

DATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 7, 2016

A meeting of the Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) Technical Committee was held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 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
Robert Nelson, IDOT District 5
Jim Wilson, Newell Township
David Schnelle, City of Danville
Amy Marchant, CRIS
Mike Potter, Vermilion Regional Airport
Janet Payonk, Vermilion County Highway

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Lisa Beith, DMT
Villages Representative

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jaclyn Vinson, DATS Director
Liila Bagby, DATS
Brian Trygg, IDOT District 5
Tom Caldwell, IDOT OP &P
Jennifer Bailey, Commercial News
Betsy Tracy, FHWA

II. Approval of Agenda Motion to approve the agenda made by David Schnelle 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 February 4, 2016. Motion to approve the meeting minutes made by David Schnelle and seconded by Janet Payonk.

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

IV. Public Comment Period

No public present.

V. New Business

a. Items of information:

- i. Introduction of Mike Potter, the new Vermilion Regional Airport Manager. Welcome Mike!
- ii. Review of NIU Bicycle Map Draft- MPO staff has been working with cartographers from NIU over the last year on updating the Regional Bicycle Map. MPO Staff presented the draft map for review by the Technical Committee. The back of the map will be reconfigured to highlight the link between the bicycle system and the mass transit system. The terminus of the Kickapoo Rail Trail is included on the map; however, MPO Staff will talk with the KRT team to see how they would like their information presented.

- iii. Wayfinding and Signage Study Update- Lila Bagby updated the Committee on the Wayfinding Project. The Consultant, Corbin Design visited in March, during which time we held the first public review of the proposed design concepts. Additionally, during their site visit Corbin toured the Danville area and mapped out specific locations for each sign type. The project is moving ahead on schedule; we should have a final design and master plan document by May 31, 2016.

b. Discussion and Vote:

- i. FY 17 UPWP Draft Review and Approval to Place on 30-Day Public Review
 - 1. This is an annual update to the FY17 Unified Planning Work Program. The UPWP details what projects MPO staff will work on each year, it also details the anticipated budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - 2. One special study was submitted this year, the Bowman Avenue Corridor Study. This study would connect I-74 to the Airport and further north to the retail district of Danville, and work to improve the difficulties encountered with the multiple at-grade railroad crossings along the corridor.
 - 3. A motion was made by Amy Brown to approve the draft FY 17 UPWP and place on 30-day public review, and seconded by David Schnelle.
 - 4. Voice Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 2 Abstain 1

- ii. FY 17-20 TIP Rough Draft Review and Approval to Place on 30-Day Public Review
 - 1. This is an annual update to the TIP document, moving us from FY16-19 to FY17-20.
 - 2. The TIP document is a listing of all projects happening within the MPA that include state or federal funding.
 - 3. A motion to approve the FY17-20 Draft and Place on 30-Day Public Review was made by Janet Payonk, and seconded by David Schnelle.
 - 4. Voice Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 2 Abstain 1

- iii. IDOT TIP Amendments
 - 1. IDOT submitted one TIP Amendment for this month. Project number 2016 HSIP-5 was added, this project includes the provision of raised pavement reflective markers installed in our MPA.
 - 2. Two TIP Administrative Modifications were also discussed, but did not require a vote. One modification included the change in funding types for a project; the other included the change in funding amounts.
 - 3. Motion to approve and the FY16 IDOT TIP Amendment was made by Amy Brown and seconded by Jim Wilson.
 - 4. Voice Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 2 Abstain 1

- iv. VC TIP Amendment with STU Funding Increase
 - 1. The VC Tip amendment for project VC-17-07 was to increase the total project cost for the West Newell improvements project. The West Newell project had been selected to receive \$450,000 in STU Funds. However, due to added total project costs, the Vermilion County Highway Department requested the use of \$250,000 more in STU funding.
 - 2. Betsy Tracy reminded the Technical Committee that the STU funds are the construction funds allocated to the MPO annually. The MPO received approximately \$460,000 per year in STU funding.

3. It was also noted that MPO Staff should develop an internal protocol for requests for increases in STU funding.
4. Motion to approve and the VC TIP Amendment was made by David Schnelle and seconded by Amy Brown.
5. Voice Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 2 Abstain 1

VI. Old Business

a. Agency Reports

i. Danville Mass Transit

1. The official groundbreaking for the new Transfer Zone took place on Monday, April 4, 2016.

ii. City of Danville

1. Currently in the process of putting the annual maintenance program together.
2. Design work continues on the DHS shared use path project.
3. Looking to submit Denmark Road improvements as an ITEP project this year. The improvements include providing protected bicycle and pedestrian amenities across Lake Vermilion.
4. Currently planning the first implementation phase for the East Main Street project. Mini-park improvement bids are due April 14th.

iii. Vermilion County

1. Will be replacing a bridge in Collison, and have it scheduled to be closed between planting and harvesting seasons (May 16-September 15)
2. Began work on the road through Alvin, it's currently down to one lane. This work will include replacing one box culvert.
3. Work will soon begin on the windfarm infrastructure improvements. Mainly Rossville Road from Rossville to IL Route 49. Doing full width paving, so the road will be closed 1 mile at a time.

iv. Townships (Danville, Newell, Georgetown, Catlin) –

1. The annual town meeting will be held Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM

v. Towns (Tilton, Georgetown, Westville, Catlin, Belgium)- No report

vi. CRIS

1. April 1st CRIS moved from 48 hour to 24 hour demand response. This change was enabled by software improvements.
2. At the request of the board of directors, CRIS has initiated the process of providing Medicaid rides. However, the process is funded by State funds so there really is no clear timeline on when this implementation may happen. The provision of Medicaid rides should relieve ridership stress on DMT from the Danville-Champaign route.

vii. IDOT

1. April 22, 2016 is the next state letting.
2. Anticipate seeing patching on I-74 from Champaign to the Indiana State Line coming up.
3. Springfield has a new Section Chief, Holly Ostich. She is from CMPA and will be around and introduced to the MPO.
4. Tom Caldwell also encouraged the MPO to take a look at establishing an Indirect Cost Plan or at least implement the diminimus rate of 10%.

viii. Airport

1. Since it's only Mike's fourth day on the job, a small report was provided. They are working on asphalt rehab projects around the hangers and a number of other in house small projects.
- ix. FHWA-
1. Two projects currently available- TIGER which funds transportation projects that prioritize economic development and the FASTLane with funds nationally significant freight projects (much larger scale projects).

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Jim Wilson and seconded by David Schnelle.
- b. Meeting adjourned by DATS Technical Committee Chairman Doug Staske at 11:15 am.