running, roller blading, etc.
5. The Wayfinding Study was suggested as a finding from the East Main Street Corridor Study. Wayfinding is needed to direct visitors to major destinations, enable placemaking, and improve the image of our vital corridors.
6. A motion was made by Jim Wilson to approve the three (3) FY16 UPWP Projects and seconded by Janet Payonk.

c. Voice vote:    Yea 7                    Nay 0            Absent            2            Abstain 0

**i. LRTP Project Prioritization**

1. Per the scope of work with the consultant Lochmueller Group, the MPO needs to identify 4 projects they would like detailed in the upcoming LRTP document. We are seeking a vote to accept the reconfigured list; projects can always be added to the list.
2. Chairman Staske noted that the two projects requesting STU Funds should be added to the list.
3. The Village of Tilton will be contacted to confirm their projects and request any new projects.
4. A motion was made by Robert Nelson to approve the LRTP project list and seconded by Jim Wilson.

d. Voice vote:    Yea 7                    Nay 0            Absent            2            Abstain 0

**VI. Old Business**

**a. Agency Reports**

- i. Danville Mass Transit
  1. The Transfer Zone plans are now being reviewed by IDOT.
  2. DMT is waiting to get approval to dispose of two vehicles to upgrade to a newer vehicle.
- ii. City of Danville
  1. All projects are shut down for the season.
- iii. Vermilion County
  1. Currently planning Rossville Road improvements as part of the windmill development
- iv. Townships (Danville, Newell, Georgetown, Catlin)
  1. Looking for spring!
- v. Towns (Tilton, Georgetown, Westville, Catlin, Belgium)
  1. No Report.
- vi. CRIS
  1. Shut down the Corn Cruiser route.
- vii. IDOT
  1. Shut down for the winter.
  2. Bridge construction on US 136 will resume in May. The project is 41% complete right now.
- 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 Lisa Beith and seconded by Jim Wilson.
- b. Meeting adjourned by DATS Technical Committee Chairman Doug Staske at 11:07 am.