

DATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 4, 2014

A meeting of the Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) Technical Committee was held on Thursday, December 4, 2014 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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Janet Payonk, Vermilion County Highway
Vermilion Regional Airport Representative
Villages Representative

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jaclyn Marganski, DATS Director
Scott Lackey, IDOT District 5
Paul Farachi, IDOT
Liila Bagby, DATS Planner I
Ross Hilleary, City of Danville

II. Staff Update

- a. Ross Hilleary took a new position with the City of Danville, but will still assist Director Marganski with certain facets of DATS.
- b. Introduction of Liila Bagby, DATS Planner I. She is a UIUC alumna from Illinois and served in the Peace Corp after graduation before joining the DATS Staff in September. Liila will be assisting with the Regional Bicycle Plan Update.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the modified agenda made David Schnelle and seconded by Jim Wilson.

a. Voice vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 3 Abstain 0

IV. Approval of Minutes from Technical Committee Meeting of September 4, 2014

Corrections from Chairman Staske were given to Director Marganski prior to the meeting.

Motion to approve the amended meeting minutes made by David Schnelle and seconded by Jim Wilson.

a. Voice vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 3 Abstain 0

V. Public Comment Period

- a. No Public Comments.

VI. New Business

- a. Items of Information:
 - i. STU Update

1. The STU Funding Table is up to date as of September 2014; this table projects the current and upcoming fiscal allocations for the MPO. These STU dollars are the MPO's "construction" dollars, and can be allocated to any project occurring within the planning area on an eligible roadway. Eligible roadways include any route that maintains an IDOT Functional Classification of a minor arterial or greater.
2. Additional information includes previous allocation and where DATS is projected to stand until FY 18.
3. The STU Fund Table ties in with the FY 16-19 TIP where the funds are spent.

ii. East Main Street Corridor Study – Update

1. Several Presentation Boards were set up at the meeting, depicting what participants have seen throughout the study process. These boards have been created for use at various Public Workshops.
2. The East main Street Corridor Study has now had 5 Community Workshops which included 3 Large Workshops, 2 Mini Workshops, and numerous group presentations. We have heard from approximately 250 residents during this process.
3. One more Community Workshop is planned with the Document Draft Review
4. The Corridor Study is running on schedule with the Document Draft Review being ready in early calendar 2015 when it will go in front of DATS Technical and DATS Policy Committees as well as the City of Danville City Council for adoption.

iii. Bike Plan Kickoff

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 was demonstrated and will be live soon in collaboration with an online and paper Regional Bike Survey.
2. Liila Bagby demonstrated the interactive visual and graphic mapping system which includes bike destinations, bike parking and current bike facilities (designated on-street, off street, proposed and under construction).
3. Schedule plans to have the Bike/Pedestrian Plan completed by June 2015.
4. David Schnelle recommended on-street vehicle parking facilities should be taken into account when looking at level of service.
5. Director Marganski mentioned a potential project along an abandoned rail corridor which would connect Danville to the southern portion of the county.

iv. UPWP Call for Projects

1. This is the first 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.
4. All submittals should be in before the February meeting.
5. Chairman Staske asked if it may be possible to use the City of Danville's ADA Sidewalk study as a template for the county, as well as the other communities in the DATS Planning area. The MPO would like to continue the ADA

Compliance Study throughout all of the planning area and is looking at purchasing technology that will allow the data accumulation to be a seamless endeavor. Currently, the MPO borrows an iPad from the City of Danville Urban Services Department.

6. Amy Marchant of CRIS would like to see a project with Bus Stop Amenities for its “Corn Cruiser” line, a bus line that transports county wide, along with infrastructure improvements at CRIS Bus Stops. The MPO would be able to assist with this study, within the planning area.
7. David Schnelle recommends a possible Bus Stop Turn Out Study, to provide safer accommodations for those using the bus system. DMT may have access to funding options for Bus Turn Outs.

v. FY 16-19 TIP Call for Projects

1. The first 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.

vi. LRTP 2040-

1. Lochmueller Group was hired as a consultant to perform a particular aspect of the LRTP including congested intersections, road capacities and outward projects of traffic counts and potential projects. Director Marganski expects an update from them for the January meeting.
2. The chapter drafts will be presented to the committee after the new year.

b. Discussion & Vote

- i. No Voting Items

VII. Old Business

a. Agency Reports

i. Danville Mass Transit

1. Plans for the Transfer Zone are with IDOT, waiting approval.
2. Bus 1329 is currently being updated before being put into full service.

ii. City of Danville

1. Shutting down all projects for the season.
2. Fairchild Overpass is nearly 100% complete.
3. The Danville High School Shared Use Path ITEP Project is in design, waiting environmental approval.

iii. Vermilion County

1. Perrysville Road is nearly complete but was delayed due to weather and equipment problems.
2. A delayed bridge project is now beginning in Jamaica Township.
3. The County will be running on a sparing amount of salt for the winter, but will of course still be clearing the roads as usual.

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

1. Danville Township is also running on a sparing amount of salt for the winter

- v. Towns (Tilton, Georgetown, Westville, Catlin, Belgium)
 - 1. No Report
- vi. CRIS
 - 1. Is happy to announce they have applied for Planning Funds, through both federally and state Application for planning funds both federally and state for a facility.
- vii. IDOT
 - 1. Bridge deck waterproofing on US 136 west of Danville is 41% complete due to significant section loss that was found in exposed structural steel.
- viii. FHWA
 - 1. Continued Resolution for Funding until December 11, 2014.
- ix. Airport
 - 1. No Report

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by David Schnelle and seconded by Amy Marchant.
- b. Meeting adjourned by DATS Technical Committee Chairman Doug Staske at 11:20 am.