



## Special Joint TOC & TAC

**Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Location:** DeKalb County Highway Department  
 1826 Barber Greene Road, DeKalb, IL 60115

**Attendance:**

**TOC Voting Members**

City of DeKalb: Brian Van Hine  
 City of Sycamore: Mark Bushnell  
 DeKalb County: Liam Sullivan (Acting Chair)  
 NIU: John Heckmann  
 NIU Student Assoc.: Not Present  
 Kishwaukee College: Michelle Rothmeyer

**TOC Non-Voting Attendance**

Town of Cortland: Brandy Williams  
 VAC: Not Present  
 IDOT OP&P: Doug DeLille  
 DeKalb Transit: Mike Neuenkirchen, Brian Van Hine  
 DSATS Staff: Nathan Schwartz

**TAC Voting Members**

City of DeKalb: Zac Gill (Acting Chair)  
 City of Sycamore: Mark Bushnell  
 Town of Cortland: Brandy Williams  
 DeKalb County: Liam Sullivan  
 NIU: John Heckmann  
 IDOT District 3: Nicholas Spence

**TAC Non-Voting Attendance**

DeKalb Transit: Mike Neuenkirchen, Brian Van Hine  
 VAC: Not Present  
 IDOT OP&P: Doug DeLille  
 DSATS Staff: Nathan Schwartz

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Acting TOC Chair Sullivan and Acting TAC Chair Gill called the meetings to order at 10:02am.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve the May 4, 2022 TOC meeting agenda made by Mr. Heckmann; seconded by Mr. Van Hine; Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve the May 4, 2022 TAC meeting agenda made by Ms. Williams; seconded by Mr. Heckmann; Motion approved unanimously.

### **3. Approval of Minutes (Action)**

Motion to approve the April 6, 2022 TOC meeting minutes made by Mr. Heckmann; seconded by Ms. Rothmeyer; Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve the April 6, 2022 TAC meeting minutes made by Ms. Williams; seconded by Mr. Heckmann; Motion approved unanimously.

### **4. Public Comments**

No public comments.

### **5. New Business**

#### **a. SFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Action)**

Mr. Schwartz presented the SFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program. He explained the document is very similar to the SFY 2022-2026 TIP. He reviewed the changes and project updates. The TIP completed a 28-day public comment period with no comments received. Mr. Ryan Lindenmier of IDOT District 3 stated that IDOT's Multi-Year Plan has not been approved yet. When it is, there will likely be some TIP modifications based on the State's approved project list. Motion from TOC to forward the document to the Policy Committee for approval by made by Mr. Heckmann; seconded by Ms. Rothmeyer; Motion approved unanimously. Motion from TAC to forward the document to the Policy Committee for approval by made by Ms. Williams; seconded by Mr. Sullivan; Motion approved unanimously.

### **6. Urban and Rural Transit Updates**

Mr. Van Hine reported year-to-date urban transit ridership is up approximately 50% over last year's numbers. He also reported rural transit ridership has seen the same growth. Mr. Smith from VAC provided a report before the meeting to DSATS staff that further said VAC is running near their current capacity given the number of vehicles. They are working on acquiring extra vehicles. Mr. Neuenkirchen reported the 5307 grant is has increased significantly under the new IIJA. Also, the city has qualified for 3 or 6 categories in STIC funding to greatly increase the funding from that source.

### **7. Other Business**

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

Mr. Schwartz reported TIP Modification #12 has been processed as an administrative action. This change affects the City of DeKalb's North First Street and Lucinda Avenue bridge project. The project has been moved to Advanced Construction. 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 reported the North First Street resurfacing project came in just under the estimate of cost at Friday's letting in Springfield.

Mr. Schwartz is representing DSATS at an APWA conference this week and a IACE conference next week while presenting on the DSATS360 project.

Mr. Schwartz said the request for bids for the pavement condition study will go out Friday when he returns from the APWA conference. The collector and arterial roadways completed under the State's pavement condition study in 2021 will be omitted from our project. In 2025 when the State completes their study again, DSATS will complete the local roads & streets during the same year.

Mr. Gill said the Lincoln Highway downtown road diet project was awarded and should be completed in time for Corn Fest.

Mr. Heckmann said NIU is working is IDOT for repaving and upgrading work on the Universities two bus turnarounds. The work should commence after students leave upon completion of the spring semester.

Mr. Lindenmier reported IDOT awarded two projects, both on IL Route 38 but on either side of the City of DeKalb. Both came in under the estimate of cost.

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

No additional updates.

**c. Additional Business**

No additional business.

**8. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the TOC was made by Mr. Heckmann; seconded by Ms. Rothmeyer; Motion approved unanimously.

A motion to adjourn the TAC was made by Ms. Williams; seconded by Mr. Sullivan; Motion approved unanimously.

Meetings adjourned at 10:20am.

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