

DATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 4, 2014

A meeting of the Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) Technical Committee was held on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at Danville City Hall, 17 W. Main St., Danville, IL.

DATS Technical Committee Vice-Chairman David Schnelle called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM.

I. Roll Call:

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: David Schnelle, City of Danville
Robert Nelson, IDOT District 5
Jim Wilson, Newell Township
Janet Payonk, Vermilion County Highway
Dick Brazda, DMT
Amy Marchant, CRIS
Les Woodrum (Proxy), CRIS

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Doug Staske, Vermilion County Highway
Vermilion Regional Airport Representative
Villages Representative

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jaclyn Marganski, DATS Director
Scott Lackey, IDOT District 5
Tom Kelso, IDOT
Betsy Tracy, FHWA
Mike West, Danville Township
Matt Davidson, ESI Consultants
Jennifer Bailey, Commercial-News
Christina Foster, Member of the Public
Ross Hilleary, DATS Planner

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Robert Nelson and seconded by Dick Brazda.

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

III. Approval of Minutes from Technical Committee Meeting of July 10th, 2014

IV. – Correction of Janet Payonk, being counted in attendance.

Motion to approve the amended meeting minutes made by Janet Payonk and seconded by Township.

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

V. Public Comment Period

Ms. Christina Foster would like to praise Danville for the way Downtown Danville looks and appears. She said Danville is doing a great job Downtown.

VI. New Business

a. Items of information:

i. ADA Compliance Survey

1. Director Marganski presented the Committee a one page map of the City of Danville and the current state of the ADA Compliance Survey. The map included two categories, orange (unrated) and green/red (rated). Our GIS

Coordinator has created an iPad application allowing for more efficient data collection. The intent is to complete the Danville ADA Compliance Survey this fall and continue to other municipalities in the DATS MPA.

ii. LRTP Update – Draft Introduction

1. Director Marganski presented a Draft Introduction of the 2040 LRTP Update.
2. The Introduction includes the MPO Structure and Planning Area, MAP 21 Compliance and Performance Management Process, and the initial LRTP Goals that include: Transportation as a Catalyst, A Connected Community and A Safe and Balanced Transportation System.
3. Planned Public Outreach will piggyback off DATS current East Main Street Corridor Study and utilize the Study for a combined effort for reaching citizens.

iii. Jackson and Voorhees Survey Summary

1. The Jackson and Voorhees Street Intersection Survey produced by the City of Danville and distributed by DATS Staff to help gauge public input for the realignment of the Jackson and Voorhees Street intersection. Over 949 Surveys were collected with 337 individual comments.
2. The Summary focuses on exposing the citizens' concerns with the intersection: Property Acquisition, Driver Education, Survey Timing and Pedestrian Safety.
3. During survey collection it was noted by DATS Staff that a focus on other entities, such as with First Student and truck freight movement.
4. DATS Planner Ross Hilleary has created an educational pamphlet (pg. 42-43) that could be distributed if the City of Danville deems a roundabout the appropriate solution to the problems facing the Jackson and Voorhees intersection.
5. The DATS Study recommends collaboration between the City of Danville and DATS to launch an extensive educational campaign to increase driver's awareness and level of comfort through the changes in infrastructure.

iv. LRTP Consultant Selection

1. Director Marganski announced that Lochmueller Group (Lochgroup) has been chosen as the consultant for the LRTP Update.
2. This consultant will be responsible for technical analyses, 2040 projections and project prioritization. These responsibilities are broken into two phases.
3. Final Reports from the consultant are due no later than May 29, 2015.
4. Lochgroup has extensive experience with (Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization (SIMPO) and that DATS Staff is looking forward to working with them as team.

b. Discussion and Vote:

i. Letter of Support – Procedural Recommendation

1. Director Marganski presented a spreadsheet that listed the Governance on Letters of Support from six different MPOs, their contacts and their response to the question on how their MPO handles Letters of Support.
2. Vice-Chairman Schnelle request that the committee give administrative decision to DATS Director allowing for faster turnaround on Letters of Support.
3. Motion for approval to give DATS Director the authority to draft a Letter of Support, emailing committee members with any concerns, made by Dick Brazda and seconded by Township.
4. Voice Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 3 Abstain 0

- ii. Adoption of At-Grade Railroad Crossing Study
 - 1. Director Marganski presented the At-Grade Railroad Study and prompted the committee to view the recommendations.
 - 2. This report will allow for city prioritization dealing with at-grade safety and other concerns in both Danville and Catlin.
 - 3. Supervisor West asked Vice-Chairman Schnelle if he knew how the crossings were chosen. The studied crossings were locally controlled and reported high ADT's
 - 4. No feedback yet from the Catlin Public Works.
 - 5. Motion to adopt the At-Grade Railroad Crossing Study Report made by Jim Wilson and seconded by Robert Nelson.
 - 6. Voice Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 3 Abstain 0
- iii. Adoption of Quiet Zone Feasibility Study
 - 1. Director Marganski presented the Quiet Zone Feasibility Study and prompted the committee to turn to TAB 4 and TAB 5 which summarizes the report.
 - 2. The consultant, URS, worked hand-in-hand with DATS and the City of Danville through four rounds of comments.
 - 3. The City of Danville Urban Services Department is pleased with the final report and thinks it complements the At-Grade Railroad Study.
 - 4. These studies will allow for potential and reasonable alterations and allow for the opportunity to increase safety at isolated locations.
 - 5. Motion to adopt the Quiet Zone Feasibility Study Report made by Township and seconded by Robert Nelson.
 - 6. Voice Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 3 Abstain 0
- iv. TIP Amendments – IDOT FY15
 - 1. Robert Nelson presented the TIP Amendments of A007-W and 2015 ITS1.
 - 2. A007-W is a resurfacing and guardrail projecting beginning at IL-49 and ended at US-150 west of Danville on I-74.
 - 3. 2015 ITS-1 is a Changeable Message/Surveillance Signs to be installed at various locations on I-74; these can be used for the local community for special occurrences. Similar Changeable Message/Surveillance Signs are going up in Champaign County.
 - 4. Motion to approve of TIP Amendments A007-W and 2015 ITS-1 was made by Janet Payonk and seconded by Dick Brazda.
 - 5. Voice Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 3 Abstain 0

VII. Old Business

a. Agency Reports

i. Danville Mass Transit

- 1. DMT and the City of Danville has received the finalization documents for the Transfer Zone Station.
- 2. DMT has a Super Medium Bus which is the process of being complete. It should be on the road within a few weeks; Installation of both a fare box and radio has occurred.
- 3. DMT is in a process of procurement with other Super Medium Bus replacement.
- 4. DMT will have its annual FTA visit and audit in next few weeks.

ii. City of Danville

- 1. Current construction on the Bowman Avenue Construction is in full swing which will include Bus Turnouts and a Shared Use Path.

2. Annual overlaying and resurfacing projects to begin soon including on Gilbert.
 3. The Maple Street Project is near completion and ahead of schedule even though these heavy rain patches; 90% complete.
 4. The Fairchild Overpass Projection is wrapping up with landscaping coming in the next few weeks.
 5. The City of Danville shows gratitude towards DATS with helping start a bike club at the Voorhees Office.
- iii. Vermilion County
1. The County is in full swing with its summer mowing projects.
 2. The County has a new back-up generator which has already been tested and works great.
 3. Beginning the Perrysville Road Project which will extend from Griffin Street the the IL/IN Stateline.
 4. Bridge work on current closed roads to start in both Carrol and Jamaica Townships.
- iv. Townships (Danville, Newell, Georgetown, Catlin)
1. Danville – Road Patching and Mowing
 2. Newell – No Report
- v. Towns (Tilton, Georgetown, Westville, Catlin, Belgium)
1. No Report
- vi. CRIS
1. CRIS is celebrating three weeks with a new automatic system that allow for the office to see in real time where every bus is located as well as in-bus monitors. They have been working out the kinks and happy with the product.
- vii. IDOT
1. Champaign County had a state-funded project that came as a surprise and the MPO was allowed to add it to their TIP as an administrative resolution since it didn't have complete or have other funding sources. This allowed for construction to begin without committee approval to add to their TIP.
 2. Update on road inventory is in process.
- viii. FHWA
1. Funding has been procured until May 2015.
 2. DOT's TIGER Grant received over 15x of applications then funds available.
- ix. Airport
1. No Report
- x. DATS
1. Recently DATS had their first Community Workshop with consultant LAKOTA about the East Main Street Corridor. Director Marganski estimated around 60 citizens attended the event. All Committee Members are invited to the next East Main Street Corridor Steering Committee Review Meeting. DATS will also be having smaller community workshops located at the VA and DACC.
 2. Director Marganski looks forward to working with Danville High School's AP Human Geography class for a second year. This year they will be tackling a Campus Master Plan for their high school. The 2013-2014 class worked on a similar project on the East Main Street Corridor.

VIII. Adjournment

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