



Policy Committee

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Time: 3:00pm

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

Attendance:

Voting Members

City of DeKalb: Bill Nicklas (C)
City of DeKalb: Mike Neuenkirchen
City of DeKalb: Zac Gill
City of Sycamore: Mark Bushnell
City of Sycamore: Not present
Town of Cortland: Brandy Williams (S)
DeKalb County: Brian Gregory
NIU: Not present
IDOT District 3: Nick Spence, Ryan Lindenmier

Non-Voting Attendance

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

Meeting Minutes

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

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve the April 13, 2022 meeting agenda made by Mr. Gregory; seconded by Mr. Gill; Motion approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve the March 9, 2022 meeting minutes made by Mr. Neuenkirchen; seconded by Mr. Gregory; Motion approved unanimously.

4. Public Comments

No public comments.

5. New Business

a. SFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification #9 (Action)

Mr. Schwartz presented TIP Modification #9. The modification included a funding increase from \$2.8M to \$3.9M for IDOT's IL Route 38 resurfacing project. It also included the addition of CRRSAA funding for the City of DeKalb's Fairview Road bike path project. The public comment period completed with no comments received. The TAC recommended approval to the Policy Committee.

Motion to approve TIP Modification #9 made by Mr. Gregory; seconded by Ms. Williams; Motion approved unanimously.

b. SFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Draft Review

Staff presented the proposed SFY 2023-2027 TIP document. The previous SFY 2022-2026 TIP document received several updates from the previous year's document. As such, the proposed TIP does not have many changes other than updated projects. It is currently published for public comment. It was mentioned the document will be brought back to Committee for approval available in May.

6. Other Business

a. Staff and Project Updates

Mr. Schwartz reported staff processed two projects through a TIP modification. Both projects were processed by staff because they only got moved from Advanced Construction to Current Status. Advance Construction (AC) is an innovative financing tool in which FHWA allows states to accelerate transportation projects using non-federal funds while maintaining eligibility to be reimbursed with federal funds at a later date.

Mr. Schwartz also reported a new DSATS employee was lined up to start after the NIU graduation but the person decided the position was not a good fit at this time. Staff continues to look for an additional employee.

Mr. Gill gave an update on the Lincoln Highway lane modification project in downtown DeKalb.

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

Mr. Spence reported a call for projects was released for HSIP (safety) funding. Mr. Gill asked specifically about the intersection of Peace Road and Illinois Route 38. Mr. Schwartz stated he has found intersections with state highways cannot be submitted by local agencies and only by the State. This poses concerns as an intersection may be a concern locally but not the largest concern across the entire district.

c. Additional Business

No additional business.

7. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gill; seconded by Mr. Neuenkirchen; meeting adjourned at 3:16pm.

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