



Policy Committee

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Time: 3:00pm

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

Attendance:

Voting Members

Non-Voting Attendance

City of DeKalb: Mike Neuenkirchen

IDOT OP&P: Doug DeLille

City of DeKalb: Not present

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FHWA:

City of Sycamore: Mark Bushnell

City of Sycamore: Not present

DSATS Staff: Nathan Schwartz

Town of Cortland: Brandy Williams (S)

DeKalb County: Liam Sullivan

NIU: Jennifer Groce (VC)

IDOT District 3: Nick Spence, Ryan Lindenmier

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Vice-Chair Groce called the meeting to order at 3:01pm.

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve the September 14, 2022 meeting agenda made by Mr. Bushnell; seconded by Mr. Sullivan; Motion approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve the May 11, 2022 meeting minutes made by Mr. Bushnell; seconded by Mr. Neuenkirchen; Motion approved unanimously.

4. Public Comments

No public comments.

5. New Business

a. SFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Modification #3 (Action)

Mr. Schwartz explained after the IDOT Multi-Year Program was released this year, it had several new projects to add to the TIP and one project with a modified scope, cost, and fiscal year. Each are being added to the TIP through the amendment process and went through a 28-day public comment period with no comments received. The TAC recommended approval. Motion to approve the SFY 2023-2027 TIP Modification made by Mr. Neuenkirchen; seconded by Mr. Sullivan; Motion approved unanimously.

b. 2022 Pavement Condition Study Resolution (Action)

Mr. Schwartz reported DSATS last completed a pavement condition survey in 2013. The TAC has discussed an update over the past two years. Because IDOT completed the collector and arterial highways earlier this year, DSATS only needs to survey those with the functional classification of local roads and streets. Solicitations were made through the County's QBS process for proposals from qualified firms. Three proposals were received. After staff ranked the proposals by several criteria, ARA of Champaign, IL received the highest score. The TAC concurred with staff's recommendation and then recommended the Policy Committee approve the proposal from ARA with a cost not-to-exceed \$67,000. Mr. Bushnell asked if there would be a local match made by the municipalities. Mr. Schwartz stated Federal planning funds cover 80% of the cost and State planning funds cover the 20% local match. Motion to approve the 2022 Pavement Condition Study Resolution made by Mr. Bushnell; seconded by Mr. Sullivan; Motion approved unanimously.

6. Other Business

a. Staff and Project Updates

Mr. Schwartz reported the joint County / City of DeKalb paving project on North First Street is well into construction with the patches, binder course and safety shoulder in place. Remaining work includes finishing the butt joints, paving the surface course, and pavement striping.

Mr. Schwartz continued by reporting the City of DeKalb's Lincoln Highway downtown improvements is complete except for a few inlets to be finished. The Gurler Road / Illinois Route 23 intersection is nearing completion. The Peace Road / Fairview Drive project is going through contract execution and should start this fall and conclude next year.

Mr. Lindenmier informed the Committee that Illinois Route 64 project west of Sycamore is almost complete. The Illinois Route 38 project west of DeKalb continues with ADA work and nighttime operations. Vice-Chair Groce informed IDOT that NIU's Homecoming is Oct 3rd through the 9th with the football game played on the 8th. The Illinois Route 38 project east of DeKalb had the binder course placed east of Peace Road while ADA improvements west of Peace Road continue.

The deadline for SS4A grant applications is tomorrow. Mr. Neuenkirchen asked if the SS4A grants are expected every year? Mr. DeLille informed the committee the grants are annual for the length of the federal bill. ITEP applications are due Sept 30.

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

Mr. DeLille stated the IDOT Fall Planning Conference will be held in Rockford next week from September 21 – 23.

Mr. Spence stated the State published the IDOT Multi-Year Program since the last Policy Committee meeting.

c. Additional Business

Schwartz informed the Committee that our former MPO Manager, Tom Kelso, who became a Senior Metro Manager for IDOT, passed away yesterday morning.

Also, DSATS and DeKalb County received the Build A Better Mousetrap Award from IDOT and the Illinois Technology Transfer Center for the DSATS360 project, our Google Street View Update project. Mr. Schwartz is presenting on the project at the IDOT Fall Planning Conference next week and at the Traffic Engineering & Safety Conference in October.

7. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sullivan; seconded by Mr. Neuenkirchen; meeting adjourned at 3:21pm.

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