

MINUTES OF THE

BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 17, 2010, 3:30 p.m.
Scott County Administration Building
Sixth Floor Conference Room
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Freemire – Chair, Austin, Becker, Bohnsack, Dean, Gallin, Gluba, Gordon, Hillman, Lawrence, McDaniel, Meeker, Minard, Nicholson, O’Brien, Ripperger, Sherwin, Stoermer, Sunderbruch, Tank, Thodos, Volz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brown, Goodwin, Heninger, Henry, Malvik, O’Boyle, Pauley, Rangel, Rockwell, Shoultz, Tossell, Washburn, Welvaert, Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Connors, McCullough, Miller

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

1. Approval of the October 27, 2010 Minutes. Mayor Gluba moved approval of the minutes of October 27, 2010 as presented. Mr. Austin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Ms. Gallin presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending October 31, 2010, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$657,324.63. Ms. Gallin moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Volz seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Ms. Connors presented the bills totaling \$25,074.45, as listed on the following bills listing and addendum dated November 17, 2010:

Bills List

Cumulus Quad Cities, radio advertising to promote “Commuter Challenge” Workshops	\$ 1,005.00
Clear Channel Broadcasting, Inc., radio advertising to promote “Commuter Challenge” workshops	1,080.00
Moline Dispatch Publishing Company, L.L.C., newspaper advertising to promote “Commuter Challenge” workshops	995.00
Hurt, Norton & Associates, October legislative technical services (cost reimbursed by participating local governments)	7,750.00

Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer		6,442.63
12/10	Rent	\$4,618.38
12/10	Internet Access	88.00
10/10	Postage	985.98
10/10	Printing	541.93
10/10	Supplies	154.90
10/10	Cell Phone	53.44
Quad-City Times, newspaper advertising to promote “Commuter Challenge” workshops		704.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C. Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)		2,695.00

Addendum

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to 2 staff attending the Human Services Transportation Plan & Mobility Management Training; Public Commuter Challenge; Intergov meeting; Iowa DOT meeting; 1 staff attending the 2010 National Recreation & Park Association conference; Arsenal Development Group Dinner meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); 1 staff attending the national Rural Transportation Peer Learning conference; 1 staff attending the Illinois GIS Association 2010 Fall conference; office supplies		3,830.07
Minuteman Press, transit brochures for Region 9		522.75
Corrections--		
Moline Dispatch Publishing Company, L.L.C. (previously listed as \$995.00), additional invoices for meeting advertisement (\$50.00)		<u>1,045.00</u>

Ms. Dean moved approval of the bills totaling \$25,074.45 as presented above.
 Mr. Bohnsack seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Connors explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 33.3% through the fiscal year with 30.6% expended and within budget.

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

- Contract with the Hurt, Norton & Associates, Inc. for Legislative Technical Support. The contract is in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 and the period of the contract is extended to November 30, 2011.

Mr. Stoermer moved the Bi-State Regional Commission approve the contract amendment as described above. Mr. Bohnsack seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Census Award Urbanized Area Designation and Concept for Projection Data in the Long Range Plan. Ms. Miller and Ms. McCullough provided information on the 2010 Census and Long Range Transportation Plan related to data.

Ms. Miller recapped some of the activities Commission staff were involved in related to Census 2010, including the Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP)—the delineation of census tracts and block groups; a Census page on the Bi-State website; coordination of Complete Count Committees; media day(s), releases, and briefings; Census ads, and other Census-related events and activities; and attendance at Iowa-region Census round-table meetings in Des Moines. For these efforts, Bi-State Regional Commission was awarded a plaque from the U.S. Census Bureau, recognizing the Commission as a “valued partner in raising awareness of and inspiring participation in the 2010 Census.”

National and state population counts will be delivered to the President by December 31, 2010 for use in Congressional apportionment. By March 31, 2011, more detailed data will be released to help states redraw congressional, state, and local legislative district boundaries (redistricting). Finally, the most detailed data for lower level geographies will be released June – August 2011. Staff will be adding this to the new GreaterQCRegion.org data portal as soon as it is released.

Staff is monitoring two Census data-related designations: the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and the Urban/Rural classification for the Quad Cities area. The current MSA consists of Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties, Illinois and Scott County, Iowa. Adjacent counties could be added, based on Census 2010 data related to population and employment/commuting patterns. The Urban Area is delineated using population density and may cross corporate boundaries. According to Census criteria, density contiguity patterns may dictate that some outlying communities be appended to the Urban Area.

Ms. McCullough explained the Urban Area designation in relation to transportation funding. The MPO receives planning and transportation programming dollars for areas within the Urban Area boundary while those outside the boundary receive rural monies. If outlying communities are brought in to the Urban Area, they will have to compete with other more populous cities in the Urban Area for these transportation funds.

Ms. McCullough went on to discuss the Long Range Transportation Plan development, noting that several variables are used to predict travel. A travel demand model, a computer program, uses variables and mathematical equations to replicate travel choices made by individuals. A travel model forecasts where people travel to and from and the quantity of trips. Socio-economic data used in the modeling process includes population, housing units, school enrollment, and employment, to name a few. This data is geographically located in the metropolitan area using traffic analysis zones. These zones are generally in equal size, do not cross barriers (e.g. rivers), and represent relatively homogenous land use. Prior to working communities on predicting future population and employment development areas by TAZ, metro area projections are developed to provide growth parameters. These projections provide a range of reasonable growth for population and employment. Ms. McCullough explained the slow and fast growth scenarios and the equidistant value in between. Quad City metro area population for the MPO planning area is projected to be from 297,419 and 450,414 by 2040. Base year 2006 population was 294,501. Employment is

projected to be from 164,678 to 169,591 by 2040 with a base year 2006 employment of 138,288. The next step will be utilize the projections to predict future trips for 2020 and 2040.

6. I-74 Bridge Update. Ms. Bulat reported that elected officials continue to work with the Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportation (DOT) to move the I-74 Interstate Corridor Project forward. The project is positioned to receive significant additional dollars from both State and Federal sources for construction, especially in the New Transportation Act.

Ms. Bulat encouraged officials to share the project status in various forums in which they participate with key communications including:

- Significant work is ongoing
- The project is shovel ready
- Funding received to date: approximately \$85 million is obligated or programmed
- The project provides redundancy for I-80/280
- The project is an interstate bridge replacement
- The project is part of the National Highway System

Ms. Bulat then discussed specific elements of the I-74 Project. Final Design Elements are being prepared and approved by both DOTs including: piers, lighting, railings, retaining walls, sound walls, pavement, hanger and floor beam spacing, etc. The final design contract with Alfred Benesch and Company is underway and is anticipated to be complete by FY 2013. Actual staging of the construction schedule and number of contracts is being developed by the consultant.

Ms. Bulat explained that parts of the project have been completed or will be constructed in 2011 including the Lincoln Road Overpass and the I-74/53rd Street Interchange. Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition is underway, and Iowa DOT has programmed all ROW acquisition by 2015. Illinois DOT has begun to negotiate property acquisition.

Ms. Bulat reported that it is estimated that the entire I-74 Corridor project will create/retain 12,120 jobs over a seven year period. Not only is the Bridge vital to the continued economic well-being and commerce of the Quad Cities area, but Interstate 74 serves a major corridor of national significance providing an alternate crossing for Interstate 80, one of the nations' greatest east-west commercial corridors. Once reconstructed, the I-74 Bridge will be the most reliable Mississippi River Crossing in the Iowa/Illinois bi-state area. The reconstructed I-74 Bridge corridor will have full shoulders allowing for emergency vehicle access in the event of an incident that currently does not exist. Further, the reconstructed I-74 Bridge will have increased protection for seismic occurrences and barge collisions.

The reconstructed I-74 Bridge will improve the quality of life in the entire Quad City Area with its multi-modal aspects. The Bridge will include a multi-purpose trail for bicyclists and pedestrians to allow for cross river travel in the eastern portion of the Quad Cities where access does not currently exist. The widened structure will provide for improved travel reliability, even during traffic incidents, for transit bus trips across the Mississippi River, the Quad City International Airport, and the Moline Centre Station passenger rail stop.

Ms. Bulat noted that major federal project milestones that have been met are the completion of the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements and the Record of Decision in April 2009.

Mr. Nate Lawrence requested information on the use of minority work on job sites such as the project on I-74. Staff said they would request an MBE/DBE presentation from the Department of Transportation.

7. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no other questions or comments.
8. Other Business. Mayor Freemire recognizes outgoing Commissioners Hillman and Nicholson for their service to the Commission.
9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Pauley" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dennis Pauley
Secretary