

Secretarial Notes

DMATS Policy and Technical Advisory Board Joint meeting

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2026
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Place: ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

DMATS Policy Board Members Present:

☒ Brad Cavanagh (chair) <i>Mayor, City of DBQ</i>	☒ Laura Roussel <i>DBQ City Council</i>	☐ Danny Sprank <i>DBQ City Council</i>	☒ Katy Wethal <i>DBQ City Council</i>
☐ Tyson Leyendecker <i>DBQ City Council</i>	☒ David Resnick <i>DBQ City Council</i>	☒ Chris Staver <i>DBQ City Council</i>	☐ Troy Maggied <i>SWWRPC City Council</i>
☒ Mike Van Milligen** <i>(proxy for DBQ) City Council</i>	☒ Gus Psihoyos** <i>(proxy for DBQ City Council)</i>	☒ Hector Torres-Cacho* <i>Iowa DOT (non-voting member)</i>	☒ Beth Bonz <i>ECIA (proxy Mae Hingtgen)</i>
☒ Wally Wernimont** <i>(proxy for DBQ (City Council)</i>	☐ Jim Adams <i>Mayor, City of Asbury (proxy John Richey)</i>	☐ John Digman <i>Mayor, City of East DBQ (proxy Bob Seitz)</i>	☐ Brian Lucey <i>Grant County Representative</i>
☒ Harley Pothoff <i>Transit Rep. (RTA) (proxy Gail Kuhle)</i>	☒ Francis Schelfhout <i>Wisconsin DOT (proxy Justin Johnson)</i>	☒ Doug DeLille <i>Illinois DOT (proxy Katie Smith)</i>	☒ Ann McDonough (VC) <i>DBQ County Supervisor (proxy Wayne Kenniker)</i>
☒ Russ Pfab** <i>Small Cities Rep. City of Peosta (Proxy Josh Dausener)</i>	☒ Joe Heitkamp <i>Jo Daviess County</i>	☐ Robert Daughters** <i>Jule Transit Rep. (proxy Ryan Knuckey)</i>	

DMATS Technical Advisory Board Members Present:

☒ Wally Wernimont <i>City of Dubuque (proxy Jason Duba)</i>	☒ Beth Bonz <i>City of Asbury</i>	☐ Bob Seitz <i>City of East Dubuque</i>	☒ Ed Raber <i>Dubuque County</i>
☒ Gus Psihoyos (chair) <i>Engineer, City of DBQ (proxy Bob Schiesl)</i>	☒ Todd Kinney <i>Engineer, DBQ County (proxy Wyatt Anderson)</i>	☐ Steve Keeffer <i>Engineer, Jo Daviess County, IL</i>	☐ Dave Lambert <i>Engineer Grant County, WI</i>
☐ Ryan Knuckey <i>Jule Transit (proxy Jodi Johnson)</i>	☒ Stacie Scott <i>Regional Transit Authority (RTA) (proxy Gail Kuhle)</i>	☐ Troy Maggied <i>SWWRPC</i>	☒ Mae Hingtgen** <i>ECIA (proxy Holly McPherson)</i>
☒ IL DOT District 2** <i>(proxy Katie Smith) (proxy Doug DeLille)</i>	☒ Justin Johnson** <i>Wisconsin DOT (proxy Francis Schelfhout)</i>	☒ Hector Torres-Cacho * <i>Iowa DOT (non-voting member)</i>	

Others Present: Josh Dausener, Kim Reem, Robert Keeney

Staff Present

☒ Chandra Ravada *Non-Voting Member	☒ Dan Fox **Voting member by Proxy	☒ Sarah Berning	☒ Jack Studier
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A quorum was present for DMATS Policy and Technical Advisory Board

Call to Order

The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting was called to order by DMATS Technical Advisory Board Chair, Gus Psihoyos.

The DMATS Policy Board meeting was called to order by DMATS Policy Board Chair Brad Cavanagh. Introductions were made at this time.

Review/Approve the Agenda for Thursday, August 13, 2026, DMATS Joint Technical Advisory and Policy Board meeting

Motion by Bonz, second by Raber to approve the agenda for Thursday, August 13, 2026, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by McDonough, second by Resnick to approve the agenda for Thursday, August 13, 2026, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from the Tuesday, June 23, 2026, meeting

Motion by Bonz, second by Kinney to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from Tuesday, June 23, 2026 DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Milligen, second by Wethal to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from Tuesday, June 23, 2026, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve to open draft DMATS 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for public input

Motion by Resnick, second by Heitkamp to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was opened at 12:03 p.m.

Ravada stated all draft chapters are completed and have been submitted to the DOTs and Federal Highway and now need to be open for public input for 45 days. The LRTP will come back to the board in the month of October.

Motion by Raber, second by Wernimont to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the opening of the draft DMATS 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for public input. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Heitkamp, second by Resnick to approve the opening of the draft DMATS 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for public input. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve Amendment to DMATS Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ravada referred to the TIP handout stating the amendment for the City of Dubuque study and implementing traffic management systems. Recently received funds from the DOT through Iowa Clean Air Attainment (ICAAP) funding, so those funds were added to the TIP. No other changes were made.

Motion by Resnick, second by Heitkamp to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 12:07 p.m.

Motion by Kinney, second by Raber to recommend approval to the DMATS Policy Board the Amendment to DMATS Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pothoff, second by Wethal to approve the Amendment to DMATS Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Update to the DMATS Board on federal grants submitted by DMATS from June 2026 – August 2026

Ravada went over the four grants that staff have submitted within the last couple months.

- SS4A grant to improve roadway safety, emergency response routing, and real-time traveler information in the metropolitan Dubuque area.
- Railroad crossing elimination grant which upgrades 17 railroad crossings in Dubuque and East Dubuque.
- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program, which provides additional support for the SafeTrack project.
- Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation Competitive Grant (ATTAIN) which adds detection, video, and message signs on Illinois approaches to the Mississippi River crossings.

Presentation by the City of Peosta on Improvements to Thunder Hills Rd and Cox Springs Rd Intersections on US 20

Dausener presented on highway 20 corridor through Peosta which runs from Cottingham Road in the east through Peosta Street in the west. Explaining the corridor has had numerous issues over the years related to safety, access, capacity, congestion, and bottlenecks. The City of Peosta fear these issues will worsen in the coming years with the anticipated growth in Peosta. Dausener stated the IADOT collaborated with Foth Infrastructure and Environment on a study to document the problems with the corridor and potential solutions.

The solution the City of Peosta is in favor of is a half-diamond interchange which will maintain access to eastern Peosta and Thunder Hills and will improve access and safety while allowing economic and population growth to continue. Dausener stated the City of Peosta would appreciate DMATS consideration of financial assistance at the time of the project.

Discussion followed.

Comments from public on an item that did not appear on the agenda

No comments at this time.

Other Business

No other business at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Kinney, second by Raber to adjourn the Thursday, August 13, 2026, DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Technical Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Motion by Heitkamp, second by Resnick to adjourn the Thursday, August 13, 2026, DMATS Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The DMATS Policy Board meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Ravada
ECIA Director of Transportation and Planning