



Policy Committee

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023

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 (Chair)
City of DeKalb: Zac Gill
City of Sycamore: Steve Braser
City of Sycamore: Matt Anderson
Town of Cortland: Brandy Williams (Secretary)
DeKalb County: Brian Gregory
NIU: Jennifer Groce (VC)
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 February 8, 2023 meeting agenda made by Mr. Gregory; seconded by Mr. Gill; Motion approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve the December 14, 2022 meeting minutes made by Mr. Gregory; seconded by Vice-Chair Groce; Motion approved unanimously.

4. Public Comments

No public comments.

5. New Business

a. MPO PM2 Asset Management (Pavement and Bridges) Target (Action)

Mr. Schwartz explained IDOT has announced the federal performance targets for Asset Management (Pavement and Bridges) (PM2). All MPOs in Illinois are required to either adopt the state performance targets or adopt their own targets. The PM2 targets only apply to roads on the National Highway System (NHS). In the DeKalb area, the roads affected would be Illinois Route 38, the I-88 Tollway, and a portion of Peace Road between I-88 and Illinois Route 38. The only local road is the Peace Road segment, which is maintained by the City of DeKalb. Illinois Route 38 is a state highway and I-88 is a private toll road. As almost all the affected roadways are maintained by the State and the Illinois Tollway, and because the City is scheduled to resurface their portion of Peace Road in the current fiscal year, staff recommends that DSATS adopt the State's performance measure goals. The TAC unanimously recommended approval.

Motion to approve the MPO PM2 Asset Management Target Resolution made by Mr. Gill; seconded by Vice-Chair Groce; Motion approved unanimously.

b. MPO PM3 System Performance Target (Action)

Mr. Schwartz explained IDOT has also announced the federal performance targets for System Performance (PM3). All MPOs in Illinois are required to either adopt the state performance targets or adopt their own targets. Currently the CMAQ air quality performance targets identified in PM3 do not apply to the DSATS region as DeKalb County is considered in attainment. The PM3 targets only apply to roads on the National Highway System (NHS). In the DeKalb area, the roads affected would be Illinois Route 38, the I-88 Tollway, and a portion of Peace Road between I-88 and Illinois Route 38. The only local road is the Peace Road segment, which is maintained by the City of DeKalb. Illinois Route 38 is a state highway and I-88 is a private toll road. As almost all the affected roadways are maintained by the State and the Illinois Tollway, and because the City is scheduled to improve the affected portion of Peace Road in the current fiscal year, staff recommends that DSATS adopt the State's performance measure goals. The TAC unanimously recommended approval.

Motion to approve the MPO PM3 System Performance Target Resolution made by Mr. Gregory; seconded by Mr. Gill; Motion approved unanimously.

c. MPO Transit Asset Management (TAM) Target (Action)

Mr. Schwartz explained The Rural Transit Assistance Center (RTAC) released updated TAM performance measures targets for State Fiscal Year 2023 as part of IDOT's Group TAM Plan for Participating Tier II Agencies. As City of DeKalb Public Transit participates in the group plan, the MPO needs to modify its performance targets to reflect the latest data release. The TOC unanimously recommended approval.

Motion to approve the MPO Transit Asset Management Target Resolution made by Mr. Gregory; seconded by Mr. Gill; Motion approved unanimously.

d. SFY 2024 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Schwartz presented the draft UPWP for the committees' review. This document includes the work program for the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year. It also includes the budget for the next fiscal year. He briefly explained what to expect when reading the document. He commented on the minor increases for the majority of the budget and the large increases for consultant and contractor work. This work is expected to include work on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan which is the largest and principal planning document of the MPO.

6. Other Business

a. Staff and Project Updates

Mr. Schwartz stated the UPWP and the TIP will be coming to the Committee in March or April. He also informed the Committee that the DSATS Google Streetview Update project received an honorable mention in the federal Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) competition. The project was the overall winner for the Illinois awards.

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

Mr. DeLille stated the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant announcement came out yesterday. All TMAs in the State were awarded their action plan grants. The State of Illinois was also awarded funding to complete action plans for the MPOs. This is made possible by using unspent PL funds. Once a local agency has an approved action plan, they can apply for implementation grants. He also stated he appreciates the work by the MPO to get the required various documents submitted and approved.

c. Additional Business

None.

7. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Anderson; seconded by Ms. Williams; meeting adjourned at 3:21pm.

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