



Transportation Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, December 1st, 2021

Time: 11:00am

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

Attendance:

Voting Members

Non-Voting Attendance

City of DeKalb: Zac Gill (Vice-Chair),
Marcus Cox

IDOT OP&P: Doug DeLille

City of Sycamore: Mark Bushnell (Chair),
Tim Bassuener

FHWA: John Donovan

Town of Cortland: Brandy Williams

DSATS Staff: Nathan Schwartz

DeKalb County: Nathan Schwartz

NIU: John Heckmann

IDOT District 3: Ryan Lindenmier

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Chair Bushnell called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve the December 1, 2021 meeting agenda made by Mr. Heckmann; seconded by Ms. Williams; Motion approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve the October 5, 2021 meeting minutes made by Mr. Heckmann, seconded by Mr. Cox; Motion approved unanimously.

4. Public Comments

No public comments.

5. New Business

a. Road Condition Survey Update

Mr. Schwartz provided background information about the City of DeKalb and the DSATS studies in 2013 as well as the IDOT study on only collector and arterial highways in 2021. Discussion included frequency and requirements for future DSATS studies. It was proposed a study be completed on local road classification highways in 2022 then again in 3 years to coincide with a future IDOT study on collector and arterial highways. After that, the frequency on local road classification should be every 4 years as the local road classifications probably don't need to be completed as often as the collector and arterial highways.

The consensus was that studies on local road classifications should focus on a general rating of the roads and details on cracking and rutting are not critical. The data will likely be used to prioritize roadways for work and provide extra inventory data to city staff and the general public. Member organizations prefer to complete estimation of repair costs in-house rather than include them in the study.

The Town of Cortland recently completed an internal study of their streets and will skip the 2022 study. NIU is interested in the study but needs to coordinate with DSATS staff to determine available roads.

Mr. Schwartz discussed with Mr. Donovan & Mr. DeLille the possibility of using PL funds (planning funds) on the study. The differences were highlighted between PL fund requirements throughout the planning area and STPBG (STU funds) requirements on only collector and arterial highways.

b. TIP Modification 2022-5 (Action)

Mr. Schwartz informed the committee of 4 new projects that must 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 included 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.

Motion to recommend the projects be added to the DSATS TIP made by Mr. Heckmann, seconded by Mr. Cox; Motion approved unanimously.

Chair Bushnell asked about the other TIP modification. Mr. Schwartz explained TIP Modification 2022-6 was completed by Administrative Action and was to be announced during Staff and Project Updates. Instead, he described the minor changes to the existing 4 projects.

c. 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 recommend the 2022 meeting schedule made by Mr. Heckmann, seconded by Ms. Williams; Motion approved unanimously.

6. Other Business

a. Staff and Project Updates

Mr. Gill reported the Peace Road widening project including the Fairview Drive intersection is on schedule for a March 2022 letting.

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Mr. Lindenmier reported IDOT is gearing up for the MYP. Mr. DeLille reported the federal transportation bill was passed and updated PL marks will be sent to the MPOs later in the day. Mr. Donovan reported the federal transportation bill, commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill but is actually a law, is described in some detail on the FHWA webpage.

b. Additional Business

Mr. Gill reported the City of DeKalb received notice the Traffic Signal Interconnect Project was removed from the federal transportation bill and did not receive that external funding.

7. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Lindenmier; meeting adjourned at 11:37am.

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