

AGENDA
DAVENPORT-ROCK ISLAND-MOLINE, IOWA-ILLINOIS
URBANIZED AREA
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 21, 2011 12:00 p.m. Noon
Third Floor Conference Room 320
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois
Mayor Don Welvaert, Chair

1. Public Hearing on 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (Notice of the public hearing was sent on May 20th to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group and Regional Transit Advisory Group-Urban and Combined Interests. Public notices were published on May 20th and 25th, respectively, in the Quad City Times and Dispatch/Argus newspapers announcing the five public informational hearings and June 21st Transportation Policy Committee public hearing.)
2. Public Hearing on FFY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (Notice of the public hearing was sent to the Regional Transportation Advisory Group and Regional Transit Advisory Group-Urban Interests with a fact sheet on the TIP and directions to an online copy www.bistateonline.org/ser/tra/tip.shtml for comment. Public notices were published in the Quad City Times and Dispatch/Argus newspapers.)
3. Approval of Minutes of the May 24, 2011 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting (Copies of the minutes of the meeting are enclosed in Committee members' packets.)
4. Consideration of 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. (A copy of the comments received to date and response are enclosed in Committee' members' packets.) – Gena McCullough
5. Consideration of FFY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amendment to FFY2011 of FFY2011-2014 TIP (Full draft FFY 2012-2015 TIP is enclosed in Committee members' packets.) – Gena McCullough and Stacy Lentsch
6. Other Status Reports – Gena McCullough and Other Bi-State Staff
7. Public Comments
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

cc: Transportation Technical Committee, Regional Transportation Advisory Group (Urban and Combined Interests and Media

Please contact the receptionist at Bi-State (309)793-6300, **before NOON Monday, June 20, 2011** to indicate your attendance. NO LUNCHES will be served. A light snack will be available.

General Information on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

WHAT IS A TIP?

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): The document for the Quad Cities: Davenport-Rock Island-Moline Urbanized Area listing transportation projects to be funded under federal transportation programs for a three-year period. To be eligible for federal transportation funding, a project must be included in the TIP.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

Each county and city in the Quad Cities metropolitan planning area has the opportunity to develop and review a list of projects each year that have been programmed and/or identified to receive federal transportation dollars. Projects must be derived from the *Quad Cities 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan*. Bi-State Regional Commission compiles the list of projects by federal fiscal year for a four-year period. The document is reviewed and recommended for approval to the Transportation Policy Committee by the Transportation Technical Committee. The TIP allows projects to move forward from planning and programming to engineering and construction. The first year of the TIP identifies projects that are being readied for implementation. The process is generally initiated in March and completed by June when the document is considered for adoption by the Policy Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

Public comment opportunities for the TIP can occur at various levels. As communities prepare their community comprehensive plans and conduct capital improvement programming, there is opportunities for citizens to comment on individual projects proposed by the respective jurisdiction.

For the region, public comment opportunities are provided in the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan which is updated on a five-year cycle. Additionally, the Quad Cities metropolitan area receives a local share of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds which communities/counties can compete for based on a quantitative evaluation system rating transportation projects on safety, level of service and physical condition. Input opportunities are available during the project ranking process.

The following is one opportunity for public comment on the transportation planning process:

Public Hearing Quad Cities MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

A public hearing is set for 12:00 noon on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at Bi-State Regional Commission, 1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois. Its purpose is to receive comments on the *FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* for the Quad Cities IA/IL Metro Area. Comments will be accepted through June 21, 2011. A draft of the TIP projects is available at www.bistateonline.org or by contacting Stacy Lentsch at 309/793-6300. Persons requiring special material or presentation format should contact Ms. Lentsch by June 15, 2011.