



Policy Committee

Date: Wednesday, December 8th, 2021

Time: 3:00pm

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

Attendance:

Voting Members

City of DeKalb: Cohen Barnes
City of DeKalb: Bill Nicklas (VC)
City of DeKalb: Bill Finucane
City of Sycamore: Maggie Peck
City of Sycamore: Absent
Town of Cortland: Absent
DeKalb County: Brian Gregory (C)
NIU: Jennifer Groce
IDOT District 3: Absent

Non-Voting Attendance

IDOT OP&P: Doug DeLille
FHWA:
DSATS Staff: Nathan Schwartz

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve the December 8, 2021 meeting agenda made by Ms. Peck; seconded by Mr. Nicklas; Motion approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action)

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

4. Public Comments

No public comments.

5. New Business

a. SFY 2022-2026 TIP Modification 2022-5 (Action)

Mr. Schwartz informed the committee of 4 new projects to be added to the TIP. Any project in the MPO planning area using federal funding must be included in the MPO TIP. TIP Modification 2022-5 includes 2 DSATS funded projects previously reviewed by DSATS for inclusion in the State Multi-Year Program (MYP). The other 2 projects are funded using federal, non-DSATS funds. The modification was recommended unanimously by TAC for approval by the Policy Committee.

Motion to approve the projects be added to the DSATS TIP made by Mr. Nicklas, seconded by Mr. Finucane; Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Schwartz added TIP Modification 2022-6 was completed by Administrative Action. He described the minor changes to the existing 5 projects.

b. 2022 Meeting Schedule (Action)

Mr. Schwartz presented the proposed meeting schedule for 2022. It was mentioned the meetings may be cancelled if there are not action items in a particular month.

There also exists the possibility of combining the TOC and TAC meetings if the agendas are predominantly the same. Motion to approve the 2022 meeting schedule made by Mr. Finucane, seconded by Ms. Groce; Motion approved unanimously.

6. Other Business

a. Staff and Project Updates

Mr. Schwartz reported staff has completed the field work for the annual traffic count program. After the data is analyzed, the report will be distributed. The traffic counts are used to study community needs and prioritize projects such as new traffic signals at intersections.

Mr. Schwartz also reported DSATS is on track to implement a road condition study in 2022 using DSATS funding. The collector and arterial roadways were rated in 2021 by IDOT. The local road classification will be completed through the DSATS study. Mr. Barnes asked for clarification of different roadways classifications. After Mr. Schwartz described and gave local examples, it was confirmed that every street and road in the community would be rated between the IDOT and DSATS studies.

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

Mr. DeLille reported the federal transportation bill was passed. It is commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, is actually a law. The state is still digesting the language and various programs of the new law. FHWA has posted details of the new law on its webpage.

c. Additional Business

No additional business.

7. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Peck, seconded by Ms. Groce; meeting adjourned at 3:17pm.

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