

DATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 3, 2015

A meeting of the Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) Technical Committee was held on Thursday, September 3, 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
Robert Nelson, IDOT District 5
Jim Wilson, Newell Township
David Schnelle, City of Danville
Lisa Beith, DMT
Amy Marchant, CRIS
Proxy, Les Woodrum
Janet Payonk, Vermilion County Highway

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Vermilion Regional Airport Representative
Villages Representative

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jaclyn Marganski, DATS Director
Brian Trygg, IDOT District 5
Tom Kelso, IDOT OP &P
Kate Holloway, IDO District 5
Matt Heyen
Logan Cronk
Bill Pickett
Christina Foster

II. Approval of Agenda with the removal of the second voting item- regarding changes to the FY 16 Unified Planning Work Program.
Motion to approve the modified agenda made by Jim Wilson and seconded by Robert Nelson.

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

III. Approval of Minutes from Technical Committee Meeting of July 9, 2015. Motion to approve the meeting minutes made by Robert Nelson and seconded by David Schnelle.

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

IV. Public Comment Period

Ms. Foster noted that she is glad to see the City of Danville fixing up some of the buildings downtown.

V. New Business

a. Items of information:

- i. Introduction of Logan Cronk to the Technical Committee membership.
- ii. Greater Downtown Danville Parking and Mobility Study- Parking in downtown Danville was discussed in length, as a part of the recent EPA Sustainable Infill Development Workshop. Due to the interest in downtown

parking, the MPO has drafted an RFP for Downtown Parking, and aims to have the project be consultant led, which would mean the FY16 UPWP document will have to be amended (it was originally supposed to be a special study completed in house).

1. This study will inventory existing parking, parking demand, provide options for consolidation and/or expansion, and include the role of transit, bicycle and pedestrian travel.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. National Park Service- Technical Assistance Grant Opportunity
 1. MPO staff is currently working on completing a National Park Service- Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program application, to plan the connection between the City of Danville and the Kickapoo Rail Trail.
 2. This grant would provide technical assistance to the MPO, to perform the planning process (expertise, public participation, alternatives, and funding identification).
 3. The MPO is partnered with VCHD, DACVB, VCCD, and Cycles Plus.
 4. Application was submitted August 1.
 - v. 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.
 - vi. 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. Motion to approve and adopt Vermilion County Conservation District TIP Amendment was made by Robert Nelson and seconded by Janet Payonk.
 4. Voice Vote: Yea 7 Nay 0 Absent 2 Abstain 0

VI. Old Business

a. Agency Reports

i. Danville Mass Transit

1. Documentation for the Transfer Zone has been submitted to IDOT.
2. DMT has recently provided service changes to GENPACT to better serve their employees and help combat employee turnover.

3. DMT will be unveiling their smart cards within the next month or two. These will rapidly improve their fare collection process.
- ii. City of Danville
 1. Bowman Avenue is almost complete, just finishing up the final project punch list.
 2. City engineering staff traveled to Phoenix, AZ to receive an award from the National Public Works Congress for the Fairchild Overpass Project.
 3. The City is currently working on developing a Storm Water master plan, as a result of major water damages sustained to the community in recent storm events. The City is also heavily examining the use of natural landscaping and street trees to help mitigate the effects of storm water.
- iii. Vermilion County
 1. This has been a light construction season for the county due to unforeseen environmental issues that needed to be addressed. Because of this year's light season, next year's construction season for the County will be overwhelmed with work.
- iv. Townships (Danville, Newell, Georgetown, Catlin) – No report
- v. Towns (Tilton, Georgetown, Westville, Catlin, Belgium)- No report
- vi. CRIS
 1. CRIS was given word that they will be receiving 5 new buses.
 2. They are currently updating their scheduling software which will greatly improve coordination.
- vii. IDOT
 1. There is another round of ITEP funding coming up.
 2. The bridge deck waterproofing on US 136 (between Danville and Oakwood) is complete!
 3. The resurfacing of I-74 between IL Route 49 and Danville is 27% complete.
 4. IDOT is setting up more public participation opportunities and trying to take their projects out to the people more frequently.
- Viii. Airport
 1. No report

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by David Schnelle and seconded by Jim Wilson.
- b. Meeting adjourned by DATS Technical Committee Chairman Doug Staske at 11:00 am.