



Policy Committee

Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Time: 3:02pm

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

Attendance:

Voting Members

Non-Voting Attendance

City of DeKalb: Bill Nicklas

FHWA: Todd Schmidt

City of DeKalb: Zac Gill (Vice-Chair)

City of DeKalb:

IDOT OP&P:

City of Sycamore: Matt Anderson (Secretary)

City of Sycamore: Jeff Fischer

DSATS Staff: Nathan Schwartz

Town of Cortland: Brandy Williams (Chair)

Hayden Hess

DeKalb County: Brian Gregory

NIU: Jennifer Groce

IDOT District 3:

Meeting Minutes

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

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve the January 10, 2024 meeting agenda made by Mr. Nicklas; seconded by Ms. Groce; motion approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve the November 8, 2023 meeting minutes made by Mr. Gregory; seconded by Mr. Gill; motion approved unanimously.

4. Public Comments

No public comments.

5. New Business

a. SFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification #3 (Action)

Mr. Schwartz presented the IP Modification #3 which was recommended unanimously by the TAC. These projects are the ones approved by the Policy Committee in November. In addition to the construction projects, there are several transit projects which need to be included on the TIP to be eligible for grant funding. IDOT will have likely some projects to be added or modified when the next Multi-Year Program is released later this year. Mr. Gregory asked about the anticipated State project between the City of Sycamore and the Kane County line. Mr. Schwartz shared previously provided information from IDOT which was the Route 64 would receive a resurfacing as a band-aid until the road could be reconstructed. Motion to approve the by-laws changes as submitted by Mr. Gregory; seconded by Mr. Nicklas; motion approved unanimously.

b. 2024 MPO PM1 Safety Performance Measure Targets (Action)

The Federal Highway Administration requires safety performance measure targets to be renewed annually. The State of Illinois has set its annual reduction goal for 2024 at 2% for the number and rate of serious injury and fatal crashes and the number of non-motorized serious injury and fatal crashes. DSATS must either adopt the State's goal (as in previous years) or create and adopt its own targets. The Transportation Advisory Committee unanimously forwarded the PM1 Safety Performance Measure Target Resolution with a positive recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. Mr. Gregory recommended to modify the language to state the goal is zero serious and fatal crashes but the reduction is the continued annual improvement. There was discussion and clarification of the numbers on the graphs. A motion to approve the PM1 Safety Performance Measure Targets with the additional language by Mr. Nicklas; seconded by Mr. Gregory; motion approved unanimously.

6. Other Business

a. Staff and Project Updates

Mr. Schwartz introduced Hayden Hess, DSATS intern who is studying urban planning. Mr. Hess has been working on various plans recently including traffic counts and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The MPO is helping the Sycamore School District on a Safe Routes to School map. The MPO will offer help for the DeKalb School District if needed. Mr. Nicklas requested the city engineer be included in the discussions.

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

Mr. Schmidt reported the new release of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) has been released. It is unknown when the State of Illinois will formally adopt the new version. Significant changes were made to the active transportation aspects of the Manual.

c. Additional Business

Chair Williams asked staff to comment on the ADA Transition Plans being discussed at the State level. Mr. Schwartz reported the State surveyed all local agencies to see if they have a Plan and some of the details if present. The State is hiring a consultant to help local agencies create a plan or update existing plans. DSATS is currently planning on making a sidewalk survey to aid in the ADA Transition Plans.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Groce; seconded by Vice-Chair Gill; meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm.