



## Transportation Advisory Committee

**Date:** Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 9:00am

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

**Attendance:**

**Voting Members**

City of DeKalb: Zac Gill (Vice-Chair)

City of Sycamore: Not Present

Town of Cortland: Brandy Williams

DeKalb County: Nathan Schwartz

NIU: John Heckmann

IDOT District 3: Nicholas Spence, Ryan Lindenmier (9:06am)

**Non-Voting Attendance**

IDOT OP&P: Doug DeLille

FHWA: John Donovan

DSATS Staff: Nathan Schwartz, Brandon Geber

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Vice-Chair Gill called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda (Action)**  
Motion to approve the October 5, 2021 meeting agenda made by Mr. Heckmann; seconded by Ms. Williams; Motion approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes (Action)**  
Motion to approve the August 4, 2021 meeting minutes made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Ms. Williams; 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 recently met to discuss 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. Although not included in the project list, an update was given on expected funding changes as a result of the proposed federal infrastructure bill. Motion to recommend the adoption of the SFY 2023-2027 program of projects made by Mr. Heckmann; seconded by Mr. Schwartz; Motion approved unanimously.

### b. 2022 MPO PM1 Safety Performance Measure Targets (Action)

Mr. Schwartz 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.

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.

Mr. Geber provided additional detail on the performance measure categories and where the DSATS region currently stands in relation to associated metrics.

Vice-Chair Gill asked if the current baseline metrics documented in the DSATS TIP represent actual crash incidents occurring in our region. Mr. Geber responded the metrics are based on a five-year rolling average of incidents occurring within the DSATS area.

Vice-Chair Gill asked if there were any repercussions for not meeting our set targets. Mr. Geber responded there are no local repercussions at this time and elaborated using an illustration provided by IDOT displaying progress made. Mr. DeLille added failure to meet these targets would affect state funding programs but the HSIP program is already set up to address this occurrence. Mr. Schwartz added our local tracking process is set up to identify issue areas to be addressed through available MPO funding sources.

Mr. Heckmann asked how the safety performance targets are tied with the STU project selection process. Mr. Schwartz described how the scoring process considers safety issue areas and Mr. Geber described where to find the criteria and how it was applied during the latest round. Mr. Heckmann commented that having this process in place highlights how safety is being considered within the local project planning process. Mr. Geber provided an example of how the safety criteria was applied to a specific project. Mr. DeLille added all required performance measure targets need to be reflected in the planning and programming processes of the MPO.

Motion to recommend the adoption of the State PM1 Safety Performance Measure Targets as presented made by Ms. Williams; seconded by Mr. Heckmann; Motion approved unanimously.

## **6. Other Business**

### **a. Staff and Project Updates**

Mr. Schwartz reported on staff's efforts to select traffic count locations for the upcoming count year. Mr. Geber briefly explained the processes undertaken to objectively review existing traffic counting procedures and make recommended improvements. After multiple rounds of discussions with staff and various local members, a final program was drafted and presented to the committee. The traffic count program is expected to start in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Schwartz reported the active transportation count program is being put on hold while staff continues to evaluate deployment options.

Mr. Heckmann reported a resurfacing and intersection improvement project using previously appropriated federal grant funding has been delayed. The project will now go out for rebid in November with potential construction in spring or summer of 2022.

Vice-Chair Gill reported a signalization project at IL 23 and Gurler Road has begun and more activity is expected along Gurler Road as another development begins construction.

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

Mr. Donovan briefly updated the committee on the status of the proposed federal transportation reauthorization bill and continuing resolutions.

Mr. Schwartz announced today is the deadline to submit applications for federal bridge funding through IDOT.

### **c. Additional Business**

No additional business.

## **7. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Heckmann; meeting adjourned at 9:35am.

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