



Policy Committee

Date: Wednesday, October 13th, 2021

Time: 3:00pm

Location: DeKalb County Highway Department, 1826 Barber Greene Road, DeKalb, IL 60115

Attendance:

Voting Members

City of DeKalb: Bill Finucane
City of DeKalb: Bill Nicklas (VC)
City of DeKalb: Marcus Cox
City of Sycamore: Maggie Peck
City of Sycamore: Not Present
Town of Cortland: Brandy Williams (3:09)
DeKalb County: Brian Gregory (C)
NIU: Jennifer Groce
IDOT District 3: Nick Spence

Non-Voting Attendance

IDOT OP&P: Doug DeLille
DSATS Staff: Nathan Schwartz, Brandon Geber

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

1. Roll Call

Motion to allow voting members attending virtually to participate in the meeting made by Mr. Nicklas; seconded by Ms. Peck; Motion approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve the October 13, 2021 meeting agenda made by Ms. Peck; seconded by Mr. Finucane; Motion approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve the August 11, 2021 meeting minutes made by Mr. Finucane, seconded by Ms. Peck; Motion approved unanimously.

4. Public Comments

No public comments.

5. New Business

a. Proposed SFY 2023-2027 Surface Transportation Program Projects (Action)

Mr. Schwartz reported the Project Selection Subcommittee and staff has been working to score and recommend a program of local STU-funded projects for state fiscal years 2023- 2027. A detailed overview of the selection process and the recommended program of projects was provided.

Chair Gregory asked for clarification on the voting action as the Agenda Item Summary states a TIP modification and the agenda refers to the 2023-2027 program of projects. Mr. Geber clarified there is an error on the Agenda Item Summary but the Agenda is correct.

Mr. DeLille asked if the group was voting to amend the existing TIP. Mr. Geber clarified the action is only to adopt a program of STU projects in coordination with IDOT and the requested projects will be incorporated into the next annual TIP update.

Motion to adopt the proposed SFY 2023-2027 program of projects made by Mr. Nicklas, seconded by Ms. Peck; Motion approved unanimously.

b. MPO PM1 Safety Performance Measure Targets (Action)

Mr. Geber reported the State of Illinois has set its safety performance measure targets for 2022 at a 2% decrease for the number and rate of serious injury and fatal crashes and the number of non-motorized serious injury and fatal crashes. DSATS must either adopt the State's targets, as was done in previous years, or create and adopt its own targets. Additional detail was provided on the performance measures and where the DSATS region currently stands in relation to associated metrics.

Mr. Nicklas asked if staff knows the number of fatalities within the MPA for the current year. Mr. Geber responded there is a delay in receiving up-to-date data, but the table included within the TIP narrative was the latest received at the time.

Mr. Nicklas clarified that although a 2% decrease of five fatalities technically doesn't change the whole number, maybe the goal should be set as four to show the region is working towards a decrease. Mr. Geber responded although the targets being discussed technically reflect the percent decrease, staff will update the table during the next TIP update to reflect the suggestion.

Mr. Schwartz emphasized the general goal for safety incidents is still zero incidents. Staff's recommendation is to proceed with the annual 2% decrease as it is a reasonable step towards achieving that goal.

Motion to adopt the Statewide FY 2022 PM1 Safety Performance Measure Targets made by Ms. Peck, seconded by Mr. Nicklas; Motion approved unanimously.

6. Other Business

a. Staff and Project Updates

Mr. Schwartz reported the traffic count program is expected to start in the next couple of weeks. A notice will be sent out to committee partners to notify law enforcement we will be deploying cameras in the community.

Mr. Cox reported DeKalb City Council approved a contract in August for site selection services through their current Architecture and Engineering contractor. The contractor began the process last week by meeting with City staff and Transdev to discuss site requirements included within the selection process. Staff hopes to receive a results report soon and to tour the suggested locations with the contractor before ultimately bringing potential sites to City Council for selection.

b. What's New with our State and Federal Partners

Mr. DeLille reported an email was sent to staff recently to announce the virtual IDOT Fall Planning Conference sessions beginning within the week.

Additional Business

No additional business.

7. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Nicklas, seconded by Ms. Peck; meeting adjourned at 3:19pm.

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