



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020 – 3:00 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE

- Voting Membership:
 - Town of Cortland (1 vote): Brandy Williams
 - City of DeKalb (3 votes): Bill Finucane (Vice-chair), Jerry Smith, Bill Nicklas, Marcus Cox
 - City of Sycamore (2 votes): Brian Gregory
 - DeKalb County (1 vote): Gary Hanson (Chair)
 - NIU (1 vote): Not present
 - IDOT District 3 (1 vote): Ryan Lindenmier
- Non-Voting Attendance:
 - FHWA: John Donovan
 - IDOT Planning & Programming: Doug DeLille
 - IDOT Local Roads: not present
 - DSATS staff: Nathan Schwartz
 - DeKalb Transit staff: Marcus Cox

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hanson called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

1. Introductions

Mr. Schwartz called the roll and established a quorum.

2. Administrative Agenda

a. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the October 14, 2020 meeting agenda was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Gregory. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

b. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the June 24, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Finucane and seconded by Mr. Smith. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

c. Public Comments

None.

3. Transit Agenda

a. No agenda items.

4. Roadway Agenda

a. **SFY 2020-2024 Transportation TIP Modification (Action):**

Mr. Schwartz presented TIP Modification 12 which was forwarded by the TAC to the Policy Committee for approval. The project is a new submittal for the TIP and includes federally funded safety improvements to the lights and gates at the existing railroad crossing at IL Route 23 and IL Route 38 in DeKalb. The modification completed a public comment period and a public hearing with no comments being received. Mr. Nicklas asked if the existing work along the railroad tracks is part of this work. Mr. Schwartz stated another project may be happening at the same location since the federally funded work cannot begin until the project is officially approved and listed on the TIP. Mr. Lindenmier stated the agreement with the railroad for this TIP modification has not yet been executed. He said he'll look into the work being currently performed. A motion to approve TIP Modification 12 was made by Mr. Gregory and seconded by Mr. Nicklas. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Governance Agenda

a. No agenda items.

6. Closing Agenda

a. **Staff and Project Updates**

Mr. Schwartz informed the committee that the MPO has interviewed a promising candidate for the DSATS vacancy. The MPO is currently in negotiations for his hire.

Mr. Cox gave an update on transit. The paratransit and deviated line services is being transferred from VAC to Transdev at the beginning of the year. Everyone is working on a smooth transition through weekly meetings.

b. **What's New with Our State and Federal Partners**

Mr. Lindenmier said he'd follow up on the railroad work being done in the City of DeKalb. Mr. DeLille told the committee the IDOT Fall Planning Conference is completely virtual this year and being held Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons in October. The conference is about halfway complete. Also, the ITEP applications are being accepted until November 2nd. He provided some updates on changes for this year's program compared to last year's program. The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant should be announced in the next few weeks.

Mr. Donovan informed the committee that the federal government passed a continuing resolution which funds the government until December 11th. With that approved resolution, the federal transportation act, the FAST Act, has been extended a full year at the current funding levels.

c. **Additional Business**

No additional business.

d. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Nicklas, seconded by Ms. Williams. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously at 3:19 p.m.

Note: These minutes are not official until approved by the PC at a subsequent meeting.