

**MINUTES OF THE**

**BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 3:30 p.m.  
 Scott County Administration Building  
 Sixth Floor Conference Room  
 600 West Fourth Street  
 Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: McDaniel – Vice Chair, Austin, Becker, Eccher, Fox, Gallin, Goodwin, Heninger, Lawrence, Malvik, O’Boyle, Pauley, Ripperger, Sherwin, Shoultz, Sunderbruch

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bohnsack, Brown, Dean, Freemire, Gluba, Gordon, Henry, Hillman, Meeker, Minard, O’Brien, Rangel, Rockwell, Stoermer, Tank, Thodos, Tossell, Volz, Welvaert, Washburn

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Connors, DeLille, McCullough, Miller, Moritz, Waterman

Vice Chair McDaniel called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

1. Approval of the August 25, 2010 Minutes. Mr. Austin moved approval of the minutes of August 25, 2010 as presented. Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Ms. Gallin presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending August 31, 2010, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$706,094.05. Ms. Gallin moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Becker seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mr. Malvik presented the bills totaling \$105,181.69, as listed on the following bills listing and addendum dated September 22, 2010:

*Bills List*

Hurt, Norton & Associates, August legislative technical services (cost reimbursed by participating local governments)	\$ 7,750.00
Illinois Association of Regional councils, HSTP administrative assistance	831.25
Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer	6,010.73
10/10                Rent	\$4,618.38
10/10          Internet Access	88.00
8/10                Postage	872.14
8/10                Printing	206.68
8/10                Supplies	172.04
8/10                Cell Phone	53.49
McClure Engineering Associates, Inc., East West Corridor Study	959.85

City of Moline, MUNICES proceeds & software costs	2,777.95
Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, Workforce Development membership	1,500.00
City of Rock Island, MUNICES proceeds & software costs	77,730.25
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	3,045.00

Addendum

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to two staff attending the Illinois Public Transit Association Fall Conference; Audio/Web Conference Training Series 2010-2011; Chief Elected & Administrative Officials lunch meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); National Association of Development Organizations conference; two staff attending Grant Writing class; Illinois Association of Regional Councils Annual Meeting; Urban Transportation Policy Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); HP Pavilion Notebook PC; office supplies	4,459.89
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Corrections–

City of Rock Island (previously listed as \$77,730.25), additional invoice for July fuel charges (\$116.77)	77,847.02
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Mr. Malvik moved approval of the bills totaling \$105,181.69 as presented above.  
Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2011 Program Budget as of August 31, 2010.

Mr. Malvik explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 16.7% through the fiscal year with 14.6% expended and within budget.

4. Report on Contract Approved by the Executive Director. Ms. Bulat reported on the following contract that was approved by the Executive Director and requires no action because it was under \$7,500.

- Contract with the Village of Cambridge for Website Redesign. The contract is in the amount of \$1,232 and covers the period 07/16/10 – 09/30/10.

5. Consideration of the following Contract and Amendment. Ms. Bulat requested approval of the following contract and amendment over \$7,500 that require Commission approval:

- Contract amendment with Far Reach Technologies, Inc. for Enhancements to the Data Portal Website increasing the contract by \$10,189 and extending the contract to June 30, 2011.

Mr. Austin moved the Bi-State Regional Commission approve the contract as described above.  
Ms. Ripperger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant award to the City of Geneseo in the amount of \$67,500 to be expended by March 31, 2012.

Ms. Sherwin moved the Bi-State Regional Commission approve the contract as described above. Mayor Pauley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Status of Quad City Area Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Ms. Waterman gave a status report on the development of the Passenger Transportation and Intermodal Network Chapter for the 2040 Quad City Urban Area Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to the Commission. A map of the network, which includes public transit, passenger rail, passenger air, and intercity bus travel, is underway and will display existing and future routes and facilities. In 2009, the three Quad Cities fixed-route transit systems recorded their highest ridership to-date, with a combined total of over 4.3 million rides. Based on 15-year ridership data, the systems are projected to surpass 8 million rides per year by 2040. The chapter will address the importance of investment in vehicles and facilities to meet projected growth. A trend toward technology improvements will likely address rechargeable fare cards, real-time passenger information, advanced video surveillance, and online trip planning resources that are expected to promote safety and ease of access for the rider. The chapter will discuss potential land acquisition, track improvements, and station construction related to passenger rail service along the Chicago–Quad Cities–Iowa City Corridor with future service to Des Moines and Omaha. Airports will continue terminal and runway improvements, and intercity bus companies will expand ADA-accessible fleets to maintain passenger growth.

Mr. DeLille reported on the development of the Non-Motorized and Intermodal Transportation Network Chapter for the LRTP. The chapter addresses the growing interest and acceptance of sustainability, livability, quality of life, safety, accessibility, connectivity, and the many other beneficial components to be derived from a fully-integrated, non-motorized and alternative transportation network. The chapter will include developing trends such as Complete Streets; consistent codes for trails, side paths, and sidewalks; active and healthy communities; and bicycle-friendly communities. The multipurpose trails component of the plan identifies the various types of trails based on AASHTO classifications. Both existing and planned/proposed trails are shown on the Trails Map included in the plan. Updates have been made to the pedestrian network section to address new safety and mobility practices and guidelines. The Pedestrian Network Map as well as the Trails and Greenways Map have been updated to reflect progress and changes from the 2035 LRTP. Some of the information from the 2035 LRTP is still useful and applicable to the pedestrian network and is retained in the non-motorized transportation chapter of the 2040 LRTP. Federal, state, regional, and local plans and initiatives were identified and utilized for the development of the chapter.

7. Air Quality Update. Ms. McCullough informed Commissioners of two upcoming air quality related events. The US Environmental Protection Agency is holding an ozone informational meeting on September 30, 2010 to prepare for changes ahead. Local, state, and federal officials are being invited. The national ozone standard (currently 75 parts per billion-ppb) is under review to be lowered for national health benefits. If lowered to the lowest level proposed, only approximately 20 monitored areas of over 600 would meet the standard (60 ppb). Notice of a revised standard is expected by the end of October. The information meeting will outline the public health issues related to ozone, meaning of nonattainment, tools/resources to reduce emissions, and discussion of local issues. To date, there have been no exceedances of the ozone standard this season in the Quad City Area where the monitors are located for ozone.

The second event is four commuter challenge workshops for the general public to be held from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Hy-Vee in Moline, Bettendorf, Davenport, and Rock Island on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively. These workshops are a continuation of the Iowa Clean Air Attainment grant to promote alternative transportation and encourage air emission reduction. Workshops have been successfully held for human services organizations. The upcoming Commuter Challenge will offer an opportunity to learn how to ride the transit buses and interconnect with bicycling and walking as well. Ms. McCullough reported that staff also hosted a table at Healthy Families Day on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Modern Woodman Park and spoke about the need for good air quality with 131 adults and kids. Ms. McCullough stated that we breath 10 gallons of air every five minutes and over 3,800 gallons per day. Compared to drinking a gallon of water per day, we consume significantly more air. Using this analogy, it points to the need to “Be Aware of Air” and work on multiple emission reduction strategies to maintain good air quality in the Bi-State Region.

8. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no other questions or comments.
9. Other Business. Ms. Bulat informed Commissioners of a Grant Writing class opportunity through Scott Community College.
10. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Pauley  
Secretary