



Policy Committee

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Time: 3:00pm

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

Attendance:

Voting Members

Non-Voting Attendance

City of DeKalb: Bill Nicklas

FHWA: Jon Paul Diipla

City of DeKalb: Zac Gill (Vice-Chair)

City of DeKalb:

IDOT OP&P: Doug DeLille

City of Sycamore: Michael Hall

City of Sycamore: Matt Anderson (Secretary) DSATS Staff: Nathan Schwartz

Town of Cortland: Brandy Williams (Chair)

DeKalb County: Brian Gregory

NIU: Jennifer Groce

IDOT District 3: Ryan Lindenmier

Meeting Minutes

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

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve the May 8, 2024 meeting agenda made by Vice-Chair Gill; seconded by Mr. Nicklas; motion approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve the March 13, 2024 meeting minutes made by Ms. Groce; seconded by Mr. Gill; motion approved unanimously.

4. Public Comments

No public comments.

5. New Business

a. SFY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)(Action)

DSATS staff presented the budget and work program included within the annual UPWP update for upcoming State Fiscal Year 2025. The UPWP was introduced to the Committee on March 13. Mr. DeLille pointed out the map of the MPO on page 3 has a different date on the map than the one shown in the TIP under Item 5c. Mr. Schwartz informed the committee that the boundaries are the same for both maps but one map was republished with a little different format. It received a positive recommendation from the TAC for adoption.

Motion to approve the SFY 2025 UPWP made by Mr. Nicklas; seconded by Mr. Gregory; motion approved unanimously.

b. SFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification #4 (Action)

DSATS staff presented TIP Modification #4 for the SFY 2024-2028 TIP. This TIP Amendment completed the public comment period with no comments received. It received a positive recommendation from the TAC for approval.

Motion to approve the SFY 2024 TIP Modification #4 made by Mr. Gregory; seconded by Mr. Nicklas; motion approved unanimously.

c. SFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Draft Review

DSATS staff presented the proposed SFY 2025-2029 TIP document. It will be brought back to the Committee for approval in June. Mr. Gregory asked about the Glidden Road project in FY 25 vs FY 28. It was clarified there are 3 projects on Glidden Road: a County project north of IL Route 64 in FY 25 which doesn't use STU funds, the City project in FY 28 north of IL Route 38, and another County project in FY 30 north of the City limits which is not with the years of this TIP document. Mr. Lindenmier clarified the IL Route 64 projects include resurfacing from the Sycamore corporate limits to the county line in FY 2025 and resurfacing in Sycamore from IL Route 23 east to the corporate limits in FY 2026. These are a band-aid until the road can be reconstructed. Ms. Groce asked why the out-of-town section is being paved first. Mr. Lindenmier explained that section does not have any ADA upgrades and so it can move forward more quickly.

6. Other Business

a. Staff and Project Updates

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that DSATS will have a GIS intern, an urban planning intern, and a full-time coordinator starting in the next month. The new employees have experience with the necessary research to complete the long range plan (MTP).

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

Mr. Lindenmier reported the State's Multi-Year Program should be published soon. Also, Mr. Nick Spence moved to the Geometrics Department so we will likely only see Ryan Lindenmier at future meetings.

Mr. DeLille reported that FHWA has placed a performance measure on greenhouse gases (GHG) but the courts said FHWA doesn't have that authority. Therefore, there is no GHG performance targets right now. He also reported the State is holding the fall planning conference Oct 2 – 4 in Fairview Heights, IL.

approved the urban area boundaries. The next step is for the MPO to submit any comments about smoothing of the border. Mr. Schwartz reported the MPO has already submitted comments. Mr. Nicklas & Mr. Gill suggested the southern boundary might need to be extended for the City of DeKalb's recent and proposed development. Mr. Schwartz indicated that the southern boundary was already extended further south based on MPO's comments. An off-cycle census was discussed if significant development occurs between the decennial census.

Mr. Delille also informed the committee of the State Planning & Research (SPR) grant. Mr. Schwartz stated he was checking interest from local agencies about researching pavement structures and thickness to help with roadway planning.

c. Additional Business

None.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Nicklas; seconded by Ms. Groce; meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.