# Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

**Date:** **Tuesday, March 10, 2026**
**Time:** **11:00am**
**Location:** DeKalb County Highway Department
1826 Barber Greene Road, DeKalb, IL 60115
**TAC Chair:** Mark Bushnell
**Members:** City of DeKalb, City of Sycamore, Town of Cortland, DeKalb County, NIU, IDOT District 3

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**AGENDA**

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda (Action)**
3. **Approval of Minutes (Action)**
4. **Public Comment**
5. **New Business**
   a. **SFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification 2026-04 (Action)**
   b. **SFY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) — Draft Review**
6. **Urban and Rural Transit Updates**
7. **Other Business**
   a. **Staff and Project Updates**
   b. **What's New with our State and Federal Partners**
   c. **Additional Business**
8. **Adjourn (Action)**

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## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda (Action)**
   Approval of the March 10, 2026 meeting agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes (Action)**
   Approval of the November 5, 2025 meeting minutes.
4. **Public Comment**
5. **New Business**
   a. **SFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification 2026-04 (Action)**
      DSATS staff will present TIP Modification 2026-04 for the SFY 2026-2030 TIP document. This TIP amendment completed the public comment period on February 27 and received no public comments. Staff recommends forwarding the TIP amendment to the Policy Committee for approval.
   b. **SFY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) — Draft Review**
      DSATS staff will present the proposed SFY 2027-2031 TIP document to the committee. This draft will enter the public comment period after the March committee meetings. It will be brought back to the TAC & PC for approval in May.

6. **Urban and Rural Transit Updates**
   Transit staff will present updates to the Committee regarding planning and operations.
7. **Other Business**
   a. **Staff and Project Updates**
      Updates from staff and local member organizations on projects.
   b. **What's New with our State and Federal Partners**
      Updates from IDOT, FHWA, and FTA staff on activities occurring at the state and federal levels.
   c. **Additional Business**
      Any additional business members may have for the group.
8. **Adjourn (Action)**

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# Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

**Date:** **Wednesday, November 5, 2025**
**Time:** **11:00am**
**Location:** DeKalb County Highway Department
1826 Barber Greene Road, DeKalb, IL 60115

**Attendance:**

| TAC Voting Members | | TAC Non-Voting Attendance | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **City of DeKalb:** | Mike Neuenkirchen (VC), John Laskowski | **FHWA:** | Not present |
| **City of Sycamore:** | Jared Weber | **IDOT OP&P:** | Julie Kaschke |
| **Town of Cortland:** | Brandy Williams | **IDOT Local Roads:** | Not present |
| **DeKalb County:** | Derek Hiland | **DeKalb Transit:** | Mike Neuenkirchen |
| **NIU:** | John Heckmann | **VAC:** | Tracy Smith |
| **IDOT District 3:** | Not present | **DSATS Staff:** | Nathan Schwartz, Jacob Johnson |

## Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** Vice-chair Neuenkirchen called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

1. **Roll Call**
   A quorum was established.
2. **Approval of Agenda (Action)**
   Motion to approve the November 5, 2025 TAC meeting agenda made by Mr. Laskowski; seconded by Mr. Heckmann; motion approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes (Action)**
   Motion to approve the October 1, 2025 TAC meeting minutes made by Mr. Laskowski; seconded by Mr. Weber; motion approved unanimously.
4. **Public Comments**
   No public comments received.

5. **New Business**
   a. **SFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification 2026-03 (Action)**

      Mr. Johnson presented TIP Modification 2026-03 to the committee. Mr. Johnson explained the State Multi-Year Program (MYP) was released and five IDOT projects included on the TIP were updated as a result. Changes were made to the fiscal year of projects, their funding sources, and the total cost of the project. All projects were submitted as amendments for transparency. No public comments were received for the TIP modification. Motion to forward TIP Modification 2026-03 to the Policy Committee with a positive recommendation for approval made by Mr. Laskowski; seconded by Ms. Williams; motion approved unanimously.

   b. **Proposed SFY 2027-2031 Surface Transportation Program Projects (Action)**

      Mr. Johnson presented the proposed SFY 2027-2031 STU program and stated the program is largely the same, with the only changes including increases to the cost of the Foxpointe Drive Resurfacing and Airport Road Box Culvert projects. Mr. Schwartz added the Airport Road Box Culvert cost increase was received after the Project Selection Subcommittee adjourned, but staff was including it at the TAC. He also stated the program is fiscally responsible with plenty of wiggle room in the budget. Motion to forward the proposed SFY 2027-2031 Surface Transportation Program Projects to the Policy Committee with a positive recommendation for adoption made by Mr. Laskowski; seconded by Ms. Williams; motion approved unanimously.

   c. **2026 MPO PM1 Safety Performance Measure Targets (Action)**

      Mr. Johnson shared the Federal Highway Administration requires safety performance measure targets to be renewed annually. The State of Illinois has set its annual reduction goal for 2026 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 charts showing the number of crashes in previous years and projected crashes in future years were reviewed. Mr. Laskowski asked if staff knew specific projects related to the decrease in fatalities and serious injuries in the region. Mr. Schwartz stated due to the limited number of fatalities in the DSATS region, it is hard to pinpoint a specific project or cause that may be decreasing the overall trend. He also noted there will be oddball years that experience higher fatalities and serious injuries, but next year will hopefully have fewer and continue the decreasing trendline. Mr. Hiland asked what region is being analyzed by the charts. Mr. Schwartz answered the DSATS urban area. Mr. Heckmann asked how safety data is factored in to prioritizing projects in the DSATS region. Mr. Schwartz explained all projects in the DSATS region are scored with broad criteria, including a safety component. DSATS staff also recently adopted the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) which will serve as a great toolkit for identifying safety concerns and implementing safety improvements to further decrease the fatalities and serious injuries in the region. Motion to forward the resolution with the State's 2% goal to the Policy Committee made by Mr. Laskowski; seconded by Mr. Hiland. Motion approved unanimously.

d. **2026 Meeting Schedule (Action)**

Mr. Johnson presented the 2026 meeting schedule for TAC and Policy Committee. He stated the meeting schedule for the following year needs to be approved annually. A motion to forward the 2026 meeting schedule with a positive recommendation to the Policy Committee made by Mr. Laskowski; seconded by Mr. Heckmann. The motion was approved unanimously.

e. **Election of Officers (Action)**

Election of officers are held annually. Mr. Johnson stated the current TAC officers are Chair Bushnell and Vice-chair Neuenkirchen. He also mentioned that there are no term limits for officers of the TAC. A motion to keep the incumbent officers made by Mr. Laskowski; seconded by Mr. Heckmann; motion approved unanimously.

6. **Urban and Rural Transit Updates**

Mr. Smith stated Kishwaukee Community College enrollment is up and VAC is operating at maximum capacity to meet the demand. Mr. Smith is waiting to hear back from IDOT in regards to the CVP program, and there was an increase in funding to the Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP). Mr. Smith informed the committee VAC will be remodeling their building with $1.4M set aside for the project currently. Vice-chair Neuenkirchen stated the Chicago Transit bailout bill will reallocate funds to DOAP.

7. **Other Business**

a. **Staff and Project Updates**

Mr. Johnson informed the committee staff is collecting sidewalk measurements and will work on ADA transition plans as the data collection is finalized next spring. Mr. Johnson also stated staff has finished data collection for the 2025 Traffic Count program, with a hopeful release of the traffic count report before the end of the year. The Active Transportation Plan and Pavement Condition Study will be conducted in 2026; staff will work on developing an RFP and select a vendor for the PCI study.

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

Ms. Kaschke explained the Fall Planning Conference in Moline, IL finished up and IDOT is looking for next year's host and venue. Ms. Kaschke also explained IDOT OP&P has joined AMPO and she could enlist members to come in and present at TAC or Policy meetings. Mr. Schwartz added IDOT is investing in hiring campaigns for interns and full-time workers, and the Peace Rd bridge north of IL 64 will be pouring the bridge deck on Friday, November 7. Work will continue next year with traffic being switched to the other side. Ms. Williams added the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Barber Greene/Somonauk multi-use path is on Friday, November 7 at 1pm. Mr. Schwartz said staff will send out the details to those interested in attending.

c. **Additional Business**

None.

8. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Laskowski; seconded by Mr. Hiland. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEWS & PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE DEKALB-SYCAMORE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (DSATS)

The DSATS State Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification #2026-04 is available for public review and comment from Friday, February 6 to Friday, February 27 at www.dsats.org and at 1826 Barber Greene Road, DeKalb, IL 60115. This modification includes various transit projects programmed within the DeKalb-Sycamore Metropolitan Area. All questions and comments should be directed to DSATS by calling 815-756-9513, emailing dsats@dekalbcounty.org, or submitting the applicable contact form on www.dsats.org.

**DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study (DSATS)**
**FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

## City of DeKalb Public Transit

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| **Modification #:** | 2026-04 | **Date:** | TBD | **TIP SFY:** | 2026 |
| **Reason:** | Updated project description; processed as amendment for transparency. | | | | |
| **Type:** | Amendment | | | | |
| **Justification:** | Update to project description- processed by staff as an amendment. | | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2023-T-46** | **Total Cost:** | **$26,000,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | New Facility | **Federal:** | $8,850,000 | 5307 |
| **Location** | W Dresser Rd, DeKalb | **State:** | $17,150,000 | Rebuild I & II |
| **PM Targets:** | TAM, PTASP | **Local/Other:** | $0 | - |
| **Grant ID:** | CAP-19-1101, Rebuilt I & II, FTA 5307 | | | |
| **Description:** | Design and Construction of a Transit Maintenance and Operations facility to house and maintain equipment, assets, and transit personnel. Submitting for Federal Funding in CY2026. | | | |

## City of DeKalb Public Transit

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Modification #:** | 2026-04 | **Date:** | TBD | **TIP SFY:** | 2026 |
| **Reason:** | Updated state funding amount. | | | | |
| **Type:** | Amendment | | | | |
| **Justification:** | Less than 50% change in cost of project, but included as amendment for transparency. | | | | |

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| **TIP No** | **2026-T-48** | **Total Cost:** | **$13,379,250** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Operating Expenses | **Federal:** | $3,085,950 | 5307 |
| **Location** | Agency-Wide | **State:** | $8,293,300 | DOAP |
| **PM Targets:** | - | **Local/Other:** | $2,000,000 | Local |
| **Grant ID:** | SFY26 DOAP, 2026 5307 Operating Assistance | | | |
| **Description:** | FY26 Transit operating assistance. | | | |

## City of DeKalb Public Transit

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Modification #:** | 2026-04 | **Date:** | TBD | **TIP SFY:** | 2026 |
| **Reason:** | Updated project funding source. | | | | |
| **Type:** | Amendment | | | | |
| **Justification:** | Update to funding source; processed by staff as amendment. | | | | |

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| **TIP No** | **2026-T-117** | **Total Cost:** | **$7,196,023** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Vehicle Acquisition | **Federal:** | $6,116,619 | 5307, 5339 (b) & 5339 (c) |
| **Location** | Agency-Wide | **State:** | $1,079,404 | TDC |
| **PM Targets:** | TAM | **Local/Other:** | - | - |
| **Grant ID:** | 5307, 5339 (b) Bus and Bus Facilities, 5339 (c) Low-No Program, State of Illinois Transportation | | | |
| **Description:** | Fixed Route Fleet Purchase: up to three (3) 35-ft. Gilig Low-Floor Diesel buses and three (3) 35-ft. Gilig Low-Floor Hybrid Diesel Electric Buses | | | |

**DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study (DSATS)**
**FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

| City of DeKalb Public Transit | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Modification #:** | 2026-04 | **Date:** | TBD | **TIP SFY:** | 2026 |
| **Reason:** | This is a new project in the FY2026-2030. | | | | |
| **Type:** | Amendment | | | | |
| **Justification:** | As this is a proposed new project, a TIP amendment must be performed. | | | | |
| **TIP No** | **2026-T-118** | **Total Cost:** | **$942,766** | **Source:** | |
| **Project Type:** | Rolling Stock Refurbishment | **Federal:** | $754,213 | 5307 | |
| **Location** | Agency-Wide | **State:** | $188,553 | TDC | |
| **PM Targets:** | - | **Local/Other:** | - | - | |
| **Grant ID:** | 5307, State of Illinois Transportation Development Credits (TDC's) | | | | |
| **Description:** | Refurbishment of up to 6 Fixed Route Fleet Vehicles to extend vehicle useful life. | | | | |

| City of DeKalb Public Transit | | | | | |
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| **Modification #:** | 2026-04 | **Date:** | TBD | **TIP SFY:** | 2027 |
| **Reason:** | Updated federal and state funding amounts. | | | | |
| **Type:** | Amendment | | | | |
| **Justification:** | Less than 50% change in cost of project, but included as amendment for transparency | | | | |
| **TIP No** | **2027-T-106** | **Total Cost:** | **$14,414,463** | **Source:** | |
| **Project Type:** | Operating Expenses | **Federal:** | $2,514,463 | 5307 | |
| **Location** | Agency-Wide | **State:** | $9,900,000 | DOAP | |
| **PM Targets:** | - | **Local/Other:** | $2,000,000 | Local | |
| **Grant ID:** | SFY27 DOAP, 2027 5307 Operating Assistance | | | | |
| **Description:** | FY27 Transit operating assistance. | | | | |

# TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

## SFY 2027-2031

**Adopted: TBD**

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**In accordance with**

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**Director |** Nathan F. Schwartz, P.E. **Coordinator |** Jacob Johnson

# INTRODUCTION

The DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study's (DSATS) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a schedule of federally-funded and regionally significant transportation improvements in the DeKalb-Sycamore-Cortland urbanized area (UZA) for Illinois state fiscal years (SFY) 2027-2031. This program constitutes the short-range investment plan that advances long-term transportation goals and objectives identified within the DSATS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Projects included within this program have been certified by DSATS member agencies, including the Cities of DeKalb and Sycamore, Town of Cortland, DeKalb County, Northern Illinois University, and Illinois Department of Transportation, as consistent with regional development goals and therefore eligible to receive federal transportation funding.

The TIP is financially constrained, meaning that each funding year has reasonably expected funding sources to offset project costs. Project implementation priority is given to the first year of the TIP (SFY 2027), meaning all projects in the first-year element are expected to have verified funding sources. Projects in the second through fifth-year elements (SFY 2028-2031) may represent reasonably expected sources.

## MPO Structure

DSATS is the federally-designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the DeKalb-Sycamore-Cortland UZA. The primary purpose of the MPO is to establish the policy direction for prioritizing federal transportation investments in the region and provide a mechanism for cooperation to address area transportation issues. The DSATS organization includes three primary components: Policy Committee (PC), Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and staff. Voting member structure and number of votes is illustrated in **Table 1**. Other agencies, including IDOT's Office of Planning and Programming, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) serve in an advisory capacity for MPO activities.

Table 1: DSATS Committee Voting Structure

| Member Agency | PC | TAC |
|---|---|---|
| City of DeKalb | 3 | 1 |
| City of Sycamore | 2 | 1 |
| Town of Cortland | 1 | 1 |
| DeKalb County Government | 1 | 1 |
| Northern Illinois University | 1 | 1 |
| State of Illinois, through IDOT | 1 | 1 |

The Policy Committee is the governing body of the MPO and is primarily responsible for approving federally-funded transportation activities in the metropolitan planning area (MPA). The TAC provides professional technical advice and recommendations to Policy Committee concerning transportation-related activities and oversees the technical planning functions and duties of DSATS. Since 2019, DeKalb County serves as the lead agency for DSATS and is responsible for financial, legal, personnel, and workload compliance with all areas of the MPO. DSATS has a part-time Director, full-time Coordinator, and GIS Technician.

DSATS is required to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process within its metropolitan planning area (MPA), defined as the adjusted UZA boundary plus areas expected to incur development activity within the next 20 years (**Figure 1**). The UZA, last delineated as a result of the 2020 census, is the contiguous developed area that meets residential density and urban use criteria with a population over 50,000. To create a consistent classification of federal-aid eligible roadways in the region, the MPO, in cooperation with IDOT and FHWA, adjust this boundary to create the adjusted UZA. Boundary areas outside of the adjusted UZA but within the MPA are generally identified from local municipal comprehensive plans.

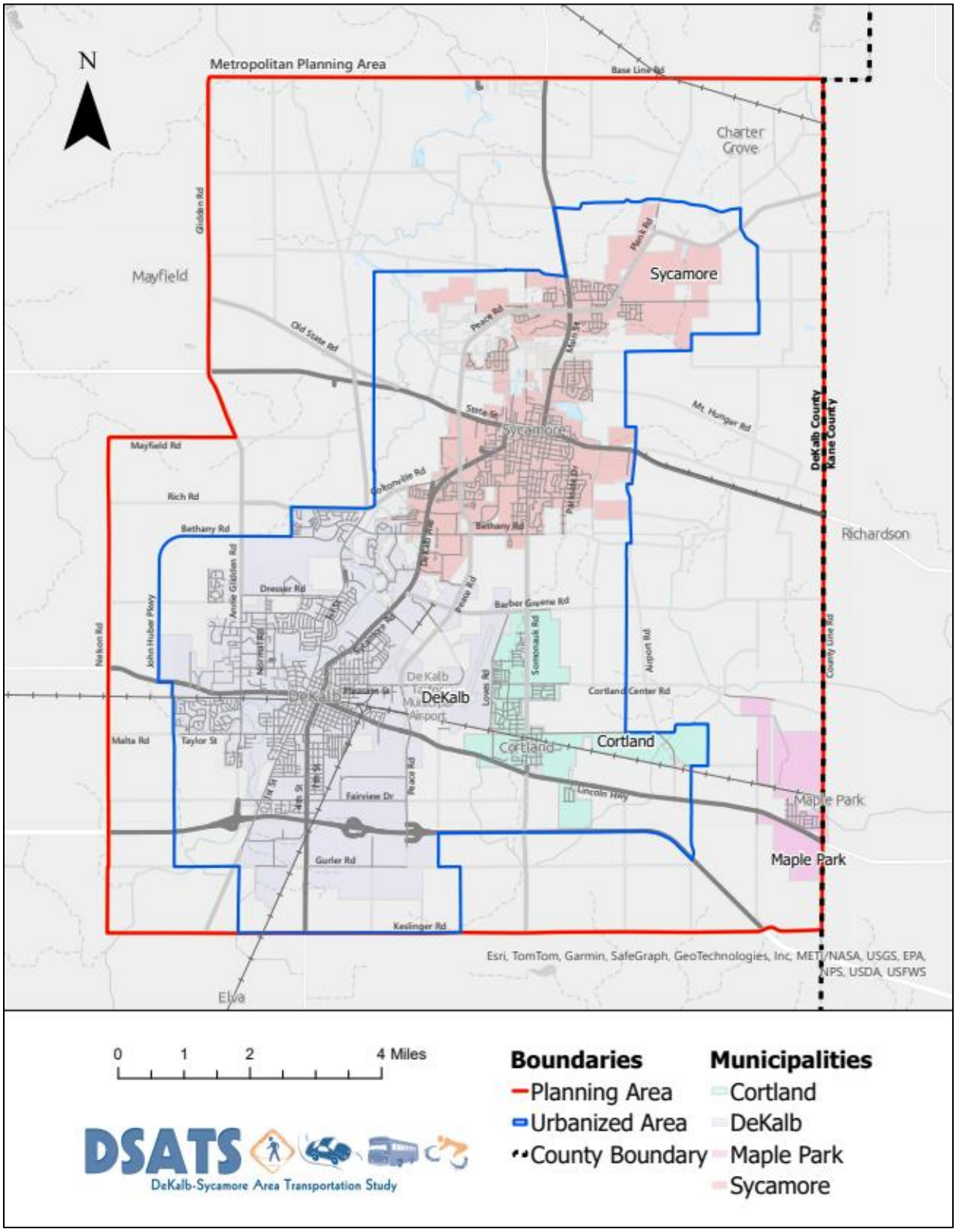
## TIP Structure

The SFY 2027-2031 TIP is a result of the comprehensive, coordinated, and continuing (3-C) urban transportation planning process outlined in Titles 23 and 49 of the United States Code and applicable requirements established by the State of Illinois through IDOT. In accordance with 23 CFR § 450.326, this TIP includes a **Financial Plan** implemented to ensure that programmed projects do not exceed reasonably expected funding, a **Public Participation** section describing how input from interested parties was incorporated into the program, and a **Performance Management** section relating programmed projects to achieving established performance-based planning targets. Additionally, a section regarding **Eco Fairness Considerations** details the MPO's efforts to ensure that programmed projects do not place a disproportionate burden on low-income and outside-the-majority populations.

Transportation Improvement Program projects are divided into two sections based on the type of transportation work to be completed: highway projects and public transit projects. **Highway Projects** are those that construct, maintain, or plan for the roadway or active transportation networks. **Public Transit Projects** include financial support for the operation of public transit services, the purchase of agency capital (buses, equipment, facilities), or other capital projects associated with intercity services.

All projects in each section are categorized by the appropriate state fiscal year and agency and are labeled using a three-part identification number. This number consists of the initial state fiscal year it was introduced, the appropriate section, and a sequential number based on a running list of submitted projects. For example, a highway project introduced for SFY 2027 given the sequential number 400 would read 2027-H-400. Lists of specific highway and public transit projects are included in **Appendix A** and **Appendix B** respectively.

Figure 1: DSATS Planning Area Boundaries



# PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE

TIP development is a collaborative process that engages DSATS member agencies and the public to address regional transportation needs. The TIP is developed within the framework of the DSATS 2050 MTP, which provides a 25-year perspective on the region's transportation system. In addition to being consistent with the MTP, projects are expected to have dedicated or reasonably expected funding for implementation.

The TIP is generally updated annually and is structured to receive modifications throughout the year to account for changes in funding levels or the addition of specific projects. The program update process begins in the spring through collaboration with local public agencies to prepare and submit their respective projects for consideration. After staff review and refine the proposed projects, a draft TIP is compiled and sent to member agencies for review. After initial feedback is given, the program is released for public review and is discussed during subsequent TAC and Policy Committee meetings.

After completion of a required public review period, the draft TIP is updated to reflect feedback received. The updated document is sent to TAC for additional review and their potential recommendation to Policy Committee for adoption. After recommendations are received, action on the drafted document is brought to Policy Committee, where it can either receive full adoption or continue with revisions.

If approved, the TIP is then submitted to IDOT, FTA, and FHWA for incorporation into their respective programs. The DSATS TIP will be incorporated into IDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by reference. Highway and public transit projects eligible for inclusion are summarized by year, funding source, and project type. The STIP will be submitted for FHWA and FTA approval with appropriate documentation of public involvement.

## Modification Procedures

As the primary local listing of projects pending funding from FHWA and FTA, programmed projects are expected to maintain up-to-date specifics, including project cost, funding sources, planned implementation years, project phasing, or even the inclusion of a project. Although the general procedure is to update the TIP annually, in certain cases, a revision to a project must occur between regular TIP updates. Revisions in these cases fall into two categories: program amendments, which require action by Policy Committee, or administrative actions, which are performed by DSATS staff and require no committee action. The latest procedures adopted by the MPO Policy Committee, including applicable circumstances, administrative duties, and feedback opportunities, are detailed in **Appendix D**.

## Public Participation

DSATS staff places special emphasis on connecting with the public to garner local support and produce plans that are grounded in a shared vision for the future. To this end, DSATS employs a variety of techniques to inform the public about work products, input opportunities, and to raise awareness of actions affecting the local transportation system. A complete list of participation measures employed by DSATS are detailed within the **MPO Public Participation Plan**.

During the annual update process, the draft TIP is available for public review at least 28 days prior to adoption. TIP program amendments outside of the update process are also available for public review for 14 days, when applicable. Review periods are advertised as a legal notice within a local newspaper and on the DSATS website prior to the period.

Feedback regarding the draft TIP and applicable amendments can be provided by calling DSATS at (815) 756-9513, by email at **dsats@dekalbcounty.org**, or by submitting the applicable contact form on **www.dsats.org**. Draft documents and amendments can be viewed electronically on the DSATS website. Paper copies are available at the DSATS office located within the DeKalb County Highway Department at 1826 Barber Greene Road, DeKalb, IL 60115.

Public review policies for TIP amendments or administrative actions are detailed in **Appendix D**.

## Eco Fairness Considerations

Actively promoting and enforcing non-partiality within planning products and decision-making is how DSATS achieves the overarching objectives of Title VI and Eco Fairness. In addition to adhering to non-discrimination provisions provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, the MPO chooses to identify and address, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs on outside the majority and low-income populations.

For plans that document current and future investments into the region's transportation system, including the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), an Eco Fairness analysis is conducted early in the drafting process in order to advise the plan development and address any disproportionate impacts. This analysis superimposes planned or programmed highway, public transit, and/or active transportation projects over the geographic distribution of Eco Fairness populations within the region to determine the extent to which they are impacted.

An analysis of projects programmed within this SFY 2027-2031 TIP finds no significant or disproportionate impact to identified outside-the-majority and low-income populations as most projects are directed towards the maintenance and operation of the existing system. All expansion projects are located away from protected residential developments and do not pose direct or indirect burdens on Eco Fairness populations.

Please see the **DSATS Title VI Program** to view a comprehensive listing of non-partiality and Eco fairness initiatives employed by the MPO.

# PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

As part of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Congress implemented performance-based planning initiatives as a means to improve efficiency in investment decision-making. Within this initiative, federal transportation funds are refocused on quantifiable national transportation goals, increasing the accountability and transparency of federal-aid highway and transit programming decisions, and ultimately improving transportation systems through targeted investments.

As the recipient of federal-aid highway and transit funding, IDOT, MPOs, and transit agencies are required to establish targets for performance measure categories identified by FHWA and FTA. MPOs can either choose to set quantitative targets for their metropolitan planning areas or commit to their state's or local transit agency's targets, depending on the topic category. The following sections highlight the specific performance management initiatives released, DSATS's target setting strategy, and how this TIP makes progress towards meeting the targets.

## PM1: Safety

**Target Setting:** The overall goal is to reach zero transportation-related fatalities per year in the DSATS MPA. To reach this goal, DSATS supports IDOT's targets for a 2% annual reduction for each measure until the goal is met.

**Supporting Projects: 2026-H-302, 2026-H-312, 2026-H-314, 2028-H-303, 2029-H-304, 2025-H-282, 2026-H-284, 2026-H-285, 2026-H-286, 2024-H-263, 2022-H-137, 2019-H-181**

Table 2: PM1 Roadway Safety Measures

| Measures | 2018 Baseline | 2026 Target |
|---|---|---|
| Number of Fatalities | **5** | **4** |
| Fatality Rate (Per 100,000,000 VMT) | **0.84** | **0.71** |
| Number of Serious Injuries | **51** | **44** |
| Serious Injury Rate (Per 100,000,000 VMT) | **10.2** | **8.67** |
| Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries | **5** | **4** |

## PM2: Roadway Asset Management

**Target Setting:** Since a majority of National Highway System (NHS) roadways within the MPA are part of IDOT's state system, DSATS supports IDOT's targets.

**Supporting Projects: 2026-H-302, 2026-H-312, 2026-H-315, 2027-H-313, 2022-H-271, 2026-H-298, 2025-H-310, 2026-H-293, 2028-H-303, 2029-H-304, 2025-H-282, 2024-H-263, 2022-H-137, 2026-H-316**

Table 3: PM2 Asset Management Measures

| Measures | 2022 Baseline | 2024 Actual | 2024 Target | 2026 Target |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Interstate Pavement - Good Condition | 65.7% | 64.9% | 65.0% | 66.0% |
| Interstate Pavement – Poor Condition | 0.4% | 0.4% | 1.0% | 0.7% |
| Non-Interstate NHS – Good Condition | 29.5% | 30.8% | 29.0% | 30.0% |
| Non-Interstate NHS – Poor Condition | 8.0% | 10.1% | 8.90% | 8.5% |
| NHS Bridge Area – Good Condition | 22.8% | 22.4% | 18.5% | 15.8% |
| NHS Bridge Area – Poor Condition | 12.4% | 10.5% | 12.4% | 12.0% |

## PM3: System Performance

**Target Setting:** Since a majority of National Highway System (NHS) roadways within the MPA are part of IDOT's state system, DSATS supports IDOT's targets.

**Supporting Projects: 2026-H-302, 2026-H-312, 2022-H-137, 2019-H-181**

Table 4: PM3 System Performance Measures

| Measures | 2022 Baseline | 2024 Actual | 2024 Target | 2026 Target |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reliable Interstate Person-Miles Traveled | 85.3% | 83.5% | 80.0% | 79.0% |
| Reliable Non-Interstate NHS Person-Miles Traveled | 94.2% | 92.3% | 91.0% | 90.0% |
| Truck Travel Time Reliability | 1.28 | 1.30 | 1.37 | 1.37 |

## Transit Asset Management (TAM)

**Target Setting:** DSATS supports the targets adopted by City of DeKalb Public Transit through their participation in the State Tier II Agency Group Plan.

**Supporting Projects: 2023-T-46, 2026-T-117**

Table 5: TAM Measures

| Measures | 2021 Baseline | 2023 Target | 2026 Target |
|---|---|---|---|
| Revenue Cutaway (Paratransit Bus) | 40.7% | 35.0% | 52.0% |
| Revenue Minivan | 25.0% | 74.0% | 83.0% |
| Non-Revenue Automobile | 50.0% | 27.0% | 26.0% |
| Non-Revenue Truck or Other Rubber Tired | 0.00% | 26.0% | 38.0% |

## Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

**Target Setting:** The overall goal is to reach zero transportation-related fatalities per year in the DSATS MPA. To reach this goal, DSATS supports the targets set by City of DeKalb Public Transit until the goal is met.

**Supporting Projects: 2023-T-46**

Table 6: PTASP Measures

| Measures | Fixed-Route 2026 Targets | Paratransit 2026 Targets |
|---|---|---|
| Total Major Events | **2** | **0** |
| Major Event Rate | **2.08** | **0** |
| Vehicular Collision Rate | **6.24** | **9.02** |
| Pedestrian Collision Rate | **1.04** | **0** |
| Transit Worker Fatality Rate | **0** | **0** |
| Transit Worker Injury Rate | **0** | **0** |
| Assaults on Transit Workers | **0** | **0** |
| Assault on Transit Workers Rate | **0** | **0** |
| Total Fatalities | **0** | **0** |
| Fatality Rate | **0** | **0** |
| Total Injuries | **2** | **1** |
| Injury Rate | **2.08** | **2.26** |
| System Reliability* | **34,350** | **443,362** |

**System Reliability indicates the number of miles between major mechanical system failures*

# FINANCIAL PLAN

Each program year included within the TIP must maintain fiscal constraint, or have reasonably expected funding sources to offset project costs. To this end, multiple assumptions must be made to adequately forecast funding levels for future fiscal years. Using the principal financial assumption that historic funding made available through federal, state, and local programs remains consistent, it is anticipated that there is reasonable funding available (**Table 7**) to cover all project costs identified (**Table 8**) for each year within the SFY 2027-2031 TIP timeframe.

Table 7: SFY 2027-2031 Available Revenue (thousands of dollars)

| | SFY 2027 | SFY 2028 | SFY 2029 | SFY 2030 | SFY 2031 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Federal – Highway** | $5,065 | $3,275 | $1,309 | $1,344 | $1,380 |
| **Federal – Transit** | $18,235 | $3,402 | $3,572 | $3,750 | $3,938 |
| **State** | $376 | $400 | - | $315 | - |
| **Local** | $3,160 | $680 | $130 | $65 | - |
| **Total** | **$26,836** | **$7,757** | **$5,011** | **$5,474** | **$5,318** |

Table 8: SFY 2027-2031 Proposed Project Obligations (thousands of dollars)

| | SFY 2027 | SFY 2028 | SFY 2029 | SFY 2030 | SFY 2031 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Federal – Highway** | $4,724 | $4,320 | $520 | $1,520 | - |
| **Federal – Transit** | $18,235 | $3,402 | $3,572 | $3,750 | $3,938 |
| **State** | $376 | $400 | - | $315 | - |
| **Local** | $3,160 | $680 | $130 | $65 | - |
| **Total** | **$26,495** | **$8,802** | **$4,222** | **$5,651** | **$3,938** |

This document also realizes that economies, budgets, and opportunities can be difficult to anticipate. For this reason, the TIP also includes a list of desired, but as of yet, unfunded projects. These projects may be funded from local contributions, as legislative initiatives, placed on future TIPs, or handled in other ways. Once federal funds are allocated to a specific project and all local matches are identified, these projects can advance to the TIP.

The following sections highlight major funding sources disseminated within the financial plan.

## Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)

Previously known as the Surface Transportation Program (STP), the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) federal program provides flexible funding that may be used by states and local public agencies for projects to preserve and improve the condition and performance of any federal-aid highway, bridge or tunnel project on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects. All STBG projects require a 20% match.

A portion of Illinois' federal STBG apportionment for urban areas (STU) is allocated to DSATS for use within the MPA, averaging approximately $1,260,000 annually. Programming decisions regarding this funding are made through Policy Committee. Potential projects are prioritized using an established scoring criteria found in **Appendix E**.

## Urbanized Area Formula Grant (5307)

FTA Funds are allocated to urbanized areas for capital equipment (buses, equipment, facilities, etc.) purchases and transit-related planning, and for urbanized areas under 200,000 in population, operating expenses. City of DeKalb Public Transit is the designated recipient of funds for the urbanized area and coordinates with DSATS to program funds in the TIP, which averages approximately $3,410,000 annually. While fiscal constraint in this TIP is based on forecasting the standard 5307 allocation, City of DeKalb Public Transit often receives additional 5307 funding through the Small Transit-Intensive Cities (STIC) subprogram.

## Downstate Operating Assistance Program

The Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP), was established by the Illinois General Assembly to provide operating funds to assist in the development and operation of public transportation services in areas outside of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) region of Chicago. City of DeKalb Public Transit receives DOAP funds for the urban area. With an approximate average of $8,234,000 allocated annually, DOAP is the primary funding source for the operation of regional public transit services.

## Other Funds

Many other federal, state, and local funding sources are leveraged to improve and maintain the region's transportation systems. However, the availability of these funds is often under the discretion of the lead agency. For these instances, the program funding submitted for inclusion within this TIP serves as the baseline funding available. Other common funding sources programmed within this TIP include:

**Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP):** Federal funds dedicated for the purpose of reducing highway fatalities and serious injuries.

**Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP):** A set-aside of federal STBG funds dedicated to the promotion of alternative transportation methods and to improve the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the transportation system.

**Illinois Special Bridge Program (ISBP):** Federal funds dedicated for the replacement or rehabilitation of bridges costing over $1,000,000.

**Local Sources:** Local funding sources outside of MFT often come from various sources, including general property tax revenues, road-use sales tax, or fees.

**Motor Fuel Tax (MFT):** A tax on the sale of motor fuel collected by the state and apportioned to local agencies for the construction and maintenance of highways.

**National Highway Performance Program (NHPP):** Federal funds dedicated for the purpose of supporting the condition and performance of the National Highway System (NHS).

**Special Appropriation:** Federal SAFETEA-LU earmark funds for local priority projects.

**Truck Access Route Program (TARP):** State funds dedicated to upgrading the pavement design of roadways to accommodate 80,000-pound truck loads.

# ANNUAL ELEMENTS

## Highway

Programmed in this TIP section are all the federally-funded or regionally significant surface transportation projects within the DSATS MPA. Projects included in the program are the outputs based on the availability of funds, the identification of transportation priorities and needs, and the expectation of achieving system performance goals. **Table 9** summarizes expenditures included within the TIP timeframe by expenditure category. A detailed listing of highway projects programmed within this TIP can be found in **Appendix A**.

Table 9: SFY 2027-2031 Programmed Highway Expenditures by Project Type (thousands of dollars)

| | SFY 2027 | SFY 2028 | SFY 2029 | SFY 2030 | SFY 2031 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bridge Replacement** | $2,600 | $2,500 | - | - | - |
| **Capacity Building** | $960 | - | - | - | - |
| **Engineering** | $1,000 | - | - | - | - |
| **Enhancement** | $3,230 | - | - | - | - |
| **Land Acquisition** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Reconstruction** | - | $2,900 | - | - | - |
| **Resurfacing** | $300 | - | $650 | $1,900 | - |
| **Maintenance** | $80 | - | - | - | - |
| **Bicycle/Pedestrian** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Total** | **$8,170** | **$5,400** | **$650** | **$1,900** | **$0** |

## Public Transit

Urban public transportation services in the MPA are provided by City of DeKalb Public Transit, which is the designated recipient of FTA 5307 urbanized area funding and state Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) funding. Projects included in this program are the outputs based on the availability of funds, the identification of transportation priorities and needs, and the expectation of achieving system performance goals. **Table 10** summarizes expenditures included within the TIP timeframe by expenditure category. A detailed listing of public transit projects programmed within this TIP can be found in **Appendix B**.

Table 10: SFY 2027-2031 Programmed Public Transit Expenditures by Project Type (thousands of dollars)

| | SFY 2027 | SFY 2028 | SFY 2029 | SFY 2030 | SFY 2031 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Assistance** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **New Facility** | $26,000 | - | - | - | - |
| **Operating Expenses** | $14,414 | $13,905 | $14,500 | - | - |
| **Vehicle Acquisition** | $7,196 | - | - | - | - |
| **Rolling Stock Refurbishment** | $943 | - | - | - | - |
| **Support Equipment** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Total** | **$48,553** | **$13,905** | **$14,500** | **$0** | **$0** |

## Urbanized 5307 Program of Projects

**Table 11** constitutes the Program of Projects (PoP) for the use of FTA 5307 urbanized transit funding for Fiscal Year 2027. The notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comment for this TIP is being leveraged to satisfy the PoP requirements of the Section 5307 Program.

Table 11: SFY 2027 5307 Program of Projects

| TIP ID | Project Type | FTA 5307 Funds | State/Local/ Other Funds | Total Cost |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2027-T-106** | Operating Expenses | $2,514,463 | $11,900,000 | $14,414,463 |
| **2023-T-46** | New Facility | $8,850,000 | $17,150,000 | $26,000,000 |
| **2026-T-117** | Vehicle Acquisition | $6,116,619 | $1,079,404 | $7,196,023 |
| **2026-T-118** | Rolling Stock Refurbishment | $754,213 | $188,553 | $942,766 |
| | **Total:** | **$18,235,295** | **$30,317,957** | **$48,553,252** |

# APPENDIX A: HIGHWAY PROJECTS

## FY 2027

### DeKalb County

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2026-H-302** | **Total Cost:** | **$3,230,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Enhancement | **Federal:** | $2,900,000 | STP-U, HSIP |
| **Roadway Name:** | Plank Road | **State:** | $0 | - |
| **Project Limits:** | Lindgren Road | **Local/Other:** | $330,000 | Local |
| to | - | **PM Targets:** | PM1, PM2, PM3 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 0.01 | | | |
| **Description:** | Installation of roundabout at intersection of Plank Road and Lindgren Road<br>HSIP: $2,500,00 Local County Match: $250,000<br>STP-U:$400,000 Local County Match: $80,000 | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2026-H-312** | **Total Cost:** | **$1,000,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Engineering | **Federal:** | $0 | - |
| **Roadway Name:** | Plank Road | **State:** | $0 | - |
| **Project Limits:** | Lindgren Road | **Local/Other:** | $1,000,000 | Local |
| to | 0.25 Mi E of Lukens Road | **PM Targets:** | PM1, PM2, PM3 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 2.6 | | | |
| **Description:** | Phase II Preliminary Engineering | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2026-H-314** | **Total Cost:** | **$960,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Capacity Building | **Federal:** | $0 | - |
| **Roadway Name:** | Peace Road | **State:** | $10,000 | State Match |
| **Project Limits:** | Freed Road | **Local/Other:** | $950,000 | Local |
| to | IL 23 (Main Street) | **PM Targets:** | PM1 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 1.89 | | | |
| **Description:** | Phase I & II preliminary engineering for the widening of Peace Road from Freed Road to IL 23 (Main Street) including the replacement of the bridge over the Blue Heron Creek and various traffic | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2026-H-315** | **Total Cost:** | **$700,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Bridge Replacement | **Federal:** | $0 | - |
| **Roadway Name:** | Various Locations | **State:** | $10,000 | State Match |
| **Project Limits:** | Various Locations | **Local/Other:** | $690,000 | Local |
| to | - | **PM Targets:** | PM2 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | - | | | |
| **Description:** | Phase I & II preliminary engineering for the replacement of 7 structures in Franklin, South Grove, Milan, & Afton Townships. | | | |

## FY 2027 Continued

### City of Sycamore

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2027-H-313** | **Total Cost:** | **$300,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Resurfacing | **Federal:** | $240,000 | STP-U |
| **Roadway Name:** | Foxpointe Drive | **State:** | $0 | 0 |
| **Project Limits:** | IL 23 | **Local/Other:** | $60,000 | Local |
| to | Hathaway Drive | **PM Targets:** | PM2 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 0.31 | | | |
| **Description:** | Resurfacing of Foxpointe Drive from IL 23 to Hathaway Drive. | | | |

### Town of Cortland

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2022-H-271** | **Total Cost:** | **$650,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Bridge Replacement | **Federal:** | $520,000 | STP-U |
| **Roadway Name:** | Airport Road | **State:** | $0 | - |
| **Project Limits:** | at Union Ditch #1 | **Local/Other:** | $130,000 | Local |
| to | - | **PM Targets:** | PM2 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | - | | | |
| **Description:** | Replacement of concrete box culvert on Airport Road over Union Ditch #1. | | | |

### Illinois Department of Transportation

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2026-H-298** | **Total Cost:** | **$1,250,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Bridge Replacement | **Federal:** | $1,000,000 | HWY-INF-BFP-S |
| **Roadway Name:** | IL 64 | **State:** | $250,000 | State Match |
| **Project Limits:** | 0.6 Mi W of Five Points Road | **Local/Other:** | $0 | - |
| to | - | **PM Targets:** | PM2 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 0 | | | |
| **Description:** | Culvert Replacement over the Drainage Ditch under IL 64 0.6 miles west of Five Points Road | | | |

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| **TIP No** | **2025-H-310** | **Total Cost:** | **$80,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Maintenance | **Federal:** | $64,000 | NHPP |
| **Roadway Name:** | IL 38 | **State:** | $16,000 | State Match |
| **Project Limits:** | Ogle County Line | **Local/Other:** | $0 | - |
| to | John Huber Parkway (S) | **PM Targets:** | PM2 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 8.8 | | | |
| **Description:** | Crack and joint sealing on IL 38 from Ogle County Line to John Huber Parkway (S). | | | |

## FY 2028

### DeKalb County

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2026-H-293** | **Total Cost:** | **$2,500,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Bridge Replacement | **Federal:** | $2,000,000 | STP-BR |
| **Roadway Name:** | Aldrich Road | **State:** | $400,000 | TBP |
| **Project Limits:** | Pleasant Hill Road | **Local/Other:** | $100,000 | Local |
| to | Brickville Road | **PM Targets:** | PM2 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 0.01 | | | |
| **Description:** | Replacement of bridge over Kishwaukee River. | | | |

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### City of DeKalb

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| **TIP No** | **2028-H-303** | **Total Cost:** | **$2,900,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Reconstruction | **Federal:** | $2,320,000 | STP-U |
| **Roadway Name:** | Annie Glidden Road | **State:** | $0 | - |
| **Project Limits:** | IL 38 | **Local/Other:** | $580,000 | Local |
| to | County Health Blvd | **PM Targets:** | PM1, PM2 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 1.72 | | | |
| **Description:** | Resurfacing & ADA upgrades on Annie Glidden Road between IL 38 & County Health Blvd | | | |

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## FY 2029

### DeKalb County

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| **TIP No** | **2029-H-304** | **Total Cost:** | **$650,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Resurfacing | **Federal:** | $520,000 | STP-U |
| **Roadway Name:** | Somonauk Road | **State:** | $0 | - |
| **Project Limits:** | Gurler Road | **Local/Other:** | $130,000 | Local |
| to | IL 38 | **PM Targets:** | PM1, PM2 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 1.41 | | | |
| **Description:** | Resurfacing of Somonauk Road from Gurler Road to IL 38. | | | |

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## FY 2030

### DeKalb County

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| **TIP No** | **2025-H-282** | **Total Cost:** | **$1,900,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Resurfacing | **Federal:** | $1,520,000 | STP-U |
| **Roadway Name:** | Glidden Road | **State:** | $315,000 | TARP |
| **Project Limits:** | Dresser Road | **Local/Other:** | $65,000 | Local |
| to | IL 64 | **PM Targets:** | PM1, PM2 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 3.51 | | | |
| **Description:** | Resurfacing of Glidden Road from Bethany Road to IL 64 to upgrade to a truck route. | | | |

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## FY 2031

**No projects**

## Illustrative

### DeKalb County

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2026-H-284** | **Total Cost:** | **$12,500,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | New Construction | **Federal:** | $10,000,000 | Pending |
| **Roadway Name:** | Plank Road | **State:** | $250,000 | Pending |
| **Project Limits:** | Lindgren Road | **Local/Other:** | $2,250,000 | Local |
| to | Lukens Road | **PM Targets:** | PM1 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 2.13 | | | |
| **Description:** | Relocation of Plank Road to improve safety. | | | |

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| **TIP No** | **2026-H-285** | **Total Cost:** | **$14,900,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Capacity Building | **Federal:** | $11,920,000 | Pending |
| **Roadway Name:** | Peace Road | **State:** | $0 | - |
| **Project Limits:** | IL 64 | **Local/Other:** | $2,980,000 | Local |
| to | IL 23 | **PM Targets:** | PM1 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 2.79 | | | |
| **Description:** | Phases 3-4: Widen Peace Road to 5 lanes from IL 64 North to IL 23 (Main Street) | | | |

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| **TIP No** | **2026-H-286** | **Total Cost:** | **$2,500,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | New Construction | **Federal:** | $2,000,000 | Pending |
| **Roadway Name:** | Airport Road | **State:** | $0 | - |
| **Project Limits:** | Bethany Road | **Local/Other:** | $500,000 | Local |
| to | IL 64 | **PM Targets:** | PM1 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 1.39 | | | |
| **Description:** | Relocation of Airport Road to improve safety. | | | |

### City of DeKalb

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| **TIP No** | **2024-H-263** | **Total Cost:** | **$1,575,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Capacity Building | **Federal:** | $1,260,000 | STP-U |
| **Roadway Name:** | Peace Road | **State:** | $0 | - |
| **Project Limits:** | Fairview Drive | **Local/Other:** | $315,000 | MFT |
| to | IL 38 | **PM Targets:** | PM1, PM2 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 2.23 | | | |
| **Description:** | Improvements to Peace Road from Fairview Drive to IL 38. | | | |

## Illustrative Continued

### City of DeKalb

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| **TIP No** | **2022-H-137** | **Total Cost:** | **$4,500,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Intersection | **Federal:** | $3,600,000 | Pending |
| **Roadway Name:** | Peace Road | **State:** | $0 | - |
| **Project Limits:** | at IL 38 | **Local/Other:** | $900,000 | Local |
| to | - | **PM Targets:** | PM1, PM2, PM3 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | - | | | |
| **Description:** | Reconstruction of the intersection of Peace Road and IL 38 (Lincoln Highway) | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2019-H-181** | **Total Cost:** | **$1,425,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Enhancement | **Federal:** | $1,140,000 | STP-U |
| **Roadway Name:** | City-Wide | **State:** | $0 | - |
| **Project Limits:** | - | **Local/Other:** | $285,000 | MFT |
| to | - | **PM Targets:** | PM1, PM3 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | - | | | |
| **Description:** | Upgrade signal controller hardware and interconnections in the DSATS region. | | | |

### City of Sycamore

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2026-H-316** | **Total Cost:** | **$474,678** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Resurfacing | **Federal:** | $355,190 | STP-U |
| **Roadway Name:** | Borden Avenue | **State:** | $0 | - |
| **Project Limits:** | Foxpointe Drive | **Local/Other:** | $119,488 | Local |
| to | Park Avenue | **PM Targets:** | PM2 | |
| **Length (Miles):** | 0.58 | | | |
| **Description:** | Resurfacing of Borden Ave from Foxpointe Dr to Park Ave. | | | |

# Appendix B: Public Transit Projects

## FY 2027

### City of DeKalb Public Transit

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2023-T-46** | **Total Cost:** | **$26,000,000** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | New Facility | **Federal:** | $8,850,000 | 5307 |
| **Location** | W Dresser Rd, DeKalb | **State:** | $17,150,000 | Rebuild I & II |
| **PM Targets:** | TAM, PTASP | **Local/Other:** | $0 | - |
| **Grant ID:** | CAP-19-1101, Rebuilt I & II, FTA 5307 | | | |
| **Description:** | Design and Construction of a Transit Maintenance and Operations facility to house and maintain equipment, assets, and transit personnel. Submitting for Federal Funding in CY2026. | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2026-T-117** | **Total Cost:** | **$7,196,023** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Vehicle Acquisition | **Federal:** | $6,116,619 | 5307, 5339 (b) & 5339 (c) |
| **Location** | Agency-Wide | **State:** | $1,079,404 | TDC |
| **PM Targets:** | TAM | **Local/Other:** | - | - |
| **Grant ID:** | 5307, 5339 (b) Bus and Bus Facilities, 5339 (c) Low-No Program, State of Illinois Transportation Development Credits (TDC's) | | | |
| **Description:** | Fixed Route Fleet Purchase: up to three (3) 35-ft. Gilig Low-Floor Diesel buses and three (3) 35-ft. Gilig Low-Floor Hybrid Diesel Electric Buses | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIP No** | **2026-T-118** | **Total Cost:** | **$942,766** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Rolling Stock Refurbishment | **Federal:** | $754,213 | 5307 |
| **Location** | Agency-Wide | **State:** | $188,553 | TDC |
| **PM Targets:** | - | **Local/Other:** | - | - |
| **Grant ID:** | 5307, State of Illinois Transportation Development Credits (TDC's) | | | |
| **Description:** | Refurbishment of up to 6 Fixed Route Fleet Vehicles to extend vehicle useful life. | | | |

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| **TIP No** | **2027-T-106** | **Total Cost:** | **$14,414,463** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Operating Expenses | **Federal:** | $2,514,463 | 5307 |
| **Location** | Agency-Wide | **State:** | $9,900,000 | DOAP |
| **PM Targets:** | - | **Local/Other:** | $2,000,000 | Local |
| **Grant ID:** | SFY27 DOAP, 2027 5307 Operating Assistance | | | |
| **Description:** | FY27 Transit operating assistance. | | | |

## FY 2028

### City of DeKalb Public Transit

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| **TIP No** | **2028-T-108** | **Total Cost:** | **$13,904,850** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Operating Expenses | **Federal:** | $3,402,260 | 5307 |
| **Location** | Agency-Wide | **State:** | $8,502,590 | DOAP |
| **PM Targets:** | - | **Local/Other:** | $2,000,000 | Local |
| **Grant ID:** | SFY28 DOAP, 2028 5307 Operating Assistance | | | |
| **Description:** | FY28 Transit operating assistance. | | | |

## FY 2029

**City of DeKalb Public Transit**

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| **TIP No** | **2029-T-115** | **Total Cost:** | **$14,500,093** | **Source:** |
| **Project Type:** | Operating Expenses | **Federal:** | $3,572,373 | 5307 |
| **Location** | Agency-Wide | **State:** | $8,927,720 | DOAP |
| **PM Targets:** | - | **Local/Other:** | $2,000,000 | Local |
| **Grant ID:** | SFY29 DOAP, 2029 5307 Operating Assistance | | | |
| **Description:** | FY29 Transit operating assistance. | | | |

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## FY 2030

**No projects**

## FY 2031

**No projects**

# APPENDIX C: LIST OF TIP REVISIONS

| # | Date | Type | TIP ID | Description of Change |
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Type: Amend=Amendment, Action=Administration Action, AC=Advanced Construction

# APPENDIX D: PROCEDURES FOR DSATS TIP MODIFICATIONS

As approved by the DSATS Policy Committee on May 12, 2021

## Purpose

This official DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study (DSATS) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Policy Document establishes a set of procedures to be used by DSATS for processing modifications to its TIP and subsequent modification on the Illinois Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is comprised of regional TIPs developed by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and the statewide program developed by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The STIP is an official transportation improvement program document mandated by federal statute and recognized by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

## Definitions

- ***Change in Scope*** is a substantial alteration to the original intent or function of a programmed project.
- ***Cooperating Parties*** are Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and transit agencies.
- A ***modification*** is either an amendment or an administrative action to the STIP/TIP.
- A ***new project*** is a project that is not programmed in the current STIP/TIP, and does not have previous obligations from a prior STIP/TIP.
- ***Planning Partners*** are Local Public Agencies.
- ***Advanced Construction (AC)*** is a process IDOT has developed when a construction project intends to use Federal Funding for a project but those funds are not yet available as federal funds. The Federal funds are identified as State Advanced Construction funds until such time the funds are obligated, then funds are moved from AC to Federal funds.

## STIP/TIP Administration

FHWA and FTA will only authorize projects and approve grants for projects that are programmed in the current approved STIP. If a planning partner, transit agency, or IDOT wishes to proceed with a project not programmed on the current STIP, a modification must be made.

The federal statewide and metropolitan planning regulations contained in 23 CFR § 450 govern the provisions of the STIP and of individual MPO TIPs related to STIP and TIP modifications and other actions taken to modify the TIP. All modifications must maintain year-to-year fiscal constraint [23 CFR § 450.324 (i)] for each of the years of the STIP/TIP. TIP modifications must be consistent with the DSATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and must correspond to the adopted provisions of the Public Participation Plan (PPP).

## Modifications – Amendments and Administrative Actions

SECTION 1: TIP Amendment

1.a. An ***amendment*** is a TIP modification that:

1.a.i. Adds a new project or deletes a project that utilizes federal funds;

1.a.ii. Makes a Change in Scope of the project; or

1.a.iii. Adds, deletes, increases or decreases the cost of a project phase(s) that utilizes federal funds where the modification exceeds an amount equal to ½ of the current annual STU allocation, or a funding change in excess of 50% of the total project cost on the DSATS TIP;

Approval by DSATS is required for amendments. DSATS must then request IDOT Central Office approval. IDOT's Central Office will review, approve, and forward to the appropriate federal agency for review and approval.

1.b. It shall be DSATS preferred policy to submit all TIP Amendments for public review under the following guidelines:

1.b.i. Any standard Amendment to the TIP should go through a normal 14-day public review period.

1.b.ii. In circumstances where funding sources could be jeopardized if normal public review period procedures are followed, the DSATS Policy Committee can vote to eliminate the public review period (Staff and Board members are encouraged hold at least a 7-day public review period if circumstances allow for it). Examples of such circumstances include, but not limited to:

1.b.ii.(1). If the safety of the public would be jeopardized by waiting until a full public review period is held before taking action;

1.b.ii.(2). If an event (bridge posting/closing, natural disaster, etc.) constitutes an emergency which requires immediate action by the MPO to resolve the situation;

1.b.ii.(3). If a project or projects would be significantly delayed by waiting until the next regularly held MPO meeting and a delay would significantly and adversely affect the scheduling or the cost or funding of the project or projects being considered, the economic viability of an area (i.e.; access to business) would be adversely effected by the lack of immediate MPO action, or the continuity of the transportation system would be impaired, thereby lowering the capability of the network to move people, goods, or services; or

1.b.ii.(4). If recent events warrant an immediate programming response in order to meet the social, economic, or environmental needs of a member government within the MPO.

1.b.iii. For any actions which would shorten or eliminate the standard public review period, DSATS Staff should notify the proper IDOT, FHWA, and FTA staff of the actions the MPO intends to take and seek their concurrence for the proposed action(s) before a Policy Committee vote is taken.

SECTION 2: Administrative Action

2.a. An **administrative action** is a TIP modification that:

2.a.i. Adds or deletes a non-federally funded project;

2.a.ii. Adds a project for emergency repairs to roadways or bridges, except those involving substantial, functional, location, or capacity changes[1];

2.a.iii. Increases or decreases the cost of a project phase(s) or deletes a project phase(s) that utilizes federal funds where the modification does not exceed an amount equal to ½ of the current annual STU allocation or a funding change less than 50% of the total project cost on the DSATS TIP;

2.a.iv. Project funds for an IDOT project are being moved from Advanced Construction (AC) to Federal Funding, or Federal to AC.

**2.b.** ***Administrative actions do not require a public review period.***

2.b.i. Staff shall review all TIP modifications to verify the changes meet the criteria to be classified as an administrative action.

2.b.ii. The DSATS Director shall approve the administrative action, and direct staff to update the DSATS TIP with the proposed changes.

The Administrative Action taken shall be noted on the DSATS Policy Committee Meeting Agenda identifying the action taken.

[1] If a modification adds a project for emergency relief purposes, the project will be added as an *Administrative Action* to the TIP. Per 23 CFR § 450. 216 (g (5)), emergency relief projects may (but are not required to) be included on the STIP, except those involving substantial functional, locational, or capacity changes.

# APPENDIX E: DSATS STBG PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

The DSATS Project Selection Subcommittee (PSS) was created by the DSATS TAC to review and recommend projects to be selected for funding from the DSATS allocation of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) urban funding. The Project Selection Subcommittee has developed a set of criteria which it shall use to score and select projects for STBG funding. Prior to the annual selection of projects, the PSS may review and update the selection criteria. The following sections detail the latest project selection criteria implemented.

## Categories and Scoring

Results of scoring in the following 6 categories shall be used as guidance for the Project Selection Subcommittee in prioritizing projects.

### 1. Road Condition: Condition Rating Survey (CRS)

The CRS rating system is the primary criteria while the Information Management Services (IMS) and Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) scales can be used if current CRS data is not available.

| CRS Rating | | Points |
|---|---|---|
| **1.0 – 1.9** | Poor | 6 |
| **2.0 – 2.9** | Poor | 5 |
| **3.0 – 3.9** | Poor | 4 |
| **4.0 – 4.9** | Poor/Fair | 3 |
| **5.0 – 6.0** | Fair | 2 |
| **6.1 – 7.0** | Good | 1 |
| **7.1 – 9.0** | Good/Excellent | 0 |

| IMS Rating | Points |
|---|---|
| **10 – 39** | 6 |
| **40 – 59** | 5 |
| **60 – 69** | 4 |
| **70 – 79** | 3 |
| **80 – 84** | 2 |
| **85 – 89** | 1 |
| **90 – 100** | 0 |

| PASER Rating | | Points |
|---|---|---|
| **1-2** | Failed/Very Poor | 6 |
| **3-4** | Poor/Fair | 5 |
| **5** | Fair | 4 |
| **6** | Good | 3 |
| **7** | Good | 2 |
| **8** | Very Good | 1 |
| **9-10** | Excellent | 0 |

### 2. Traffic Volume: Average Daily Traffic (ADT)

The applicant may add comments regarding bicycle, bus, & truck traffic since these categories are not individually addressed in the overall ADT of the roadway segment.

| ADT | Points |
|---|---|
| **< 500** | 0.5 |
| **500 – 749** | 1.0 |
| **750 – 999** | 1.5 |
| **1,000 – 1,249** | 2.0 |
| **1,250 – 2,499** | 2.5 |
| **2,500 – 3,749** | 3.0 |
| **3,750 – 4,999** | 3.5 |
| **5,000 – 6,249** | 4.0 |
| **6,250 – 7,499** | 4.5 |
| **7,500 – 8,749** | 5.0 |
| **8,750 – 9,999** | 5.5 |
| **10,000 +** | 6.0 |

## 3. Safety: Subjective Scoring up to 6 points

This category should consider:

- crash frequency;
- crash severity;
- comparison to IDOT Average, and the increase of safety; and
- The project should demonstrate a correlation between the proposed project and an improvement in vehicle and/or pedestrian/bicyclist safety.

Examples of improvements may include:

- reduction of accident rates;
- accident severity;
- crosswalk implementation;
- signalization; and
- speed reduction.

*Note: The Safety category is intentionally non-specific. It will be up to the sponsoring agency to decide what level of calculations/comparisons and the format in which they support their project.*

## 4. Alternate Transportation: Subjective Scoring up to 6 points

This category reviews the project for aspects which exceeds the usual benefit to single occupancy vehicles and promotes the use of other alternative transportation modes.

Example include, but are not limited to:

- highway projects providing non-motorized transportation facilities which forms part of an active transportation system; or
- highway project improving the accessibility to/from a transit station, transit shelters, access to bus stops, pedestrian sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting, median refuge, signage, connectivity of multi-use paths and inclusion on the DSATS Active Transportation Plan (ATP), bicycle racks, lights, signs, and waterways.

## 5. Regional/Community Benefits

| Criteria | Points |
|---|---|
| **Provides a critical connection between 2 or more core areas such as NIU or a downtown, or be an arterial highway.** | 6 |
| **Serves a regionally significant employment center such as air, freight, or intermodal terminals.** | 4 |
| **Serves other critical regional public facilities such as hospitals, schools, or parks.** | 2 |
| **Benefits economic development, neighborhoods, or residential areas, or be a part of the local route system.** | 1 |

The applicant should provide a brief narrative of why their project fits within a specific criterion. Applicant should use the highest-ranking applicable category.

### 6. Various Considerations: Subjective Scoring up to 6 points

In September 2018 DSATS adopted the state Performance Management 2 (PM2) and Performance Management 3 (PM3) target goals. PM2 monitors the conditions of pavement and bridges on all National Highway System (NHS) roadways. PM3 monitors overall system performance on NHS roadways, and all transportation projects in non-attainment areas.

As the only local roadway in the DSATS UZA is Peace Road from I-88 to IL-38, these measures do not apply to the majority of the roadway system, which is not a state highway, in the DSATS UZA.

In addition to PM2 and PM3 criteria, this category may include one or more of the following:

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| Benefits special needs of vulnerable/neglected areas | Yes ☐ | No ☐ |
| Sponsorship by multiple agencies | Yes ☐ | No ☐ |
| Listed in the MTP, a local strategic plan or comprehensive plan | Yes ☐ | No ☐ |
| Has support based on public outreach or a public participation meeting | Yes ☐ | No ☐ |
| Sustainability / longevity of improvement | Yes ☐ | No ☐ |
| Anticipated economic benefits | Yes ☐ | No ☐ |

## Small Projects and Alternate Transportation Projects

Recognizing the majority of transportation use is on the road system, the majority of the funding is expected to be used for road projects. However, the MPO also recognizes the need to fund small projects and non-road projects. Therefore, 10% of the annual allocation may be reserved for small projects and/or alternate transportation projects.

These projects shall be limited to a maximum accumulation of 3 years of the 10% funding.

Funding example: Total annual allocation for SFY 2019 is approximately $780,000. 10% for small projects and alternate transportation projects would be $78,000. A small or alternate transportation project submitted at that time would be limited to 3 x $78,000 or $234,000.

For alternate transportation projects, categories such as Road Condition or Traffic Volume may not apply. Instead, the selection process may focus on categories such as Transportation Control or Various Considerations.

Although not required, applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for external or alternate funding sources such as ITEP (Illinois Transportation Alternatives Program) or Safe Routes to School (SRTS) instead of using the limited STP-U funds.

## Transit Project Selection

All transit projects seeking federal funding shall be reviewed by City of DeKalb's Public Transit Division and forwarded to DSATS staff for inclusion in the TIP. The DSATS Transit Operations Committee (TOC) was removed from the bylaws in November 2023. Any new projects being added to the DSATS TIP shall go through a public review period according to the **DSATS Public Participation Plan**. No review is needed by the Project Selection Subcommittee, transit projects may be submitted directly to Policy Committee.

Revised: 5/6/2025

# APPENDIX F: MPO PLANNING PROCESS CERTIFICATION

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.336, the DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study (the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Urbanized Area) and the Illinois Department of Transportation hereby certify that the transportation planning process is addressing major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

(1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
(2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, section 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
(3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
(4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
(5) Section 11101(e) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects;
(6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
(7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
(8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
(9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
(10) 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

We further certify that we are aware of what this certification represents and have been briefed accordingly.

**DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study**

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Printed Name

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**Illinois Department of Transportation**

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# APPENDIX G: MPO ADOPTION

**RESOLUTION 2026-01**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT DSATS SFY 2027-2031 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study (DSATS), serving as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the DeKalb Urbanized Area, is the subrecipient of federal funding to carry out the area's continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive performance-based multimodal transportation planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, under 23 U.S.C. § 134 and 49 U.S.C. § 5303, DSATS is required to develop a transportation improvement program (TIP) containing all federally-funded and regionally-significant projects which reflect the investment priorities of the current metropolitan transportation plan and make progress toward achieving established performance targets; and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with established requirements, DSATS has developed a TIP for Illinois State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2027-2031 in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, local public transportation providers, and other local public agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the draft DSATS SFY 2027-2031 TIP was distributed to the public and interested parties for feedback in accordance with federal guidelines and consistent with the DSATS Public Participation Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE DEKALB-SYCAMORE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY:**

**Section 1**: The DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study hereby adopts the MPO Transportation Improvement Program for State Fiscal Years 2027-2031.

**PASSED BY THE POLICY COMMITTEE** of the DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study, at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Derek Hiland, Policy Committee Chair

John Laskowski, Policy Committee Secretary

# APPENDIX H: ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

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| **5307** | Section 5307 – Urbanized Area Formal Funding Program for Transit |
| **BFP** | Bridge Formula Program |
| **DOAP** | Downstate Operating Assistance Program |
| **FHWA** | Federal Highway Administration |
| **FTA** | Federal Transit Administration |
| **HSIP** | Highway Safety Improvement Program |
| **IDOT** | Illinois Department of Transportation |
| **IIJA** | Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act |
| **ISBP** | Illinois Special Bridge Program |
| **ITEP** | Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program |
| **MFT** | Motor Fuel Tax |
| **MTP** | Metropolitan Transportation Plan |
| **MPO** | Metropolitan Planning Organization |
| **NHPP** | National Highway Performance Program |
| **PC** | Policy Committee |
| **RTA** | Regional Transportation Authority |
| **SRTS** | Safe Routes to School |
| **STIC** | Small Transit-Intensive Cities |
| **STP-BR** | Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) – Bridge |
| **STP-R** | Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) – Rural |
| **STP-U** | Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) – Urban |
| **TAC** | Transportation Advisory Committee |
| **TARP** | Truck Access Route Program |
| **TIP** | Transportation Improvement Program |
| **TOC** | Transit Operations Committee |

### Eco Fairness

Eco Fairness is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

### Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)

The region designated by the MPO and Governor in which the MPO carries out its transportation planning responsibilities and encompasses at least the existing urbanized area and the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period.

### Title VI

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 provides that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin be prevented from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to partiality under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

### Urbanized Area (UZA)

A contiguous urban area with a population of 50,000 or more as designated by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Additional definitions may be found at https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/plan4ops/glossary.htm.

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